

The Nativity of the Lord (Dawn Mass)

25 December 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 62:11-12

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth:

"Say to daughter Zion,
See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

"They shall be called 'The Holy People,'
'The Redeemed of the Lord';
and you shall be called 'Sought Out,'
'A City Not Forsaken.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96:1, 6, 11-12

R. A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
the many coastlands be glad.

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. **R.**

Light shines forth for the just
and joy for the upright of heart.

Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;
give glory to his holy name. **R.**

Second Reading Titus 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared,
he saved us,

not because of any works of righteousness that we had done,
but according to his mercy,

through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
This Spirit he poured out on us richly
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
so that, having been justified by his grace,
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
The Spirit of the Lord now upon me;
has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Luke 2:15-20

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke
When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another,
"Let us go now to Bethlehem
and see this thing that has taken place,
which the Lord has made known to us."
So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph,
and the child lying in the manger.
When they saw this,
they made known what had been told them about this child;
and all who heard it were amazed
at what the shepherds told them.
But Mary treasured all these words
and pondered them in her heart.
The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen,
as it had been told them.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.