

Readings for 25th December

Collect

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah (52.7-10)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

2 His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

4 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

6 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

9 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

10 He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

A reading from Hebrews (1.1-4 [5-12])

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

[For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.'

But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.'

And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.']

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John (1.1-14)

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, your Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Darlleniadau ar gyfer Rhagfyr 25ain

Colect

Hollalluog Dduw, rhoddaist i ni dy uniganedig Fab i gymryd ein natur ni a'i eni ar gyfenw i'r amser yma o forwyn bur: caniatâ i ni, sydd wedi ein geni drachefn a'n gwneud yn blant i ti trwy fabwysiad a gras, gael ein hadnewyddu'n feunyddiol trwy dy Ysbryd Glân; trwy Iesu Grist dy Fab ein Harglwydd sy'n fyw ac yn teyrnasu gyda thi a'r Ysbryd Glân, yn un Duw, yn awr ac am byth.

Amen.

Darlleniad o Eseaia (52.7-10)

Mor weddaidd ar y mynyddoedd yw traed y negesydd sy'n cyhoeddi heddwch, yn datgan daioni, yn cyhoeddi iachawdwriaeth; sy'n dweud wrth Seion, "Dy Dduw sy'n teyrnasu."

Clyw, y mae dy wylwyr yn codi eu llais ac yn bloeddio'n llawen gyda'i gilydd; â'u llygaid eu hunain y gwelant yr ARGLWYDD yn dychwelyd i Seion. Bloeddiwch, cydganwch, chwi adfeilion Jerwsalem, oherwydd tosturiodd yr ARGLWYDD wrth ei bobl, a gwaredodd Jerwsalem.

Dinoethodd yr ARGLWYDD ei fraich sanctaidd yng ngŵydd yr holl genhedloedd, ac fe wêl holl gyrrau'r ddaear iachawdwriaeth ein Duw ni.

Dyma air yr Arglwydd.

Diolch a fo i Dduw.

Salm 98

1 Canwch i'r ARGLWYDD gân newydd, oherwydd gwnaeth ryfeddodau. Cafodd fuddugoliaeth â'i ddeheulaw ac â'i fraich sanctaidd.

2 **Gwnaeth yr ARGLWYDD ei fuddugoliaeth yn hysbys, datguddiodd ei gyfiawnder o flaen y cenhedloedd.**

3 Cofiodd ei gariad a'i ffyddlondeb tuag at dŷ Israel; gwelodd holl gyrrau'r ddaear fuddugoliaeth ein Duw.

4 **Bloeddiwch mewn gorfoledd i'r ARGLWYDD, yr holl ddaear, canwch mewn llawenydd a rhowch fawl.**

5 Canwch fawl i'r ARGLWYDD â'r delyn, â'r delyn ac â sain cân.

6 **Â thrwmpedau ac â sain utgorn bloeddiwch o flaen y Brenin, yr ARGLWYDD.**

7 Rhued y môr a'r cyfan sydd ynddo, y byd a phawb sy'n byw ynddo.

8 **Bydded i'r dyfroedd guro dwylo; bydded i'r mynyddoedd ganu'n llawen gyda'i gilydd,**

9 o flaen yr ARGLWYDD, oherwydd y mae'n dyfod i farnu'r ddaear; bydd yn barnu'r byd â chyfiawnder, a'r bobloedd ag uniondeb.

Darlleniad o Hebreaid (1.1-4 [5-12])

Mewn llawer dull a llawer modd y llefarodd Duw gynt wrth yr hynafiaid trwy'r proffwydi, ond yn y dyddiau olaf hyn llefarodd wrthym ni mewn Mab. Hwn yw'r un a benododd Duw yn etifedd pob peth, a'r un y gwnaeth y bydysawd drwyddo. Ef yw disgleirdeb gogoniant Duw, ac y mae stamp ei sylwedd ef arno; ac y mae'n cynnal

pob peth â'i air nerthol. Ar ôl iddo gyflawni puredigaeth pechodau, eisteddodd ar ddeheulaw'r Mawrhydi yn yr uchelder, wedi dyfod gymaint yn uwch na'r angylion ag y mae'r enw a etifeddodd yn rhagorach na'r eiddynt hwy.

