

Introduction:

Brothers and sisters, on this blessed Christmas Day, the Church invites us to gaze on God's love made visible in Jesus. Isaiah announces the Good News of peace; Hebrews reminds us that God now speaks to us through His Son; and St. John reveals the great mystery—*the Word became flesh*. Let us welcome Christ with gratitude and joy.

First Reading: Is 52: 7-10
Psalm: Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab,3cd-4,5-6
Second Reading: Heb 1: 1-6
Gospel: Jn 1: 1-18

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

On this Christmas day when heaven touches earth and God walks among us, let us bring our prayers to the Father who sent us His only Son, the Light of the world.

Response: Lord, graciously hear our prayer.

For the Church: That, enlightened by the Word made flesh, she may proclaim peace, justice, and hope to every corner of the world. *We pray to the Lord.*

For our world: That the message of Christmas may inspire them to break down walls of division and work for peace, especially where war and suffering prevail. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all families celebrating today: That the love of the Holy Family may strengthen homes wounded by misunderstanding, distance, or hardship. *We pray to the Lord.*

That the compassion of Christ, who chose the poverty of the manger, may uplift the poor, the sick, the elderly, and all who feel forgotten. *We pray to the Lord.*

For the poor, the lonely, the migrants, and those without a place to celebrate today: That Christ, who had no place but a manger, may bring them comfort, protection, and dignity. *We pray to the Lord.*

For our parish community: That the grace of Christ's birth may renew our faith and strengthen our commitment to walk in His light. *We pray to the Lord.*

Celebrant: God our Father, on this day you reveal your love in the birth of your Son, the true Light who has come into the world. Hear the prayers we bring with faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**