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## Sunday, december 1, 2024

İsaiah 40.<sup>1-2</sup> & John 14.<sup>1-3, 18-20</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.



<sup>1</sup>"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

<sup>18</sup>I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. <sup>20</sup>At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

### Monday, december 2, 2024

luke 1.<sup>26-33</sup> & 1 nephi 11.<sup>13-22</sup>

<sup>26</sup>And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And the angel came in unto her, and said,

"Hail, thou that art highly favoured,

the Lord is with thee:

blessed art thou among women."

<sup>29</sup>And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said unto her,

"Fear not, Mary:

for thou hast found favour with God.

<sup>31</sup>And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son,

and shalt call his name JESUS.

<sup>32</sup>He shall be great,

and shall be called the Son of the Highest:

and the Lord God shall give unto him

the throne of his father David:

<sup>33</sup>And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."



<sup>13</sup>\*I looked and beheld the great city of Jerusalem, and also other cities. And I beheld the city of Nazareth; and in the city of Nazareth I beheld a virgin, and she was exceedingly fair and white. <sup>14</sup>And \* I saw the heavens open; and an angel came down and stood before me; and he said unto me: "Nephi, what beholdest thou?"

<sup>15</sup>And I said unto him: "A virgin, most beautiful and fair above all other virgins."

<sup>16</sup>And he said unto me: "Knowest thou the condescension of God?"

<sup>17</sup>And I said unto him: "I know that he loveth his children; nevertheless, I do not know the meaning of all things."

<sup>18</sup>And he said unto me: "Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh."

<sup>19</sup>And \* I beheld that she was carried away in the Spirit; and after she had been carried away in the Spirit for the space of a time the angel spake unto me, saying: "Look!"

<sup>20</sup>And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms. <sup>21</sup>And the angel said unto me: "Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father! Knowest thou the meaning of the tree which thy father saw?"

<sup>22</sup>And I answered him, saying: "Yea, it is the love of God, which sheddeth itself abroad in the hearts of the children of men; wherefore, it is the most desirable above all things."

## tuesday, december 3, 2024

## **a**lma 7.7 & **C**olossians 1.12-20

<sup>7</sup>For behold, I say unto you there be many things to come; and behold, there is one thing which is of more importance than they all—for behold, the time is not far distant that the Redeemer liveth and cometh among his people.



<sup>12</sup>Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: <sup>13</sup>who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

<sup>15</sup>who is the image of the invisible God,

the firstborn of every creature:

<sup>16</sup>for by him were all things created,

that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible,

whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers:

all things were created by him, and for him:

<sup>17</sup>and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

<sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church:

who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead;

that in all things he might have the preeminence.

<sup>19</sup>For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

<sup>20</sup>and, having made peace through the blood of his cross,

by him to reconcile all things unto himself;

by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

### Wednesday, december 4, 2024

İsaiah 9.<sup>6-7</sup> & **J**ohn 18.<sup>36-37</sup>

<sup>6</sup>For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,

The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,
upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom,
to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.



<sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."

<sup>37</sup>Pilate therefore said unto him, "Art thou a king then?"

Jesus answered, "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

# thursday, december 5, 2024

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<sup>28</sup>"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



 $<sup>^{27}</sup>$ Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am.

# friday, december 6, 2024

luke 1.46-55 & Dsalm 113.5-8

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul doth magnify the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

<sup>48</sup>For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:

for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

<sup>49</sup>For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

<sup>53</sup>He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

<sup>54</sup>He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

<sup>55</sup>As he spake to our fathers,

to Abraham, and to his seed for ever."



<sup>5</sup>Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,

<sup>6</sup>Who humbleth himself

to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

<sup>7</sup>He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,

and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

<sup>8</sup>That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

## Saturday, december 7, 2024

dc 76.5-10 & Ephesians 1.15-21

<sup>5</sup>For thus saith the Lord—I, the Lord, am merciful and gracious unto those who fear me, and delight to honor those who serve me in righteousness and in truth unto the end.

<sup>6</sup>Great shall be their reward and eternal shall be their glory.

