

RESPONDING TO THE PSALMS – December 2023

Monday 25 December 2023

CHRISTMAS – Mass at Midnight

Responsorial Psalm

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

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.

*Advent has prepared us for this moment – let us sing with joy because Christ is with us always in a new way
Let us pray for the whole world to know our joy, that we will find a way to share Christ with them*

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

*Let us be grateful to God for all he does sustaining life for us and all people
Reflect on all the goodness that God achieves even in a troubled 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.

*Pray that Christ's birth will remind people of our responsibility to care for our world and ensure its future
Pray for all who struggle that they may find reasons to be joyful these days*

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

*Pray for justice for all – especially those in prison, their families, the staff, all victims of crime
Pray for all imprisoned unjustly, all who strive for the truth, all persecuted for what is right*