

25 December 2022 - Christmas Day - Midnight Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95(96):1-3,11-13

*This psalm reflects the Jewish New Year celebrations where there is great joy at the presence of God in the midst of the people, their God, whose glory shines out in the world he has created and now rules.*

***TODAY A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN TO US: HE IS CHRIST THE LORD.***

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

***This Christmas let us rejoice with a new fervour at the birth of the Son of God, at God's generosity to us in him. Let us find as many ways as we can to praise God, to let the world know, not keep the news to ourselves.***

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

***Thank God that the birth of Christ brings him and his help to our lives every day, not just at Christmas. In the midst of all our local celebrations stop and reflect on what God does for all the peoples of the world.***

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.

***This midnight moment asks us to stop and recognise how all of creation praises God by its very nature. We also think how the child of the manger is indeed the God who rules the earth. It is amazing humility.***

With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his truth.

***This little child rules with justice. Pray for all those who on this night suffer from any form of injustice. John proclaims the Word as full of grace and truth. Pray that we will share grace and truth during our Christmas celebrations.***