

Christmas Day

The Old Testament is written in the ninth chapter of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the second verse.

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 792.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the
shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation
And increased its joy;
They rejoice before You According to
the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when
they divide the spoil.

For You have broken the yoke of his
burden And the staff of his shoulder,
The rod of his oppressor, As in the day
of Midian.

For every warrior's sandal from the
noisy battle, And garments rolled in
blood, Will be used for burning and fuel
of fire.

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His
shoulder.

And His name will be called Wonderful,
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and
peace There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His
kingdom, To order it and establish it
with judgment and justice From that
time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will
perform this.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.

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Psalm 89:1–30

- 1 MY song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord; * with my mouth will I ever be showing thy truth from one generation to another.
- 2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever; * thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.
- 3 I have made a covenant with my chosen; * I have sworn unto David my servant:
- 4 Thy seed will I stablish for ever, * and set up thy throne from one generation to another.
- 5 O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works; * and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.
- 6 For who is he among the clouds, * that shall be compared unto the Lord?
- 7 And what is he among the gods, * that shall be like unto the Lord?
- 8 God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints, * and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.
- 9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee? * thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.
- 10 Thou rulest the raging of the sea; * thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.
- 11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it; * thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.
- 12 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; * thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.
- 13 Thou hast made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.
- 14 Thou hast a mighty arm; * strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
- 15 Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat; * mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
- 16 Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee; * they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.
- 17 Their delight shall be daily in thy Name; * and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.
- 18 For thou art the glory of their strength, * and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.

19 For the Lord is our defence; * the Holy One of Israel is our King.
20 Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst, * I have laid help upon one that is mighty, I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
21 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.
22 My hand shall hold him fast, * and my arm shall strengthen him.
23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; * the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
24 I will smite down his foes before his face, * and plague them that hate him.
25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him; * and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
26 I will set his dominion also in the sea, * and his right hand in the floods.
27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father, * my God, and my strong salvation.
28 And I will make him my firstborn, * higher than the kings of the earth.
29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, * and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
30 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, * and his throne as the days of heaven.

Glory be...

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The New Testament is written in the first chapter of Hebrews, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 96.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he

saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

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