The Birth of the Lord (Mass of the day) – December 25

GOD HAS REVEALED HIS JUSTICE

Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-18

Isaiah 52:7-10 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Your watchmen lift up their voices, they sing together with joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together in joy, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Psalm 98 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
He remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the LORD, all the earth, break forth in joy, sing aloud and make music.
Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.
Let the sea roar, and all its creatures; the world and those who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands, let the hills sing together for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Hebrews 1:1-4 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in many ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he inherited is more excellent than theirs.

John 1:1-18 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
In him was life, and that life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He was not himself the light; he came to testify concerning that light.
The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.
He came to his own people, but they did not receive him.
But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children who were born not of human descent, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God.
The Word became flesh and lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This was the man of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'"
Out of his fullness we have received one blessing after another.
For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God, but God the one and only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

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