



Our Lady of Peace

Second Week of Advent

Matthew 3:1-12- A special person is coming

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Hope (Purple)

Faith (Purple)

Joy (Pink)

Peace (Purple)

Purity-Birth of Jesus (White)



The Immaculate Conception



The Celebration of the Immaculate Conception

Mary received God's grace from the first moment of her existence, and was totally and completely redeemed by this grace. Because she was redeemed, Mary spent her whole existence in a perfect relationship with God.

God did this so that Mary would be worthy to be the mother of God.

Introduction

- John the Baptist was the son of Elizabeth and Zachariah. He was chosen by God to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. He told them that they must be sorry for all the things that they had done wrong, and try to live better lives. Today we will hear how and where he lived, and about the message he shared.

Introduction



The Gloria

- Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth, Peace to people of goodwill.

We praise You, we bless You, We adore You, we glorify You
We give You thanks, For Your great glory.
Lord God heavenly King, O God Almighty Father.

- Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth, Peace to people of goodwill

- Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.
You take away the sins of the world, Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand, The right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us....

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia (all sing) x 3

We have come to hear you Lord,

Hear you Lord,

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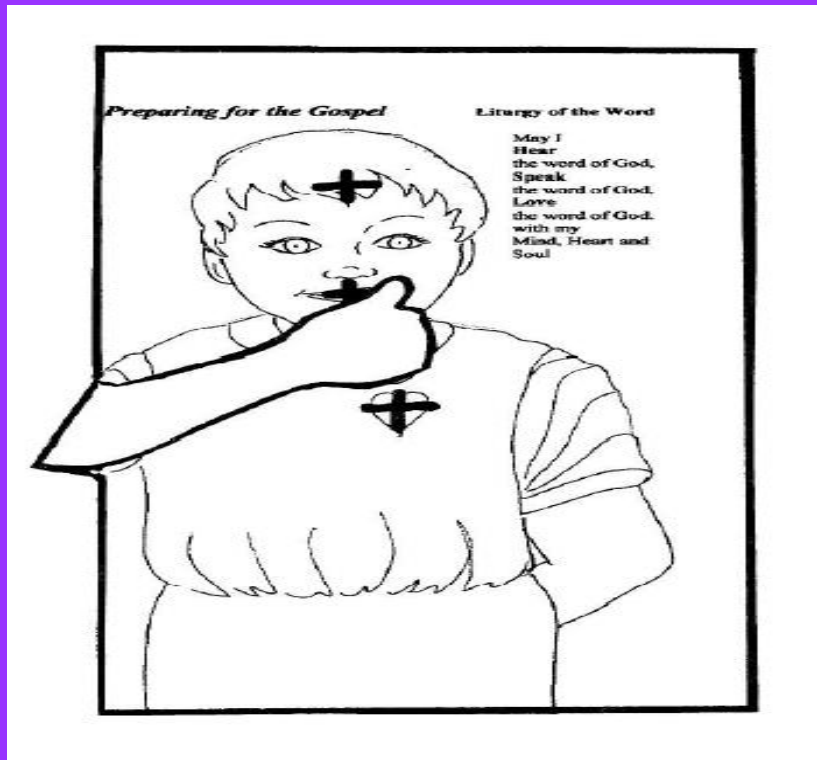
We are listening.

Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia (all sing) x3

The Lord be with you
Response: And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Response: Glory to you, O Lord