[Oherwydd wrth bwy o'r angylion y dywedodd Duw erioed: "Fy Mab wyt ti, myfi a'th genhedlodd di heddiw"? Ac eto: "Byddaf fi yn dad iddo ef, a bydd yntau yn fab i mi." A thrachefn, pan yw'n dod â'i gyntafanedig i mewn i'r byd, y mae'n dweud: "A bydded i holl angylion Duw ei addoli." Am yr angylion y mae'n dweud: "Yr hwn sy'n gwneud ei angylion yn wyntoedd, a'i weinidogion yn fflam dân".

Ond am y Mab: "Y mae dy orsedd di, O Dduw, yn dragwyddol, a gwialen dy deyrnas di yw gwialen uniondeb. Ceraist gyfiawnder a chasáu anghyfraith. Am hynny, O Dduw, y mae dy Dduw di wedi dy eneinio ag olew gorfoledd, uwchlaw dy gymheiriaid."

Y mae hefyd yn dweud: "Ti, yn y dechrau, Arglwydd, a osodaist sylfeini'r ddaear, a gwaith dy ddwylo di yw'r nefoedd. Fe ddarfyddant hwy, ond yr wyt ti'n aros; ânt hwy i gyd yn hen fel dilledyn; plygi hwy fel plygu mantell, a newidir hwy fel newid dilledyn; ond tydi, yr un ydwyf, ac ar dy flynyddoedd ni bydd diwedd."]

Dyma air yr Arglwydd.

Diolch a fo i Dduw.

Gwrandewch Efengyl Crist yn ôl Sant Ioan (1.1-14) Gogoniant i ti, O Arglwydd.

Yn y dechreuad yr oedd y Gair; yr oedd y Gair gyda Duw, a Duw oedd y Gair. Yr oedd ef yn y dechreuad gyda Duw. Daeth pob peth i fod trwyddo ef; hebddo ef ni ddaeth un dim sydd mewn bod. Ynddo ef yr oedd bywyd, a'r bywyd, goleuni dynion ydoedd. Y mae'r goleuni yn llewyrchu yn y tywyllwch, ac nid yw'r tywyllwch wedi ei drechu ef.

Daeth dyn wedi ei anfon oddi wrth Dduw, a'i enw Ioan. Daeth hwn yn dyst, i dystiolaethu am y goleuni, er mwyn i bawb ddod i gredu trwyddo. Nid ef oedd y goleuni, ond daeth i dystiolaethu am y goleuni. Yr oedd y gwir oleuni, sy'n goleuo pawb, eisoes yn dod i'r byd. Yr oedd yn y byd, a daeth y byd i fod trwyddo, ac nid adnabu'r byd mohono. Daeth i'w gynefin ei hun, ac ni dderbyniodd ei bobl ei hun mohono.

Ond cynifer ag a'i derbyniodd, rhoes iddynt hwy, y rhai sy'n credu yn ei enw, hawl i ddod yn blant Duw, plant wedi eu geni nid o waed nac o ewyllys cawd nac o ewyllys gŵr, ond o Dduw.

A daeth y Gair yn gnawd a phreswyllo yn ein plith, yn llawn gras a gwirionedd; gwelsom ei ogoniant ef, ei ogoniant fel unig Fab yn dod oddi wrth y Tad.

Dyma Efengyl yr Arglwydd.

Moliant i ti, O Grist.

Gweddi ar ol y Cymun

Dduw ein Tad, daeth dy Air i'n plith ym Mhlentyn Sanctaidd Bethlehem: bydded i oleuni ffydd oleuo ein calonnau a disgleirio yn ein geiriau a'n gweithredoedd; trwyddo ef sy'n Grist yr Arglwydd.

Amen.