

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing,
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
will be burned as fuel for flames.
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful,
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains
by judgment and justice,
both now and forever.
The zeal of the LORD GOD of hosts will do this!

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 96

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Bob Hurd

Refrain

All the ends of the earth have seen sal - va - tion.
 All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing pow - er of
 God, the sav - ing pow - er of God.

Verses

1. Let us sing a new song for the won - drous deeds of our
 2. All the ends of the earth have — seen the pow - er of
 3. Sing the prais - es of God; with the harp and song — give

1. God, whose ho - ly arm has — pre -
 2. God. Ring out your joy. Break in - to
 3. praise. O trum - pets sound! Joy - ful - ly

1. vailed, bring - ing sal - va - tion and vic - t'ry. _____
 2. song; all — you lands — sing praise. _____
 3. sing; sing to the rul - er of all! _____

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Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

Beloved:

**When the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,**

**not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of God's mercy,
God saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior,**

**so that we might be justified by God's grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.**

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA!

Alleluia

Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony Alonso

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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GOSPEL

Presider: The Lord be with you. *R. And with your spirit.*

Presider: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled.

This was the first enrollment,

when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth

to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,

to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there,

the time came for her to have her child,

and she gave birth to her firstborn son.

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger,

because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.

The angel of the Lord appeared to them

and the glory of the Lord shone around them,

and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them,

**“Do not be afraid;
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.
For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.**

**And this will be a sign for you:
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger.”
And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host
with the angel,
praising God and saying:
“Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”**

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.