<sup>7</sup>And to them will I reveal all mysteries,

yea, all the hidden mysteries of my kingdom from days of old,

and for ages to come, will I make known unto them the good pleasure of my will concerning all things pertaining to my kingdom.

<sup>8</sup>Yea, even the wonders of eternity shall they know,

and things to come will I show them,

even the things of many generations.

<sup>9</sup>And their wisdom shall be great,

and their understanding reach to heaven;

and before them the wisdom of the wise shall perish,

and the understanding of the prudent shall come to naught.

<sup>10</sup>For by my Spirit will I enlighten them,

and by my power will I make known unto them the secrets of my will—

yea, even those things which eye has not seen,

nor ear heard, nor yet entered into the heart of man.



<sup>15</sup>Wherefore I also... <sup>16</sup>cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: <sup>18</sup>the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, <sup>20</sup>which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, <sup>21</sup>far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

## Sunday, december 8, 2024

# İsaiah $61.^{1-3}$ & luke $4.16^{-22}$

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; <sup>3</sup>to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes. the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.



<sup>16</sup>And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. <sup>17</sup>And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;

he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,

to preach deliverance to the captives,

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty them that are bruised,

<sup>19</sup>To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

<sup>20</sup>And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say unto them, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

<sup>22</sup>And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

### Monday, december 9, 2024

2nephi 25. 23, 26-27 & 9 Galatians 2. 15-21

<sup>23</sup>For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children, and also our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do. <sup>26</sup>And we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins. Wherefore, we speak concerning the law that our children may know the deadness of the law; and they, by knowing the deadness of the law, may look forward unto that life which is in Christ...



<sup>15</sup>We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, <sup>16</sup>knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

<sup>17</sup>But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. <sup>18</sup>For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. <sup>20</sup>I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

<sup>21</sup>"I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

## tuesday, december 10, 2024

Jeremiah 31.<sup>10-13</sup> & John 10.<sup>11, 14-15, 27-29</sup>

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. <sup>11</sup>For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. <sup>12</sup>Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. <sup>13</sup>Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.



<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep… <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. <sup>15</sup>As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep…

<sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: <sup>28</sup>and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

## Wednesday, december 11, 2024

luke 1.67-79 & Isaiah 41.8-14

<sup>67</sup>And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup>Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

<sup>69</sup>and hath raised up an horn of salvation

for us in the house of his servant David;

<sup>70</sup>as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,

which have been since the world began:

71that we should be saved from our enemies.

and from the hand of all that hate us:

<sup>72</sup>to perform the mercy promised to our fathers,

and to remember his holy covenant;

<sup>73</sup>the oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

<sup>74</sup>that he would grant unto us,

that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies

might serve him without fear,

<sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him,

all the days of our life.

<sup>76</sup>And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest:

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord

to prepare his ways;

<sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation unto his people

by the remission of their sins,

<sup>78</sup>through the tender mercy of our God;

whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

<sup>79</sup>to give light to them that sit in darkness

and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

<sup>8</sup>But thou, Israel, art my servant,

Jacob whom I have chosen,

the seed of Abraham my friend.

<sup>9</sup>Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth,

and called thee from the chief men thereof,

and said unto thee, Thou art my servant;

I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

<sup>10</sup>Fear thou not; for I am with thee:

be not dismayed; for I am thy God:

I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee;

yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

<sup>11</sup>Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded:

they shall be as nothing;

and they that strive with thee shall perish.

<sup>12</sup>Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them,

even them that contended with thee:

they that war against thee shall be as nothing,

and as a thing of nought.

<sup>13</sup>For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.



<sup>14</sup>Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel;
I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

## thursday, december 12, 2024

Matthew 2.1-3, 7-11 & 1 nephi 1.15, 17, 19, 21

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him"

<sup>3</sup>When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him...

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."

<sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. <sup>11</sup>And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.



<sup>15</sup>...At the going down of the sun there was no darkness; and the people began to be astonished because there was no darkness when the night came... 17And they began to know that the Son of God must shortly appear; yea, in fine, all the people upon the face of the whole earth from the west to the east, both in the land north and in the land south, were so exceedingly astonished that they fell to the earth... 19 And\* there was no darkness in all that night, but it was as light as though it was midday. And\* the sun did rise in the morning again, according to its proper order; and they knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born, because of the sign which had been given... 21 And it came to pass also that a new star did appear, according to the word.

