

December 24, 2017 Candlelight

A reading from Isaiah

All Services

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

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READING: Psalm 96

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“We will read the Psalm responsively.”

**L: ¹O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

C: ²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

**L: ³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.**

C: ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.

**L: ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.**

C: ⁶Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

**L: ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

C: ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.

**L: ⁹Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.**

C: ¹⁰Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."

**L: ¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

C: ¹²let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

**L: ¹³before 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.**