



**Christmas Day**  
**Friday, December 25th, 2020**

*Anna Siler, a Senior, shares her reflections on today's Scripture readings.*



Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Merry Christmas! Today is the day the King of Kings was born unto Mary in the stable. We are reminded that God loved us so much, he sent his only son to live as we do on earth. He sent his son to feel the pain and emotions we feel. God is the redeemer, as Isaiah says in the first reading. He is king and “all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.” God became man and sent his only son knowing he would die on the cross for us. So often we get caught up in the commercialism of the holiday, or even caught up in making plans with family and friends. Of course, it is important to spend the holiday season with those we love, but we must remember why we celebrate in the first place. We’ve heard the story time and time again. Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem, there’s no room in the inn, and Mary gives birth to Jesus in a manger. The Gospel talks about how John was sent to pave the way for Jesus. He “came to testify to the light.” Jesus came into the world, as our light, “nor by human choice nor by a man’s decision but of God.” Jesus grants us with grace and salvation so that we may live forever with him in Heaven.

In the spirit of Christmas, we can thank God for all he has done for us. For the people he has put in our lives, the opportunities, and the gifts we have. It’s so easy to get caught up in the presents, food, and chaos of the season, but if we take the time to be with God and remember the meaning of Christmas we can better appreciate it.

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