

**Christmas Prayer Service**  
**St. Anthony of Padua School**  
**Thursday, December 17, 2020**

**Thank you for joining us! This worship aide can also be found on the St. Anthony of Padua school website. Please turn your radio to 99.7.**

**Please feel free to sing-along and participate in the prayers with us tonight in your cars!**

**Everyone at St. Anthony of Padua wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God Bless you!**

**Sing-along with Us!**

**O Come O Come Emmanuel  
(Turn on your candles and light up the night sky!)**

**Verse 1**

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

**Chorus**

**Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel**

**Verse 2**

O come O wisdom from on high  
Who orders all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in her ways to go

**Verse 3**

O come O come our Lord of might  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height?  
In ancient times did give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe

**Verse 4**

O come Desire of nations bind

In one the hearts of humankind  
Make all our sad divisions cease  
And be for us the King of peace.

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

**(Turn on your candles and light up the night sky!)**

**Verse 1**

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

**Chorus**

**O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord**

**Verse 2**

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God glory in the highest

**Verse 3**

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing

**Evening Prayer (Vespers)**

God, come to my assistance.

— **Lord, make haste to help me.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

— **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

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**HYMN**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.**

***Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain***

**O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory over the  
grave. *Refrain***

Words: Latin, twelfth century;  
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), 1851

**PSALMODY**

**Ant. 1** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
come and rescue me, for you are my refuge  
and my strength.

**Psalm 132 - God's promises to the house of David**

O Lord, remember David  
and all the many hardships he endured,  
the oath he swore to the Lord,  
his vow to the Strong One of Jacob.

"I will not enter the house where I live  
nor go to the bed where I rest.  
I will give no sleep to my eyes,  
to my eyelids I will give no slumber  
till I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling for the Strong One of Jacob."

At Ephrathah we heard of the ark;  
we found it in the plains of Yearim.  
"Let us go to the place of his dwelling;  
let us go to kneel at his footstool."

Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest,  
you and the ark of your strength.  
Your priests shall be clothed with holiness:  
your faithful shall ring out their joy.  
For the sake of David your servant  
do not reject your anointed.

The Lord swore an oath to David;  
he will not go back on his word;  
"A son, the fruit of your body,  
will I set upon your throne.  
If they keep my covenant in truth  
and my laws that I have taught them,  
their sons also shall rule  
on your throne from age to age."

For the Lord has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his dwelling:  
"This is my resting-place for ever,  
here have I chosen to live.  
I will greatly bless her produce,  
I will fill her poor with bread.  
I will clothe her priests with salvation  
and her faithful shall ring out their joy.

There David's stock will flower:  
I will prepare a lamp for my anointed.  
I will cover his enemies with shame  
but on him my crown shall shine."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Spirit:  
— **as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be for ever. Amen.**

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come and rescue me, for you are my  
refuge and my strength.

**Ant. 3** Turn to us, O Lord, make haste to  
help your people.

**Canticle – Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-**

**12a**<sup>SEP</sup> *The judgment of God*

We praise you, the Lord God Almighty,  
who is and who was.

You have assumed your great power,  
you have begun your reign.

The nations have raged in anger,  
but then came your day of wrath  
and the moment to judge the dead:  
The time to reward your servants  
the prophets and the holy ones who revere  
you,  
the great and the small alike.

Now have salvation and power come,  
the reign of our God and the authority of  
his Anointed One.

For the accuser of our brothers is cast out,  
who night and day accused them before  
God.  
They defeated him by the blood of the  
Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
love for life did not deter them from death.  
So rejoice, you heavens,  
and you that dwell therein!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Spirit:  
— **as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be for ever. Amen.**

**Ant.** Turn to us, O Lord, make haste to help  
your people.

**READING 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

May the God of peace make you perfect in  
holiness. May he preserve you whole and  
entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He  
who calls us is trustworthy, therefore he  
will do it.

**RESPONSORY**

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

— **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**

And grant us your salvation,

— **your mercy and love.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Spirit,

— **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

**Ant.** O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you  
govern all creation with your strong yet  
tender care. Come and show your people  
the way to salvation.

**Luke 1:46-55 - *The soul rejoices in the Lord***

+ My soul proclaims the greatness of the  
Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly  
servant.

From this day all generations will call me  
blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,

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he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**Ant. O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.**

**INTERCESSIONS**

Jesus Christ is the joy and happiness of all who look forward to his coming. Let us call upon him and say:

***Come, Lord, and do not delay!***

In joy, we wait for your coming;

— come, Lord Jesus.

***Come, Lord, and do not delay!***

Before time began, you shared life with the Father,

— come now and save us.

***Come, Lord, and do not delay!***

You created the world and all who live in it,  
— come to redeem the work of your hands.

***Come, Lord, and do not delay!***

You did not hesitate to become man,  
subject to death,

— come to free us from the power of death.

***Come, Lord, and do not delay!***

You came to give us life to the full,

— come and give us your unending life.

