

First Lesson: Selected verses from Psalm 96

Sabrina Tedeschi

“When I raise my hand, I invite the congregation to say with me the words printed in your bulletin.”

(Raise hand)

ALL: “O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!”

“Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name;
tell of salvation from day to day.
Declare God’s glory among the nations,
and marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
greatly to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before the Holy One;
strength and beauty are in God’s sanctuary...

(Raise hand)

ALL: “O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!”

“Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, who is coming,
is coming to judge the earth.
God will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with truth.”

(Raise hand)

ALL: “O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!”

Second Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Natalie Boyer

“The people who walked in darkness have seen **a great light**;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— **on them light has shined**.
You have multiplied the nation, **you have increased its joy**;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,..
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

Third Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7

Troy Tedeski

“In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And **she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger**, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Fourth Lesson: Luke 2: 8-14

Anna Boyer

“When I raise my hand, I invite the congregation to say with me the words printed in your bulletin.”

“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and **the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.**

But the angel said to them, “**Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day** in the city of David **a Savior**, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

(Raise hand)

ALL: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among all people!”
