

### The First Sunday after Christmas

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 9, beginning at the second verse.

This passage may be found in your pew bible on page 792.

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 5 Seconds] This is the word of the Lord

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### The Psalter – Psalm 145

- 1 I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King; \* and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee; \* and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD, and marvellous worthy to be praised; \* there is no end of his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another, \* and declare thy power.
- 5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, \* thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
- 6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; \* and I will also tell of thy greatness.
- 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed; \* and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and merciful; \* long-suffering, and of great goodness.
- 9 The LORD is loving unto every man; \* and his mercy is over all his works.
- 10 All thy works praise thee, O LORD; \* and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
- 11 They show the glory of thy kingdom, \* and talk of thy power;
- 12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom, \* might be known unto men.
- 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, \* and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD upholdeth all such as fall, \* and lifteth up all those that are down.
- 15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; \* and thou givest them their meat in due season.
- 16 Thou openest thine hand, \* and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
- 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, \* and holy in all his works.
- 18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him; \* yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
- 19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; \* he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
- 20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him; \* but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
- 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \* and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

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A reading from Saint Paul's epistle to the Galatians, chapter four, beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 104.

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

NOW I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

[Pause 5 seconds] This is the word of the Lord