

READINGS & PRAYERS

December 28th, 2020 - January 3, 2021

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This week we continue in Christmastide, the 12 day feast and celebration of Christmas. Christmastide runs from Christmas day through January 5th, and the celebration of Epiphany, which celebrates the arrival of the Magi to worship and give gifts to the child king, Jesus.

Monday | The Holy Innocents Psalm 111 | Isaiah 49.13-23 | Isaiah 54.1-13 | Matthew 18.1-14

Father, the Holy Innocents offered you praise by the death they suffered for Christ. May our lives bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips.

Tuesday Psalm 112 | Isaiah 12.1-6 | Revelation 1.1-8 | John 7.37-52

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has made the darkness vanish. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ.

Wednesday Psalm 113 | Isaiah 25.1-9 | Revelation 1.9-20 | John 7.53-8.11

All-powerful God, may the human birth of your Son free us from our former slavery to sin and bring us new life.

Thursday Psalm 114 | Isaiah 26.1-6 | 2 Corinthians 5.16-6.2 | John 8.12-19

Ever-living God, in the birth of your Son our religion has its origin and its perfect fulfillment. Help us to share in the life of Christ for he is the salvation of mankind.

Friday Psalm 115 | Genesis 17.1-16 | Colossians 2.6-12 | John 16.23b-30

Lord, keep us true in the faith, proclaiming that Christ your Son, who is one with you in eternal glory, became man and was born of a virgin mother. Free us from all evil and lead us to the joy of eternal life.

Saturday Psalm 116 | Genesis 12.1-7 | Hebrews 11.1-12 | John 6.35-51

God our Father, when your Son was born of the Virgin Mary he became like us in all things but sin. May we who have been reborn in him be free from our sinful ways.

Sunday Psalm 117 | Genesis 28.10-22 | Hebrews 11.13-22 | John 10.7-17

All-powerful Father, you sent your Son Jesus to bring the new light of salvation to the world. May he enlighten us with his radiance.

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

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Q17: What is idolatry?

A: Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security. he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.