

**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^{SEP} *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
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