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# Our Hymns Today

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#### The Word of the Lord

#### Reading 1

Isaiah 9:1-7

The Prophet foretells the coming of a great light- the birth of the Messiah, the Prince of Peace.

#### Reading 2

Titus 2:11-14

St Paul announces that salvation is now possible for the whole human race.

#### Gospel

Luke 21:1-14

During the reign of Caesar Augustus, Jesus is born in Bethlehem, and angels bring shepherds the news of great joy.



## MASS DURING THE NIGHT

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.

Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

#### FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-7

**PSALM** Psalm 95

RESPONSE: Today a saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.

- 1. O sing a new song to the Lord. sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R.
- 2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. R.
- 3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. R.
- With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. R.

### **SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

# COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

## MASS AT DAWN

# **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

# FIRST READING Isaiah 62:11-12

**PSALM** Psalm 96

RESPONSE: This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us.

- The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. R.
- 2. Light shines forth for the just and joy for the upright of heart. Rejoice, you just, in the Lord: give glory to his holy name. R.

## **SECOND READING Titus 3:4-7**

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:15-20

# COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.

#### MASS DURING THE DAY

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A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:7-10

**PSALM** Psalm 97

RESPONSE: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

- 1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R.
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- 3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. R.
- 4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. R.

# **SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-6**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 1:1-18

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# SOLEMN BLESSING

Bow down for the blessing.

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. Amen.

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel. Amen.

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven. Amen.

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In the past ages God spoke to us through prophets, but now speaks to us through God's Son, the radiant light of God.

## Gospel

John 1:1-18

St John declares that the Word of God, the light that enlightens everyone, has come into the world, to give us power to become the children of God.