John the Baptist -Matthew 3:1-12



Gospel

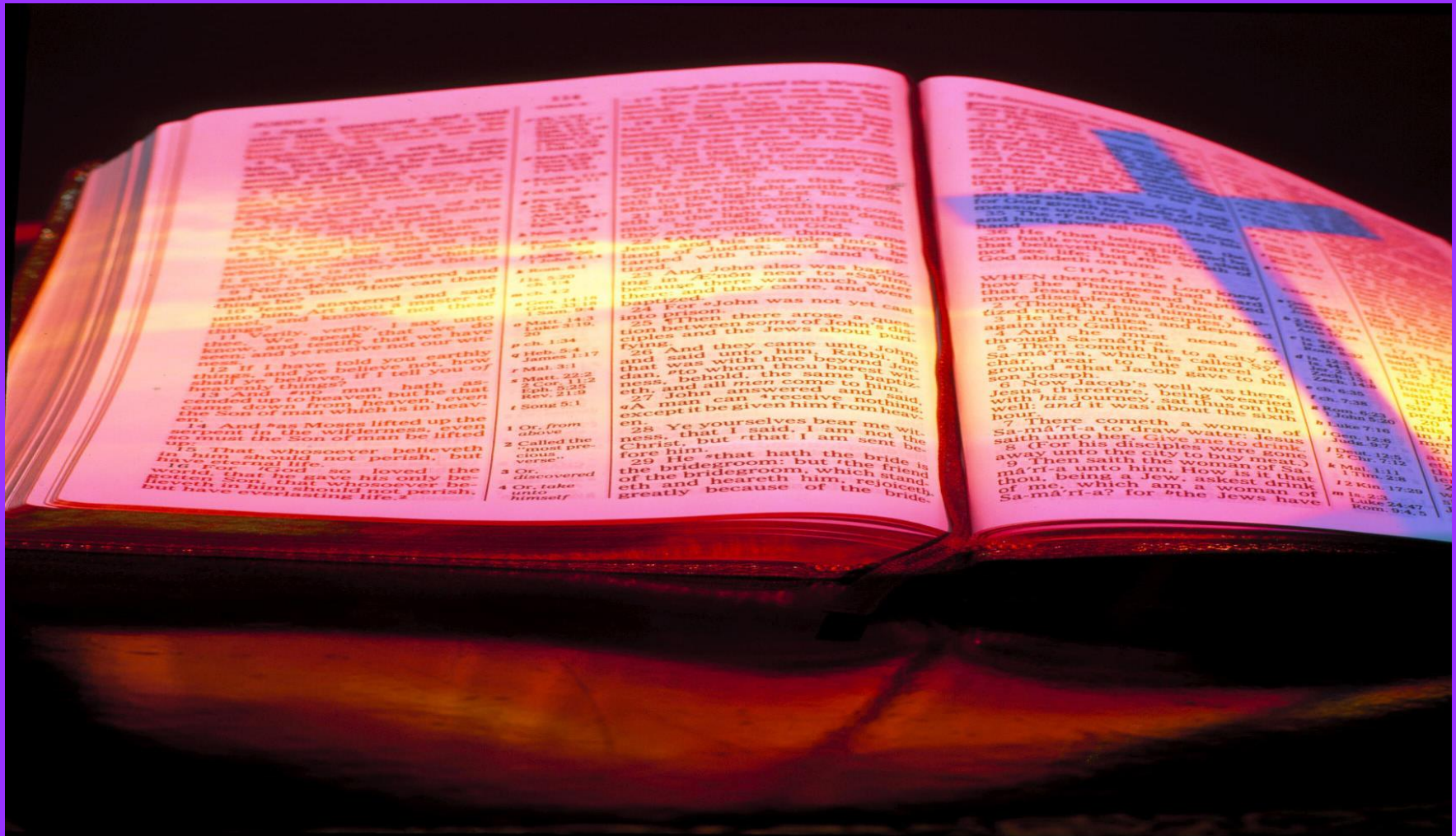
John the Baptist went to live in Judaea. He wore a coat made from camel hair, tied around the middle with a belt. The desert was too hot and dry for many things to grow, so John lived on wild honey and locusts.

God had told him that he was sending someone special to save the world. He wanted John to tell everyone that they must change their ways and try to become good. People came from far and wide to be baptised by John in the river Jordan.

They wanted to say sorry for all their sins. One day John told them, "I can wash you with water, but a special person is coming who will baptise you with God's Spirit and wash away all your sins"

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Reflection 1

Q: Where did John the Baptist go to live?
In the desert in Judaea.

Discuss what a desert is like.
Are all deserts hot?



Reflection 2

What did he wear?

Do you think his coat was comfortable?

Can anyone remember what John ate in the desert?



Reflection 3

- What was the message that God wanted John to tell the people and how should they prepare?
- God wanted to tell all the people to change their ways and become good.

Prayer



Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

You sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of your Son.

As Christmas draws closer,

Help us to prepare too,

So that we may be ready

For Christmas day.

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.

Amen

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