

25 December 2022 - Christmas Day - Mass at Dawn

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96(97):1,6,11-12

Another of the psalms that belong to the great Temple festivals in Jerusalem. Look up the verses we omit to see how it proclaims the glory of God in so many different ways in creation and among all good people.

THIS DAY NEW LIGHT WILL SHINE UPON THE EARTH: THE LORD IS BORN FOR US.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.

The child whose birth we celebrate is a king and brings joy and gladness. Pray to share that this day. In many places people will lack justice today. Think about all who will struggle to live at peace today.

Light shines forth for the just
and joy for the upright of heart.
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;
give glory to his holy name.

Thanks God that most people will celebrate with joy today. Remember those who find Christmas difficult. Rejoice for the good things of your life, and make sure you give glory and thanks to God for them.