# friday, december 13, 2024

**f**omans 8.35-39 & **D**salm 3.3-6

<sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." <sup>37</sup>Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



<sup>3</sup>But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
<sup>4</sup>I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.
<sup>5</sup>I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.
<sup>6</sup>I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

### Saturday, december 14, 2024

luke 4.40-44 & 3nephi 17.1-8

<sup>40</sup>Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. <sup>41</sup>And devils also came out of many...

<sup>42</sup>And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them. <sup>43</sup>And he said unto them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent."

<sup>44</sup>And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.



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<sup>1</sup>Behold, now\* when Jesus had spoken these words he looked round about again on the multitude, and he said unto them: "Behold, my time is at hand. <sup>2</sup>I perceive that ye are weak, that ye cannot understand all my words which I am commanded of the Father to speak unto you at this time. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, go ye unto your homes, and ponder upon the things which I have said, and ask of the Father, in my name, that ye may understand, and prepare your minds for the morrow, and I come unto you again. <sup>4</sup>But now I go unto the Father, and also to show myself unto the lost tribes of Israel, for they are not lost unto the Father, for he knoweth whither he hath taken them."

<sup>5</sup>And\* when Jesus had thus spoken, he cast his eyes round about again on the multitude, and beheld they were in tears, and did look steadfastly upon him as if they would ask him to tarry a little longer with them. <sup>6</sup>And he said unto them: "Behold, my bowels are filled with compassion towards you. <sup>7</sup>Have ye any that are sick among you? Bring them hither. Have ye any that are lame, or blind, or halt, or maimed, or leprous, or that are withered, or that are deaf, or that are afflicted in any manner? Bring them hither and I will heal them, for I have compassion upon you; my bowels are filled with mercy. <sup>8</sup>For I perceive that ye desire that I should show unto you what I have done unto your brethren at Jerusalem, for I see that your faith is sufficient that I should heal you."

## Sunday, december 15, 2024

İsaiah 51.3; 52.7-10 & Mosiah 15.14-19

<sup>14</sup>And these are they who have published peace, who have brought good tidings of good, who have published salvation; and said unto Zion: Thy God reigneth!

<sup>15</sup>And O how beautiful upon the mountains were their feet!

<sup>16</sup>And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those that are still publishing peace! <sup>17</sup>And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who shall hereafter publish peace, yea, from this time henceforth and forever!

And behold, I say unto you, this is not all.

<sup>18</sup>For O how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that is the founder of peace,

yea, even the Lord, who has redeemed his people;

yea, him who has granted salvation unto his people;

<sup>19</sup>For were it not for the redemption which he hath made for his people,

which was prepared from the foundation of the world,

I say unto you, were it not for this, all mankind must have perished.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! <sup>8</sup>Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice: with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.



### Monday, december 16, 2024

hebrews 4.14-16 & alma 7.11-12

<sup>14</sup>Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. <sup>15</sup>For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.



<sup>11</sup>And he shall go forth, suffering pains and afflictions and temptations of every kind; and this that the word might be fulfilled which saith he will take upon him the pains and the sicknesses of his people. <sup>12</sup>And he will take upon him death, that he may loose the bands of death which bind his people; and he will take upon him their infirmities, that his bowels may be filled with mercy, according to the flesh, that he may know according to the flesh how to succor his people according to their infirmities.

## tuesday, december 17, 2024

luke  $2.^{1-7}$  & hebrew  $2.^{17-18}$ 

\*In those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. <sup>2</sup>(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

<sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) <sup>5</sup>to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. <sup>6\*</sup>While they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.



<sup>17</sup>Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

# Wednesday, december 18, 2024

İsaiah 60.<sup>1-2</sup> & john 1.<sup>4-5, 9-12</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. <sup>2</sup>For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.



<sup>4</sup>In him was life; and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

<sup>9</sup>That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup>He came unto his own, and his own received him not. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

## thursday, december 19, 2024

1 john 5.9-13 & enos 1.5-8,27

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath *witnessed* of his Son. <sup>10</sup>He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the *witness* that God gave of his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the *witness*, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. <sup>13</sup>These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.



