The First Sunday after Christmas

LSB Three Year Lectionary
Year A

Today's Appointed Psalm: Psalm 111

Isaiah 63:7–14

7 I will make known the LORD's loving devotion
and His praiseworthy acts,
because of all that the LORD has done for us—
the many good things for the house of Israel
according to His great compassion and loving devotion.
8 For He said, "They are surely My people,
sons who will not be disloyal."
So He became their Saviour.
9 In all their distress, He too was afflicted,
and the Angel of His Presence saved them.
In His love and compassion He redeemed them;
He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.
10 But they rebelled
and grieved His Holy Spirit.
So He turned and became their enemy,
and He Himself fought against them.
11 Then His people remembered the days of old,
the days of Moses.
Where is He who brought them through the sea
with the shepherds of His flock?
Where is the One who set
His Holy Spirit among them,
12 who sent His glorious arm
to lead them by the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to gain for Himself everlasting renown,
13 who led them through the depths
like a horse in the wilderness,
so that they did not stumble?
14 Like cattle going down to the valley,
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.
You led Your people this way
to make for Yourself a glorious name.

Galatians 4:4–7

4 But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive our adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, you are also an heir through God.

Notes

Matthew 2:13–23

13 When the Magi had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to
Joseph in a dream. "Get up!" he said. "Take the Child and His mother
and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to
search for the Child to kill Him."
14 So he got up, took the Child and His mother by night, and
withdrew to Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod.
This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "Out
of Egypt I called My Son."
16 When Herod saw that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he
was filled with rage. Sending orders, he put to death all the boys in
Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under,
according to the time he had learned from the Magi. 17 Then what
was spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18 "A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children,
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more."

19 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream
to Joseph in Egypt. 20 "Get up!" he said. "Take the Child and His
mother and go to the land of Israel, for those seeking the Child's life
are now dead."
21 So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and went to
the land of Israel. 22 But when he learned that Archelaus was
reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go
there. And having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the
district of Galilee, 23 and he went and lived in a town called
Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets:
"He will be called a Nazarene."

Notes

Looking Ahead: **Christmas 2**

Old Testament	1 Kings 3:4–15
Psalm	Psalm 119:97–104
Epistle	Ephesians 1:3–14
Gospel	Luke 2:40–52

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