

Christmas Day, December 25, 2023.

Year B.

Saint John Episcopal Church

Lessons

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

This is God's Way

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"The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this."

In the name of the Holy and undivided Trinity: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit."

A. The day.

- Finally, the day is here.
- After a long Advent, finally, the day is here.
- Many voices have been telling and advising us about what is coming.
- We have been watching, waiting, and listening to God's promise to be with us.

B. Then, what is next? How should we be living this day?

- I was saying a few weeks back that we are taking for granted today, even to the point that we have missed the real meaning of Christmas. We believe that Christmas is for us.
- That is why we have this incomplete view of Christmas, a holiday, or a Baby Jesus Day.

A. We need to recreate Christmas in our life.

- Christmas is not for us. We need to sit back and somehow recover the real meaning of Christmas
- We need to experience what Mary, Jesus' mother, experienced after Jesus was lost for a few days and was found in the Temple.
- Women, you need to understand God's way. Sound like Luke is saying to his Mom: this story is not about you and your understanding. It is about Me and My Father way.

- Luke says that they came to Galilee, and she held quietly everything in her heart.
- After that, we know how Jesus lived, talked, and saved the world.
- We saw God's way in Jesus.
- Therefore, sit back today and contemplate God's way (like Mary).

B. Altar.

- This altar is how God's way is.
- To be invited to it is to accept God's way.
- Let's participate in this altar, and afterward, let the world know the way of God.
- Merry Christmas to all.

AMEN.