

The Christmas Day December 25, 2011

- *Please arrive at least five minutes before 9am and sit in one of the front two rows near the pulpit.*
- *First reader: please go to the pulpit while the children are returning to their seats after the Choir Anthem.*
- *Second reader: please go to the pulpit immediately following the First Reading.*
- *After you read, go ahead and sit wherever you prefer. Thanks!*

The First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings
good news,

who publishes peace, who brings
good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God
reigns."

⁸The voice of your watchmen—they
lift up their voice;

together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his
people;

he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the
nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall
see
the salvation of our God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Hebrews 1:1-6*

¹Long ago, at many times and in many
ways, God spoke to our fathers by the

prophets, ²but in these last days he has
spoken to us by his Son, whom he
appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the
world. ³He is the radiance of the glory
of God and the exact imprint of his
nature, and he upholds the universe by
the word of his power. After making
purification for sins, he sat down at
the right hand of the Majesty on high,
⁴having become as much superior to
angels as the name he has inherited is
more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God
ever say,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son"?

⁶And again, when he brings the
firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship
him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Please rise for the Alleluia
and Verse

The Holy Gospel *John 1:1-14*



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.