

December 15, 2025      Nativity of Our Lord

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*"The worship has ended, let the service begin!"*

## First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen — they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>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.

### **Psalm 2\*** (responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar?\*

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,\***

**against the LORD and against his Anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their yoke," they say;\*

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup>**He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;\***  
**the LORD has them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them in his wrath,\*  
and his rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>**"I myself have set my king\***  
**upon my holy hill of Zion."**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD:\*

He said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance\***  
**and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod\*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup>**And now, you kings, be wise;\***  
**be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear,\*  
and with trembling bow before him;

<sup>12</sup>**Lest he be angry and you perish;\***  
**for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

<sup>13</sup>Happy are they all\*  
who take refuge in him!

## Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

## + Gospel: John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



***“You are My Son,  
today I have begotten you!”***

*Hebrews 1:5b*