***Come, Lord, and do not delay!***

You desire all people to live in love in your kingdom,

— come and bring together those who long to see you face to face.

***Come, Lord, and do not delay!***

**Our Father who art in heaven...**

**Concluding Prayer**

O God, Creator and Redeemer of human nature,

who willed that your Word should take flesh

in an ever-virgin womb,

look with favor on our prayers,

that your Only Begotten Son,

having taken to himself our humanity,

may be pleased to grant us a share in his divinity.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

— Amen.

**CLOSING BLESSING**

**Sing-along With Us**

**Away in a Manger**

**Verse 1**

Away in a manger no crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head

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The stars in the sky looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

**Verse 2**

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes  
I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

**Verse 3**

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

(Repeat Verse 1)

**The First Noel**

**Verse 1**

The first noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
In fields where they lay  
In fields where they lay  
Lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night  
That was so deep

**Chorus**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.  
Born is the King of Israel**

**Verse 2**

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light

And so it continued both day and night

**Verse 3**

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far  
To seek a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went

**Verse 4**

This star drew near to the north west  
Over Bethlehem it came to rest  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

**Happy Birthday, Jesus**

**Verse 1**

Happy birthday Jesus  
I'm so glad it's Christmas  
All the tinsel and lights  
And the presents are nice  
But the real gift is You

Happy birthday Jesus  
I'm so glad it's Christmas  
All the carols and bells  
Make the holidays swell  
And it's all about You

**Ending**

Happy birthday Jesus  
Jesus I love You

**Born is the King (It's Christmas)**

**Verse 1**

Born unto us this day a Saviour  
Gifted from heaven to a manger  
The hope of the world  
A light for all mankind  
All of the earth rejoice

It's Christmas time

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**Chorus**

**So lift up your voice and sing out His praise**

**It's Christmas**

**Born is the King, rejoice in the day**

**It's Christmas**

**Make a joyful sound**

**It's Christmas**

**Let His praise resound**

**It's Christmas**

**Verse 2**

Goodwill to all the earth

And peace divine

All the earth rejoice

It's Christmas time

It's Christmas time

**Jingle Bell Rock**

**Verse 1**

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock

Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring

Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun

Now the jingle hop has begun

**Verse 2**

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock

Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time

Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square

In the frosty air.

**Bridge**

What a bright time, it's the right time

To rock the night away

**Verse 3**

Jingle bell time is a swell time

To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh

Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet

Jingle around the clock

**End**

Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet

That's the jingle bell,

That's the jingle bell,

That's the jingle bell rock

**Go Tell It on the Mountain**

**Chorus**

**Go tell it on the mountain**

**Over the hills and everywhere**

**Go tell it on the mountain**

**That Jesus Christs is born**

**Verse 1**

While shepherds kept their watching

Over silent flocks by night

Behold throughout the heavens

There shone a holy light

A holy light

**Verse 2**

The shepherds feared and trembled

When lo! above the earth

Rang out the angel's chorus

That hailed the savior's birth

The savior's birth

**Verse 3**

And lo when they heard it

They all bowed down and prayed

They traveled on together

To where the babe was laid

**Verse 4**

Down in a lowly manger

The humble Christ was born

And God sent us salvation

That blessed Christmas morn

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**Feliz Navidad**

**Verse 1**

Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Prospero año y felicidad.

**Verse 2**

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas  
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas  
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas  
From the bottom of my heart.

**Night of Silence**

**Verse 1**

Cold are the people winter of life  
We tremble in shadows  
this cold endless night  
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping  
Flowers that will echo the sunrise  
Fire of hope is our only warmth  
Weary its flame will be dying soon

**Verse 2**

Voice in the distance call in the night  
On wind you enfold us  
You speak of the light  
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly  
Rumors of a dawn so embracing  
Breathless love awaits darkened souls  
Soon will we know of the morning

**Verse 3**

Spirit among us shine like the star  
Your light that guides shepherds  
And kings from afar  
Shimmer in the sky so empty lonely  
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love  
  
Star unknowing of night and day

Spirit we wait for your loving Son

**Silent Night**

**(Turn on your candles and light up the night sky!)**

**Verse 1**

Silent night holy night  
All is calm all is bright  
'Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

**Verse 2**

Silent night holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

**Verse 3**

Silent night holy night  
Son of God love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth  
Christ the Savior is born

**Not That Far From Bethlehem**

**(Turn on your candles and light up the night sky!)**

**Verse 1**

Underneath the stars just a simple man and wife  
Somewhere in the dark his words cut the silent night  
Take my hand

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For the Child that you carry is God's own  
And though it seems the road is long

**Chorus**

**We're not that far from Bethlehem  
Where all our hope and joy began  
For in our arms we'll cherish Him  
We're not that far from Bethlehem**

**Verse 2**

Let us celebrate as the Christmases go by  
Learn to live our days  
With our hearts near to the Child  
Ever drawn ever close  
To the only love that lasts  
And though two thousand years have  
passed

**Ending**

We're not that far  
From Bethlehem  
From Bethlehem