

Psalms 97 (VU 817)

R. Rejoice, rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.

You reign, O God! Let the earth be glad!

Let the islands and coastlands rejoice!

Clouds and thick darkness are round about you;

Righteousness and justice the foundation of your throne.

Fire goes before you,

Consuming your enemies on every side.

Your lightnings light up the world;

The earth trembles at the sight.

The mountains melt like wax before you,

Before the sovereign of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim your righteousness,

And all the peoples see your glory. R.

Be ashamed, all you who worship images, who boast of idols;

Bow down before God, all you Gods!

Zion hears, and is glad;

The cities of Judah rejoice, O God, at your judgements.

For you are the Most High, above all the earth;

You are exalted above all Gods.

You, O God, love those who hate evil.

You preserve the life of your saints.

You deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous,

And joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in God, righteous people,

Give thanks to God's holy name! R.