

## RESPONDING TO THE PSALMS – December 2023

3 December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19*

*God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help.

*Call upon God, with an Advent prayer, that he will hear us because we trust in his name as our shepherd  
Name before our God where you need his strength and his help in this Advent time*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

*Ask God to renew your confidence that he is concerned for you and your needs at this moment  
Trusting that God has given you life and set you here, ask that he will help you grow in faith*

May your hand be on the man/one you have chosen,  
the man/one you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again;

give us life that we may call upon your name.

*Pray for and name those individuals you know who need God's care and strength at this time  
Renew your commitment to keep Advent well to be ready for the Christmas celebrations*