



BORN THIS DAY

CHRISTMAS MORNING!

And when we give each other Christmas gifts in *Jesus'* name, let us remember that *God* has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans—and all that lives and moves upon them.

God has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit—and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused.

And to save us from our own foolishness, and from all our sins, *Jesus* came down to earth and gave us himself.

—*Sigrid Undset*

READ: For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called
"Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom,
to establish it, and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and for evermore.

Isaiah 9.6–7

SING: Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

READ: Almighty God, you have made yourself known to us and our world in your son, Jesus. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the slavery of our sin. Amen.