



December 24, 2020

# Christmas Eve



# O Come O Come Emmanuel

*John Mason Neale and Kurtis Parks*

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

O come thou rod of Jesse free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of hell Thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave

*CHORUS*

O come thou Day-spring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine Advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight

*CHORUS*

O come Thou Root of Jesse's tree  
An ensign of Thy people be  
Before Thee rulers silent fall  
All peoples on Thy mercy call

*CHORUS*

# Call to Worship

*Revelation 22:1-7*

*Leader*

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

*Congregation*

**No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.**

*Leader*

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

*Congregation*

**"And behold, I am coming soon."**

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

*Andrew Peterson*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground  
An angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around  
"Fear not!" said he; For mighty dread had seized their troubled minds  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind

To you in David's town this day Is born of David's line  
The Savior who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:  
The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed  
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands and in a manger laid"

Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
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"All glory be to God on high and to the earth be peace  
Good will henceforth from God to man, begin and never cease."

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# He Shall Reign Forevermore

*Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher*

In the bleak mid-winter All creation groans  
For a world in darkness Frozen like a stone  
Light is breaking  
In a stable for a throne

*CHORUS*

(And) He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
Unto us a Child is born  
The King of kings and Lord of lords  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

If I were a wise man I would travel far  
If I were a shepherd I would do my part  
But poor as I am  
I will give to Him my heart

*CHORUS*

Here within a manger lies  
the One Who made the starry skies  
This baby born for sacrifice  
Christ the Messiah  
Into our hopes into our fears The Savior of the world appears  
The promise of eternal years  
Christ the Messiah

*CHORUS*

# Scripture Reading

*Luke 2:1-21*

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

# O Holy Night

*Adolphe Charles Adam, Placide Cappeau, John S. Dwight*

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope--the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

## *CHORUS*

Fall on your knees!

O hear the angel voices!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

O night divine, O night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;  
Let all within us praise His holy name.

## *CHORUS 2*

Christ is the Lord

O praise His name forever

His power and glory Evermore proclaim

His power and glory Evermore proclaim

O night divine,

O night, O night divine!



# Homily

*PASTOR ROGER WILLIAMS*

# Hark The Herald Angels Sing

*Charles Wesley, Chris Douglas, and Kurtis Parks*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

# Silent Night

*Traditional German song / 19<sup>th</sup> century*

*WE INVITE YOU TO FIND A CANDLE TO LIGHT AT HOME AS WE SING*

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

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior is born  
Christ, the Savior is born

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  
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