

**Christmas Day**  
25 December (Year B)

**First Reading - Isaiah 52.7-10**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Those who keep watch  
are shouting out  
with joy.

For they see, on the mountains,  
the messenger  
approaching,  
bringing good news  
of salvation, and peace;  
good news  
of the triumph  
of our God.

Join in their song,  
O ruins of Jerusalem!

For all the world  
will see the Lord  
returning to Zion,  
with mercy and strength,  
declaring  
that your freedom  
has been won.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Second Reading - Hebrews 1.1-4**

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,  
God has spoken to us  
by a Son,  
appointed by God  
as inheritor  
of all things,  
the reflection  
of God's glory,  
the exact imprint  
of God's very being.

Present with God  
at the creation of the universe,  
and sustaining  
all creation  
by his powerful word,  
he has  
reconciled us to God,  
and is seated now,  
higher even than the angels,  
at the right hand  
of God's Majesty  
on high.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Gospel - John 1.1-12,14**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

In the beginning  
was the Word,  
and the Word  
was with God,  
and the Word  
was God.

The Word  
was in the beginning  
with God.

Through the Word,  
all things  
came into being.

And in the Word  
was life -  
the life  
that was the light  
of all people.

That light  
now shines  
in the darkness,  
and the darkness  
has not  
overcome it.

There was a man sent from God,  
whose name was John.

John himself was not  
the light,  
but came  
to bear witness to the light.

The true light,  
bringing light to all,  
was coming  
into the world.

He was in the world -  
the world that came into being through him -  
and yet the world  
did not  
know him.

He came to his own,  
and his own  
did not  
receive him.

But all who  
did  
receive him -  
all who believed in his name -  
he called  
to become  
children of God.

And the Word  
became flesh,  
and dwelt amongst us.

And we have seen his glory -  
the glory  
of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace  
and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.