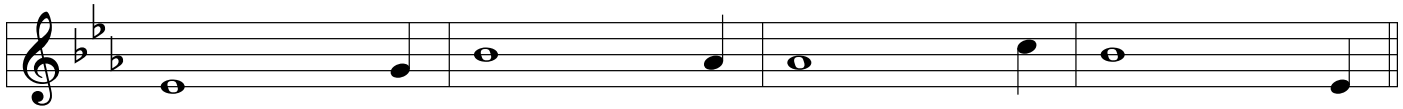


# Christmas, Proper II

*Psalm 97*



A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.



The Lord is King; let the earth re·-**joice**;  
let the multitude of the isles be · **glad**.  
Clouds and darkness are round a·-**bout\_him**,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his · **throne**.

A fire goes be·-**fore\_him**  
and burns up his enemies on every · **side**.  
His lightnings light up the · **world**;  
the earth sees it and is a·-**fraid**.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the · **Lord**,  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole · **earth**.  
The heavens declare his · **righteousness**,  
and all the peoples see his · **glory**.

Confounded be all who worship carved · **images**  
and delight in false · **gods!**  
Bow down be·-**fore\_him**,  
all you · **gods**.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah re·-**joice**,  
because of your judgments, O · **Lord**.  
For you are the Lord, most high over all the · **earth**;  
you are exalted far above all · **gods**.

1 - The Lord loves those who hate · **evil**;  
3 - he preserves the lives of his · **saints**  
4 - and delivers them from the hand of the · **wicked**.

Light has sprung up for the · **righteous**,  
and joyful gladness for those who are true·-**hearted**.  
Rejoice in the Lord, you · **righteous**,  
and give thanks to his holy · **Name**.