<sup>5</sup>And there came a voice unto me, saying: "Enos, thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou shalt be blessed."

<sup>6</sup>And I, Enos, knew that God could not lie; wherefore, my guilt was swept away. <sup>7</sup>And I said: "Lord, how is it done?"

<sup>8</sup>And he said unto me: "Because of thy faith in Christ, whom thou hast never before heard nor seen. And many years pass away before he shall manifest himself in the flesh; wherefore, go to, thy faith hath made thee whole."

<sup>27</sup>And I soon go to the place of my rest, which is with my Redeemer; for I know that in him I shall rest. And I rejoice in the day when my mortal shall put on immortality, and shall stand before him; then shall I see his face with pleasure, and he will say unto me: Come unto me, ye blessed, there is a place prepared for you in the mansions of my Father. Amen.

# friday, december 20, 2024

İsaiah 42.6-8 & luke 2.25-32 &

<sup>6</sup>I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand,
and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;
<sup>7</sup>To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another.

<sup>25</sup>And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, <sup>28</sup>then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

<sup>29</sup>"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

<sup>30</sup>for mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

<sup>32</sup>a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

### Saturday, december 21, 2024

m M atthew 7.  $^{7-8}$  &  $\rm D$ salm 27.  $^{4, 7-8, 13-14}$ 

<sup>7</sup>Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: <sup>8</sup>for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.



<sup>4</sup>One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. <sup>8</sup>When thou saidst, "Seek ye my face;" my heart said unto thee, "Thy face, LORD, will I seek."

<sup>13</sup>I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup>Wait on the LORD:

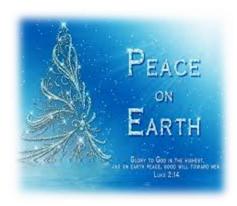
be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

## Sunday, december 22, 2024

**E**zekiel 37.<sup>23-27</sup> & **f**evelation 21.<sup>3-7</sup>

<sup>23</sup>... I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. <sup>24</sup>And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. <sup>25</sup>And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

<sup>26</sup>Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. <sup>27</sup>My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.



<sup>3</sup>And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,

"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,

and he will dwell with them,

and they shall be his people,

and God himself shall be with them,

and be their God.

<sup>4</sup>And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;

and there shall be no more death,

neither sorrow, nor crying,

neither shall there be any more pain:

for the former things are passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And he that sat upon the throne said,

"Behold, I make all things new."

And he said unto me,

"Write: for these words are true and faithful."

<sup>6</sup>And he said unto me.

"It is done.

I am Alpha and Omega,

the beginning and the end.

I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

<sup>7</sup>He that overcometh shall inherit all things;

and I will be his God,

and he shall be my son.

### Monday, december 23, 2024

luke 2.8-14 & alma 26.16

<sup>8</sup>And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said unto them,

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

<sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>And this shall be a sign unto you;

ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,

lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace, good will toward men."



<sup>16</sup>Therefore, let us glory, yea, we will glory in the Lord; yea, we will rejoice, for our joy is full; yea, we will praise our God forever.

Behold, who can glory too much in the Lord?

Yea, who can say too much of his great power, and of his mercy, and of his long-suffering towards the children of men?

Behold, I say unto you, I cannot say the smallest part which I feel.

# tuesday, december 24, 2024

3nephi 1. $^{13-14}$  & luke 24. $^{44-47}$ 

<sup>13</sup>Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given, and on the morrow come I into the world, to show unto the world that I will fulfil all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets. <sup>14</sup>Behold, I come unto my own, to fulfil all things which I have made known unto the children of men from the foundation of the world, and to do the will, both of the Father and of the Son—of the Father because of me, and of the Son because of my flesh. And behold, the time is at hand, and this night shall the sign be given.



<sup>44</sup>And he said unto them, "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me." <sup>45</sup>Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said unto them, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

## Wednesday, december 25, 2024

luke 2.15-20 & psalm 23.1-6

<sup>15\*</sup>As the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

<sup>16</sup>And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup>But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.