

*Sunday 4 December 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Advent*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17**

*We will crown a king soon, something we have not seen for 70 years. At the heart of that liturgy God is acknowledged as the source of all power. This psalm prays that the king exercises the authority God gives him for the good of the people. We need to pray for all in authority and for the way we can influence others.*

***IN HIS DAYS JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH, AND PEACE TILL THE MOON FAILS.***

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement.

*All authority comes from God. Let us pray for all in power to understand this.*

*We pray for all who have power in our countries to exercise justice especially for the poor.*

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

*Advent points us to the Second Coming of Christ. May his justice and peace come to all people.*

*Let us pray for all peoples to acknowledge the universal power of Christ.*

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor.

*We share the responsibility of care for the poor and the needy. How will we respond to them today?*

*Each one of us has our own weaknesses, let us bring them before Christ in prayer, seeking strength.*

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name.

*Let us pray to find ways to bless God's name so that people can see the true meaning of Christmas.*

*Pray for all engaged in mission at home and throughout the world bringing the gospel to others.*