

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 second chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to St. Titus, beginning at the second verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 98.

(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)

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.

(Pause for a count of 5)

This is the word of the Lord.