

Psalm 97

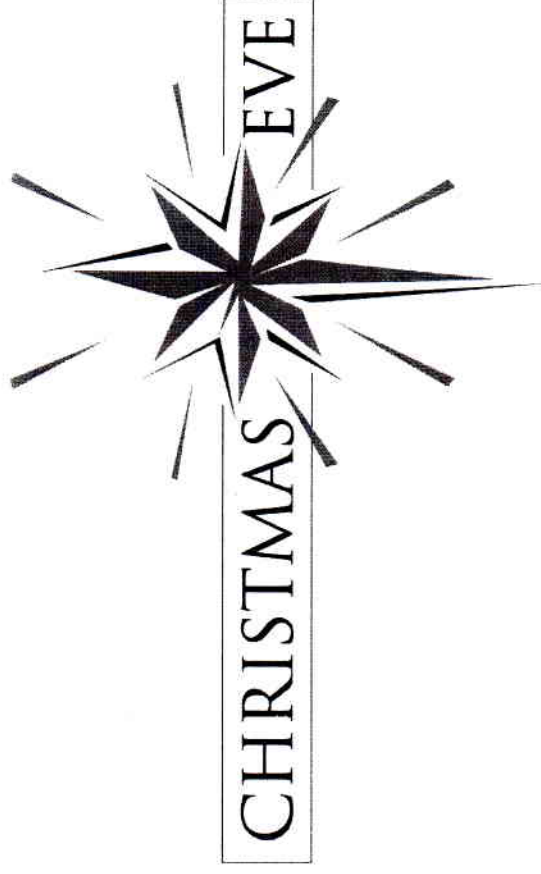
The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his
throne.

Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

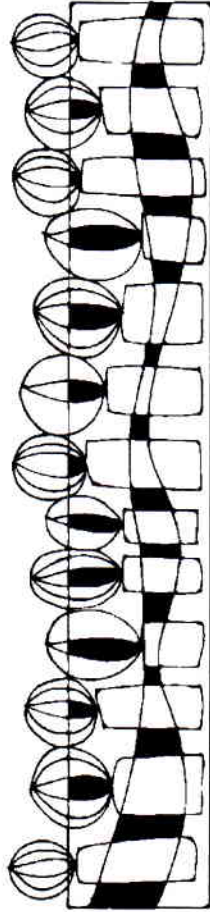
The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.
For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!



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The Nativity Of Our Lord —December 24—

"In response to God's love, St. Matthew's is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone."

Welcome!

Your presence here today has made our worship all the more special. We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated tonight. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Prelude and Announcements

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WORD

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Second Reading Titus 2:11-14
Gospel Acclamation #277 Away in a Manger, v 1

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Hymn of the Day #279 O Little Town of Bethlehem
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Peace

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SENDING

Blessing
Sending Song#281 Silent Night, Holy Night!

Thank you for worshipping with us on this Holy Night. We wish you all a joyous Christmas. May the Lord bless you throughout the twelve days of Christmas and the coming New Year!