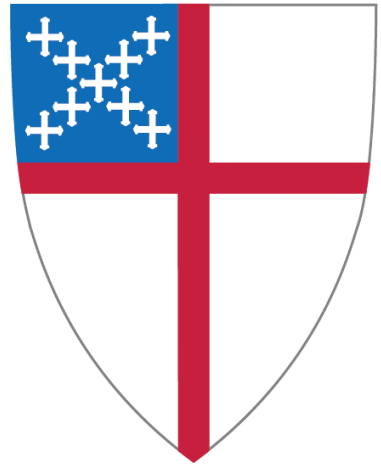


**The Lessons Appointed for Use on the**  
**The Eve of the**  
**Nativity of Jesus Christ**

**Year A, RCL**

**Selection III**

**December 24, 2025**



*(The Old Testament Reading)*

## **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah**

**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.**

*Leader:*           **The Word of the Lord.**

*(People:*           *Thanks be to God.)*



(Psalm)

## **Psalm 98**

**Let's say it responsively by half verse.**

**Sing to the LORD a new song; \***

*for he has done marvelous things.*

**With his right hand and his holy arm \***

*has he won for himself the victory.*

**The LORD has made known his victory; \***

*his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.*

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the**

**house of Israel, \***

*and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \***

*lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.*

**Sing to the LORD with the harp, \***

*with the harp and the voice of song.*

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn \***

*shout with joy before the King, the LORD.*

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \***

*the lands and those who dwell therein.*

**Let the rivers clap their hands, \***

*and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,*

*when he comes to judge the earth.*

**In righteousness shall he judge the world \***

*and the peoples with equity.*



*(The Epistle Reading)*

## **A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

**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.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

*(People: Thanks be to God.)*



## *The Prayers of the People*

*You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers.*

*Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night of our Lord's birth, that we may find peace, joy, and contentment in this holy season, let us pray for ourselves and all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: For the church of Christ, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation and may care for the needs of God's people in all corners of the world, we pray to you, O Lord.**

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of peace and love, we**



**pray to you, O Lord.**

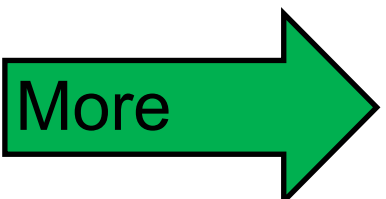
*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: For peace in Bethlehem, Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel: that God will open new communication and understanding between all who live in the Holy Land, we pray to you, O Lord.**

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: For all who are traveling or away from home this night, particularly missionaries and members of the military: that God will guide their movements, preserve them in love, and bring them home safely, we pray to you, O Lord.**

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*



**Intercessor: For all those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry; those who are hospitalized; those who are imprisoned in body or soul; and all those for whom this season is one not of joy but of trial and sadness, we pray to you, O Lord.**

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: For those who labor this night on behalf of others: doctors and nurses, police officers and firefighters, gas station attendants, bus and taxi drivers, and all those whose work prevents them from sharing this evening with those they love, we pray to you, O Lord.**

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor: For the sick, that their illnesses may be turned into health and their sorrow into**

**rejoicing; and all those in need as we  
remember those who have asked for our  
prayers...**

*(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the  
silence of your heart.)*

**Intercessor: In thanksgiving we remember the lives of  
those who have gone before us in the faith,  
especially your servants in whose memory  
our Christmas decorations are given, that we,  
like them, may remain faithful to the end and  
live forever in the light of your eternal glory,  
we pray to you, O Lord.**

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

