



MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

PSALM 96:1-9

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

The earth does sing with the beauty of God's creation. Sometimes the song is a quiet whisper -- the rustling of leaves, a gentle stream, or the silence of a snowy evening. Sometimes the beauty is painted across the sky in the vibrant pinks and oranges of a sunset or in the breathtaking power of a summer storm. God is revealed in the beauty and strength of the heavens and earth. God is also revealed in the birth of Jesus - God's wonder breaking into the world as an infant. Let us join with the angels singing praise to God as we enter this holy time of the year remembering God's strength and beauty.

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