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Daily Advent readings, 2026

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A CHILD BORN TO REIGN ON DAVID'S THRONE

Sunday, November 29

READ ISAIAH 9:2-7

> 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased its joy. The people rejoice before You as they rejoice at harvest time, as men rejoice in dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian You have shattered the yoke of their burden, the bar across their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor. 5 For every trampling boot of battle and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from that time and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts will accomplish this.

THE FIRST PROMISE, THAT A SON OF EVE WILL CRUSH THE SERPENT

Monday, November 30

READ GENESIS 3:8-15

> 8 Then the man and his wife heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the breeze of the day, and they hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called out to the man, “Where are you?” 10 “I heard Your voice in the garden,” he replied, “and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” 11 “Who told you that you were naked?” asked the LORD God. “Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12 And the man answered, “The woman whom You gave me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied, “and I ate.” 14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and every beast of the field! On your belly will you go, and dust you will eat, all the days of your life. 15 And I

> will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

ALL NATIONS BLESSED THROUGH ABRAHAM

Tuesday, December 1

READ GENESIS 12:1-3

> [1]Then the LORD said to Abram, "Leave your country, your kindred, and your father's household, and go to the land I will show you. [2]I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3]I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you; and all the families of the earth will be blessed through you."

THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM REPEATED ON THE MOUNTAIN

Wednesday, December 2

READ GENESIS 22:15-18

> [15]And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time, [16]saying, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your only son, [17]I will surely bless you, and I will multiply your descendants like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will possess the gates of their enemies. [18]And through your offspring all nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

A SON OF DAVID WHOSE THRONE LASTS FOREVER

Thursday, December 3

READ 2 SAMUEL 7:8-16

8 Now then, you are to tell My servant David that this is what the LORD of
Hosts says: I took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be the ruler
over My people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I
have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make for you a name
like that of the greatest in the land. 10 And I will provide a place for My people
Israel and will plant them so that they may dwell in a place of their own and be
disturbed no more. No longer will the sons of wickedness oppress them as they
did at the beginning 11 and have done since the day I appointed judges over My
people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD declares to
you that He Himself will establish a house for you. 12 And when your days are
fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after
you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He
will build a house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom
forever. 14 I will be his Father, and he will be My son. When he does wrong, I will
discipline him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 15 But
My loving devotion will never be removed from him as I removed it from Saul,
whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and kingdom will endure
forever before Me, and your throne will be established forever."

THE VIRGIN'S SON, CALLED IMMANUEL

Friday, December 4

READ ISAIAH 7:10-14

10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask for a sign from the LORD your
God, whether from the depths of Sheol or the heights of heaven." 12 But Ahaz
replied, "I will not ask; I will not test the LORD." 13 Then Isaiah said, "Hear now,
O house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the
patience of my God as well? 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
Behold, the virgin will be with child and give birth to a son, and will call Him
Immanuel.

THE SHOOT FROM THE STUMP OF JESSE

Saturday, December 5

READ ISAIAH 11:1-10

1 Then a shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his
roots will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him—the Spirit of
wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of
knowledge and fear of the LORD. 3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what His eyes see, and He will not decide by what His ears
hear, 4 but with righteousness He will judge the poor, and with equity He will
decide for the lowly of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of His
mouth and slay the wicked with the breath of His lips. 5 Righteousness will be
the belt around His hips, and faithfulness the sash around His waist. 6 The wolf
will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the goat; the calf and
young lion and fatling will be together, and a little child will lead them. 7 The
cow will graze with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will
eat straw like the ox. 8 The infant will play by the cobra's den, and the toddler
will reach into the viper's nest. 9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all My
holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the
sea is full of water. 10 On that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the
peoples. The nations will seek Him, and His place of rest will be glorious.

THE RULER FROM BETHLEHEM

Sunday, December 6

READ MICAH 5:2-5

2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are small among the clans of Judah, out of
you will come forth for Me One to be ruler over Israel—One whose origins are of
old, from the days of eternity. 3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned until she who
is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers will return to the
children of Israel. 4 He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the
LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD His God. And they will dwell securely,
for then His greatness will extend to the ends of the earth. 5 And He will be our

peace when Assyria invades our land and tramples our citadels. We will raise against it seven shepherds, even eight leaders of men.

A VOICE CALLING TO PREPARE THE WAY

Monday, December 7

READ ISAIAH 40:1-11

1 "Comfort, comfort My people," says your God. 2 "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her that her forced labor has been completed; her iniquity has
been pardoned. For she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all
her sins." 3 A voice of one calling: "Prepare the way for the LORD in the
wilderness; make a straight highway for our God in the desert. 4 Every valley
shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low; the uneven ground
will become smooth, and the rugged land a plain. 5 And the glory of the LORD
will be revealed, and all humanity together will see it." For the mouth of the
LORD has spoken. 6 A voice says, "Cry out!" And I asked, "What should I cry
out?" "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flowers of the field. 7 The
grass withers and the flowers fall when the breath of the LORD blows on them;
indeed, the people are grass. 8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the
word of our God stands forever." 9 Go up on a high mountain, O Zion, herald of
good news. Raise your voice loudly, O Jerusalem, herald of good news. Lift it up,
do not be afraid! Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" 10 Behold, the
Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm establishes His rule. His reward is
with Him, and His recompense accompanies Him. 11 He tends His flock like a
shepherd; He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart.
He gently leads the nursing ewes.

THE MESSENGER SENT AHEAD OF THE LORD

Tuesday, December 8

READ MALACHI 3:1-4

1 “Behold, I will send My messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. Then
the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple—the Messenger of
the covenant, in whom you delight—see, He is coming,” says the LORD of Hosts.
2 But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He
appears? For He will be like a refiner’s fire, like a launderer’s soap. 3 And He will
sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi and refine
them like gold and silver. Then they will present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness. 4 Then the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will please the
LORD, as in days of old and years gone by.

THE ANGEL TELLS ZECHARIAH HIS SON WILL BE THAT MESSENGER

Wednesday, December 9

READ LUKE 1:5-17

5 In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who
belonged to the priestly division of Abijah, and whose wife Elizabeth was a
descendant of Aaron. 6 Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, walking
blamelessly in all the commandments and decrees of the Lord. 7 But they had no
children, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well along in years.
8 One day while Zechariah’s division was on duty and he was serving as priest
before God, 9 he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to
enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And at the hour of the incense
offering, the whole congregation was praying outside. 11 Just then an angel of the
Lord appeared to Zechariah, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.
12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and gripped with fear. 13 But the
angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been
heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name
John. 14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice at his birth,
15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He shall never take wine or strong
drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother’s womb.

16 Many of the sons of Israel he will turn back to the Lord their God. 17 And he
will go on before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of
the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the
righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

ZECHARIAH DOUBTS, AND ELIZABETH CONCEIVES

Thursday, December 10

READ LUKE 1:18-25

18 "How can I be sure of this?" Zechariah asked the angel. "I am an old man, and
my wife is well along in years." 19 "I am Gabriel," replied the angel. "I stand in the
presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this
good news. 20 And now you will be silent and unable to speak until the day this
comes to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at
their proper time." 21 Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and
wondering why he took so long in the temple. 22 When he came out and was
unable to speak to them, they realized he had seen a vision in the temple. He
kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. 23 And when the days
of his service were complete, he returned home. 24 After these days, his wife
Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. She
declared, 25 "The Lord has done this for me. In these days He has shown me
favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

JOHN THE BAPTIST IN THE WILDERNESS

Friday, December 11

READ MARK 1:1-8

1 This is the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is
written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I will send My messenger ahead of You,
who will prepare Your way." 3 "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare
the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.'" 4 John the Baptist appeared
in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
5 People went out to him from all of Jerusalem and the countryside of Judea.

Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 6 John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. 7 And he proclaimed: "After me will come One more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

THE SERVANT WHO CARRIES OUR SINS

Saturday, December 12

READ ISAIAH 53:1-6

1 Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no stately form or majesty to attract us, no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. Like one from whom men hide their faces, He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. 4 Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows; yet we considered Him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. 6 We all like sheep have gone astray, each one has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid upon Him the iniquity of us all.

GOD REJOICES OVER HIS PEOPLE WITH SINGING

Sunday, December 13

READ ZEPHANIAH 3:14-17

14 Sing for joy, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem! 15 The LORD has taken away your punishment; He has turned back your enemy. Israel's King, the LORD, is among you; no longer will you fear any harm. 16 On that day they will say to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands fall limp. 17 The LORD your God is among you; He is mighty to save. He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you with His love; He will rejoice over you with singing."

THE ANGEL GABRIEL COMES TO MARY

Monday, December 14

READ LUKE 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee called
Nazareth, 27 to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was of
the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel appeared to
her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."
29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting
this might be. 30 So the angel told her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have
found favor with God. 31 Behold, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and
you are to give Him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son
of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David,
33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever. His kingdom will never
end!" 34 "How can this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The
angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most
High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of
God. 36 Look, even Elizabeth your relative has conceived a son in her old age,
and she who was called barren is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God
will ever fail." 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it happen to
me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

Tuesday, December 15

READ LUKE 1:39-45

39 In those days Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of
Judah, 40 where she entered the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.
41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed,
"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And
why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For as
soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb

leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord's word to her will be fulfilled."

