

CHRISTMAS EVE GATHERING // 12.24.22

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- On Christmas day we will have a simple gathering at 9a only, no SeasideKids, no livestream. Please join us!
- Seaside offices will be closed between now and New Years Day.
- On New Years Day, our gatherings will return to normal with a 9 & 11a gathering. SeasideKids and livestream at the 9a.
- Luke John Kiess was born in the middle of the snowstorm. Congrats to the Kiess family! If you are interested in bringing a meal to them, please email info@seasidechurch.com.

COLLECT:

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

READINGS:

Isaiah 9:1-7

[1] But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

[2] The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

[3] You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the
spoil.

[4] For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

[5] For every boot of the tramping warrior in
battle tumult

and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

[6] For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

[7] Of the increase of his government and of
peace

there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. [ESV]

Luke 2:1-20

[1] In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. [2] This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. [3] And all went to be registered, each to his own town. [4] And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, [5] to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. [6] And while they were

there, the time came for her to give birth. [7] And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

[8] And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9] And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. [10] And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12] And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." [13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

[14] "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

[15] When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." [16] And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. [17] And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. [18] And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. [19] But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. [20] And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. [ESV]

Psalm 96:10-13

[10] Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never
be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

[11] Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth
rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

[12] let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
[13] before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness. [ESV]

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, [12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, [13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. [ESV]

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR 12.25.22:

Isaiah 52:7-12 // Psalm 98 // Hebrews 1:1-12 // John 1:1-18