

READINGS & PRAYERS

December 21st- December 27th, 2020

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This week finishes the season of Advent and begins Christmastide, the 12 day feast and celebration of Christmas. Christmastide runs from Christmas day through January 5th, and the celebration of epiphany.

Monday Psalm 104 | Isaiah 11.10-16 | Revelation 20.1-10 | John 5.30-47

All-powerful God, renew us by the coming feast of your Son and free us from our slavery to sin.

Tuesday Psalm 105 | Isaiah 28.9-22 | Revelation 20.11-21.8 | Luke 1.5-25

Father, you show the world the splendor of your glory in the coming of Christ, born of the Virgin. Give to us true faith and love to celebrate the mystery of God made man.

Wednesday Psalm 106 | Isaiah 29.9-24 | Revelation 21.9-21 | Luke 1.26-38

God of love and mercy, help us to follow the example of Mary, always ready to do your will. At the message of an angel she welcomed your eternal Son and, filled with the light of your Spirit, she became the temple of your Word.

Thursday Psalm 107 | Isaiah 31.1-9 | Revelation 21.22-22.5 | Luke 1.39-56

Lord, hear the prayers of your people. May we who celebrate the birth of your Son as man rejoice in the gift of eternal life when he comes in glory.

Friday | Christmas Day Psalm 108 | Zechariah 2.10-13 | 1 John 4.7-16 | John 3.31-36

Father, we are filled with the new light by the coming of your Word among us. May the light of faith shine in our words and actions.

Saturday | The Feast of Stephen Psalm 109 | Proverbs 3.3-12 | Acts 6.1-7 | Acts 7.59-8.8

Lord, today we remember Stephen as he died praying for those who killed him. Help us to imitate his goodness and to love our enemies.

Sunday | John the Apostle & Evangelist Psalm 110 | Proverbs 8.22-30 | 1 John 5.1-12 | John 13.20-35

God our Father, you have revealed the mysteries of your word through John the apostle. By prayer and reflection may we come to understand the wisdom he taught.

*These readings and prayers are collected & adapted from *For All the Saints: A Prayer Book For and By the Church*

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Q16: What is sin?

A: **Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created**, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, **not being or doing what he requires in his law**—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.