

Christmas Midnight Mass

A READING FROM THE SCROLL ↔ OF ISAIAH

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people that walked in darkness saw a great light. They lived in shadows, but now light shines on them. You, Lord, have made them happy. They are like people rejoicing when their harvest finished. They are like people happy to receive good things. God has taken away the yoke (heavy rod) from their back. The army boots used for war and all the uniforms of war, full of blood, will be burnt and destroyed.

Because a child is born. A Son is given to us. He will be our ruler. His name will be: "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."

His kingdom will spread peace everywhere for ever. He will rule with royal power; he will rule with fairness from the throne of David. He will establish justice for all people. From now and for ever because God has promised this.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 95

**RESPONSE: TODAY A SAVIOUR IS BORN.
HE IS CHRIST THE LORD.**

**TODAY A SAVIOUR IS BORN. HE IS
CHRIST THE LORD.**

Sing to the Lord!

Praise his name.

He works wonders for all his people.

Proclaim (tell) to all people about his help.

**TODAY A SAVIOUR IS BORN. HE IS
CHRIST THE LORD.**

Let the sea make sounds and praise the Lord.

Let all the trees shout with joy.

Because the Lord will come to rule the earth.

He will come with justice and truth.

**TODAY A SAVIOUR IS BORN. HE IS
CHRIST THE LORD.**

**A READING FROM ST PAUL'S LETTER †
TO TITUS**

Titus 2:11-14

God showed his grace to us and his grace saved everybody. His grace taught us not to live against God but to give up all the bad things of the world. We must control ourselves and have good and holy lives here in this world, while we wait with hope for the coming of God our Saviour. Jesus will come in glory. Jesus gave his life for us to free us from all wickedness. Jesus gave his life to purify (cleanse) our lives, so that we will belong to him, and do good in the world.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD

Alleluia, alleluia!
I bring you news of great joy: today Christ the Lord is born.
Alleluia!

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Luke 2:1-14

Caesar Augustus sent an order to all people living in the Roman Empire. This first census (registration) happened when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone

had to go to their home towns to be registered. Joseph left Nazareth, a town in Galilee. He went to Bethlehem, a town in Judaea, the birth place of King David. Joseph himself was a descendant of the family of David, and he went to register with Mary, because she was engaged to marry Joseph. Mary was pregnant, and when they arrived in Bethlehem, the time was right for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to a son, Jesus. There was no room for them in the hotels, so Mary wrapped the baby with warm clothes and laid the baby in a manger (box) used for feeding cows. Not far away, some shepherds lived in the fields, watching their sheep that night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them, the glory of God shone around them. The shepherds were terrified, but the angel said, "Do not be afraid. I come to tell you good news. The good news will give joy to all people. Today, in this town, Christ the Lord is born! Go, and you will find a baby wrapped in warm clothes and lying in a manger (box)." Suddenly other angels appeared from heaven, and they all praised God and sang:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace on earth to all people."

THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST