

Christmas Day II

December 25, 2009

Series "C"

Lectionary Texts

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2: [1-7] 8-20

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Grant, almighty God, that the joyous birth of your Son in human flesh may set us free from the old bondage of sin: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THANKS TO FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

We thank you God, the Father, for giving your only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have borne in your body all our sins, and blotted out all our transgressions. We thank you Lord, the Holy Spirit, for working in our hearts such confidence, that we know of nothing else in which to trust for our salvation, except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. Grant us, O God, the gift of faith, to believe that all our sins are forgiven for Jesus sake; and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully follow the Lord Jesus until we see him face to face in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSION TO THE WORLD

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations. Before your throne are gathered people of every tongue, and tribe, and nation. We pray for all people who do not know Jesus. You commanded us to go and tell but we have excused ourselves for too long. We ask forgiveness. Restore to us the urgency and passion to tell a dying world the good news that salvation has come in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

You, O Lord, are the comfort of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak. Hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress, that whatever they require they may receive and know your very present help. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

O God, whose joy it is to add to the number of those who are being saved and to strengthen the hearts of those who have been born again, confirming to them your covenant and faithfulness Grant to our confirmands an increase of faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their Baptism and daily renew their covenant with you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.
