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2) Matt 18.1-10

## Evening Prayer

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1) Is 49.14-25  
2) Mark 10.13-16

### **Tuesday, December 30**

Pss 144-146  
1) Is 55  
2) Luke 12.1-21

Pss 147-150  
1) Is 60.1-12  
2) Col 2.6-17

### **Wednesday, December 31: EVE OF CIRCUMCISION/NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Pss 144-146  
1) Is 62  
2) Luke 12.35-48

Pss 2, 19, 45  
1) Deut 10.12-11.1  
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### **Thursday, January 1: CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD/NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Pss 48, 72, 85  
1) Gen 17.1-13  
2) Rom 2.17-end

Pss 89, 110, 132  
1) Deut 30  
2) Rom 13

### **Friday, January 2**

Pss 9-11  
1) Is 63.1-6  
2) Matt 1.18-end

Pss 12-14  
1) Is 63.7-end  
2) 1 Thess 1

### **Saturday, January 3**

Pss 15-17  
1) Is 64  
2) Matt 2

Ps 18  
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*Proclaiming God’s Praise*

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