

**SCRIPTURE READING – DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**Psalm 96:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations; his marvelous works among all the peoples.

<sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.'

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

<sup>12</sup> let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

<sup>13</sup> before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

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**Isaiah 11:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the  
earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he  
shall kill the wicked.