

THE SUNDAY PAPER

FIRST SUNDAY
after
CHRISTMAS



In the Church, Christmas is not just one day. It is a season. For twelve days after Christmas Day, it is still Christmas. We celebrate, because our Advent waiting is over. The wonderful present that God promised us has come, and we have opened it, and it is ours forever. We say "thank you" to God for the gift of his Son to set us free!

PSALM 147:2-3
"The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he brings his people home, and heals the brokenhearted"

GALATIANS 4:4
"When the time had fully come, God sent his Son to save us and make us his own"

JOHN 1:1-18
"The Light that was with God at the beginning came to earth as a human being, full of truth and love"

The Bible tells us God's promises. God promised to bring his people home, and be with them, and feed them and heal them and give them his Kingdom. The Bible says God's Kingdom is like a growing garden, and a rebuilt city, and a wedding where we will all live happily ever after!

GOD WITH US
Isaiah 61:10-62:5
GOD'S PROMISES COME TO US IN THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS, WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE!

I WILL PRAISE THE LORD, I WILL REJOICE IN GOD, BECAUSE HE HAS PUT ON ME THE ROBES OF SALVATION; HE HAS DRESSED ME IN THE CLOTHES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS...

... LIKE A GARLAND ON A BRIDEGROOM ... LIKE (ISAIAH 61:10) ON A BRIDE!

GOD WILL MAKE JUSTICE AND HONOR GROW AMONG HIS PEOPLE, LIKE A FRESH GARDEN THAT SPROUTS AND GROWS!

HE WILL CROWN JERUSALEM WITH HIS LOVE AND FAVOR!

YOU WILL NEVER AGAIN BE ABANDONED; FOR THE LORD DELIGHTS IN YOU, AND HAS MADE YOU HIS BRIDE!