



Dear brothers and sisters,

“Who can tell me where Jesus Christ was born?”

With these words begins one of the most beautiful and simple Christmas hymns in the Liturgy of the Hours. Two verses follow, with a similar question:

“Who can tell me the day Jesus the Christ was born?”; “Who can tell me why Jesus the Lord was born?”

The answers are disarmingly simple, like the Infant God in the crib:
See, Jesus is born where I begin, on the day you begin, for us who begin
to open our hearts and hands to change the lives of our sisters and brothers.
Yes, there, then, for us, Jesus is born.

It's Christmas today, here in this Holy Land of ours.
But from yesterday, from Bethlehem in Judea,
from Mary and Joseph,
comes the example of an open heart,
of hands open to receive and give, simply.
An example and an invitation offered to us,
beyond the centuries.
So that the miracle, the mystery and the joy may be
renewed in our open hearts and in our open hands.

The entire diocesan team joins me in wishing you
the profound Joy and Peace that come from
the ever-new birth of the Savior in our world.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year of Peace and Hope!

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