

Collect and Lessons for  
Christmastide

**The Collect. pb pg 96**

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

Amen

**The Old Testament Isaiah 9: v 2-3, 6-7**

A reading from Isaiah Chapter 9: beginning at the 2nd verse:

**The** people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment

and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Here endeth the Old Testament Lesson

**Psalm 98. Cantate Domino pb pg 461**

We will read Psalm 98 responsively by the whole verse:

1 O Sing unto the LORD a new song; \* for he hath done marvellous things.

**2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, \* hath he gotten himself the victory.**

3 The LORD declared his salvation; \* his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

**4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; \* and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.**

5 Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands; \* sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

**6 Praise the LORD upon the harp; \* sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.**

7 With trumpets also and shawms, \* O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.

**8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; \* the round world, and they that dwell therein.**

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD; \* for he is come to judge the earth.

**10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, \* and the peoples<sup>1</sup> with equity.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
**As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen**

**The Epistle. Titus 2: 11-14 pb pg 98**

A reading from Titus Chapter 2: beginning at the 11th verse:

**The** grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Here endeth the Epistle

**The Gospel. St. Luke 2: 1-19 pb pg 98**

The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd Chapter of St. Luke beginning at the 1st verse:

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

**And** it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem;

(because he was of the house and lineage of David;

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

