



## SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Today the old limit has been transposed, and the transgressor deserves no punishment, because he is God himself. Isaiah, singer of hope in the living God, had proclaimed: "your watchmen lift up their voices and they all shout together for joy, because they see with their own eyes the Lord returning to Zion" (Is 52:8). For the great prophet, "seeing God" was seeing the citadel of Zion restored; What we have received is greater: it is all of humanity that has been restored and today lies on Mary's lap to the delight of all who want to see the Newborn. Hallelujah! A decree of love shelters us, a word of grace protects us, a plan of mercy has been pronounced in our favor. It is Christ, it is he, in the humility of Bethlehem, who invites us to learn the always ancient and always new language of love. Next to the manger humanity begins again, in the womb of Mary everything has a new opportunity, a new beginning. Today is Christmas! Precious time to worship. On that holy night and on this holy day there is so much to admire, so much to meditate and so much to celebrate that the Christian soul would like to summarize it all in a single act of donation and fusion with the Beloved. That is why Christmas is a time of worship. The human soul needs to worship because if it has nowhere to turn it falls monstrously on itself and returns to its selfishness and nothingness. What or Who is worthy of worship? there is One who is adorable; There is One who fulfills all that He promises; One who loves us well. Today he is a Child in the manger, tomorrow a Priest on the Cross. And his name is Jesus. We look forward to this New Year 2024 and with the certainty of knowing that the Child-God will always accompany us.

## Merry Christmas and abundant blessings in the New Year 2024

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