

## The First Sunday after Christmas

The Old Testament is written in the ninth chapter of the Prophet Isaiah, 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.

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### Psalm 145

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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The Epistle is written in the fourth chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Galatians beginning at the first verse.

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

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.