MARY'S SONG

Wednesday, December 16

READ LUKE 1:46-56

46 Then Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! 48 For He has looked with favor on the humble state of His servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed. 49 For the Mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is His name. 50 His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation. 51 He has performed mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who are proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones, but has exalted the humble. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, but has sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful, 55 as He promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever." 56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

JOSEPH'S DREAM AND THE NAME JESUS

Thursday, December 17

READ MATTHEW 1:18-25

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged in marriage to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and was unwilling to disgrace her publicly, he resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had pondered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to embrace Mary as your wife, for the One conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin will be with

child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel” (which means, “God with us”). [24]When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and embraced Mary as his wife. [25]But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a Son. And he gave Him the name Jesus.

JOHN IS BORN AND NAMED

Friday, December 18

READ LUKE 1:57-66

[57]When the time came for Elizabeth to have her child, she gave birth to a son. [58]Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they rejoiced with her. [59]On the eighth day, when they came to circumcise the child, they were going to name him after his father Zechariah. [60]But his mother replied, “No! He shall be called John.” [61]They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who bears this name.” [62]So they made signs to his father to find out what he wanted to name the child. [63]Zechariah asked for a tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they were all amazed. [64]Immediately Zechariah’s mouth was opened and his tongue was released, and he began to speak, praising God. [65]All their neighbors were filled with awe, and people throughout the hill country of Judea were talking about these events. [66]And all who heard this wondered in their hearts and asked, “What then will this child become?” For the Lord’s hand was with him.

ZECHARIAH'S SONG

Saturday, December 19

READ LUKE 1:67-80

[67]Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: [68]“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has visited and redeemed His people. [69]He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, [70]as He spoke through His holy prophets, those of ages past, [71]salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, [72]to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, [73]the oath He swore to

our father Abraham, to grant us [74]deliverance from hostile hands, that we may serve Him without fear, [75]in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our lives. [76]And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him, [77]to give to His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, [78]because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the Dawn will visit us from on high, [79]to shine on those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." [80]And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until the time of his public appearance to Israel.

GOD SENT HIS SON BECAUSE HE LOVED US

Sunday, December 20

READ 1 JOHN 4:7-12

[7]Beloved, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. [8]Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. [9]This is how God's love was revealed among us: God sent His one and only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. [10]And love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. [11]Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. [12]No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is perfected in us.

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Monday, December 21

READ JOHN 3:16-21

[16]For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. [17]For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. [18]Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. [19]And this is the verdict: The Light has come

into the world, but men loved the darkness rather than the Light because their deeds were evil. [20]Everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come into the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. [21]But whoever practices the truth comes into the Light, so that it may be seen clearly that what he has done has been accomplished in God."

WHEN THE TIME HAD FULLY COME

Tuesday, December 22

READ 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.

CHRIST MADE HIMSELF NOTHING AND TOOK THE FORM OF A SERVANT

Wednesday, December 23

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

[5]Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: [6]Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, [7]but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. [8]And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross. [9]Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names, [10]that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11]and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS, AND THE WORD MADE FLESH

Thursday, December 24

READ LUKE 2:1-20

1 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that a census
should be taken of the whole empire. 2 This was the first census to take place
while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And everyone went to his own town to
register. 4 So Joseph also went up from Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city
of David called Bethlehem, since he was from the house and line of David. 5 He
went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to him in marriage and was
expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her Child to be
born. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in
swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them
in the inn. 8 And there were shepherds residing in the fields nearby, keeping
watch over their flocks by night. 9 Just then an angel of the Lord stood before
them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.
10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! For behold, I bring you good
news of great joy that will be for all the people: 11 Today in the city of David a
Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! 12 And this will be a sign to
you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”
13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a great multitude of the heavenly
host, praising God and saying: 14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to men on whom His favor rests!” 15 When the angels had left them and
gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go to Bethlehem
and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”
16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the Baby, who was lying
in the manger. 17 After they had seen the Child, they spread the message they
had received about Him. 18 And all who heard it were amazed at what the
shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered
them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all
they had heard and seen, which was just as the angel had told them.

READ JOHN 1:1-14

[1]In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2]He was with God in the beginning. [3]Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made. [4]In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. [5]The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [6]There came a man who was sent from God. His name was John. [7]He came as a witness to testify about the Light, so that through him everyone might believe. [8]He himself was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. [9]The true Light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. [10]He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. [11]He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. [12]But to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God– [13]children born not of blood, nor of the desire or will of man, but born of God. [14]The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.