



A Celebration for The Nativity of our Lord During the Day

Sentence

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. (*John 1.1, 14*)

Opening Prayer or Collect

God Most High,
whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us,
that we might live in your presence:

grant us a spirit of wisdom
to know how rich is the glory you have given us,
and how great is the hope to which we are called
in the Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or

Almighty God, who wonderfully created man in your own image,
and yet more wonderfully restored him:
grant, we pray, that as your Son our Lord Jesus Christ
was made in our likeness, so we may share his divine nature;
we ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for Christmas Day (late)

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:7-10

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 52 beginning at verse 7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;

- 2 His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.
- 6 Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.
- 7 With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.
- 8 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;
- 10 For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

New Testament: Hebrews 1:1-4

A Reading from Hebrews Chapter 1 beginning at the Verse 1

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 1:1-14

*A Reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 1,
beginning at verse 1*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
He came as a witness to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world,
and the world came into being through him;
yet the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood
or of the will of the flesh
or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