

Advent - Christmas Diocesan Carol Service 2020

Opening Carol The Lord Made Known To Israel

The Lord made known to Israel,
His great redeeming plan.
He speaks to us his people now
Through Christ his Son made man.
We have been called like Israel,
To witness to God's grace,
A people he has made his own,
A royal priestly race.

God brought his people to the mount,
As we are gathered now,
To hear His holy word proclaimed
And their allegiance vow.
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To witness to God's grace,
A people he has made his own,
A royal priestly race.

Welcome and Introduction Bishop Fintan

First Reading Is. 40: 1. Console my people

Response sung Come, O Come Emmanuel

Prayer for Essential Workers and Services

Carol O Comfort My People

1.
O Comfort, my people,
and calm all your fear;
the day of salvation is quickly drawing near.
The One you long to see
will soon set you free.
O come, Lord Jesus, come.
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

2.
Silence the thunder, silence sounds of war.
End all destruction and comfort those who mourn.
Your dream draws near, your vision is here.
O come, Lord Jesus, come.
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

3.
Be light in the darkness,
be truth for our lives.
Be strength for the helpless,
the poor and lost who cry.
O saving voice, O living choice,
O come, Lord Jesus, come.
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

Reading Mk. 3:5-6. A voice cries ... prepare a way for the Lord

Response sung Come, O Come Emmanuel

Prayer for families, especially those unable to return home for Christmas

Carol O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel,
to free your captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,
to you shall come Emmanuel.

O key of David's city come,
And open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads above,
Protect us ever by your love.
Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,
to you shall come Emmanuel.

Reading Will there be Christmas? Of course!

A Reflection by a Spanish Parish Priest to his Parishioners

Response sung Come, O Come Emmanuel

Prayer for Covid vaccine and our care for each other

Carol Dominican Magnificat

Refrain

To praise my soul rejoices in God.
To praise my soul shall glorify the Lord.
He who is mighty has done great things for me.
Behold the servant of God. **Refrain**

1.

To bless, to bless the people of God.
To bless, to bless the name of the Lord.
All generations shall call her blessed.
Behold the servant of God. **Refrain**

2.

To preach, to preach the Word of our Lord.
To preach, to preach His truth to the Earth.
Teach us to follow Him and show us His way,
For holy is His name. **Refrain**

Reading Is. 7:13-14. The Maiden is with Child

Response sung Come, O Come Emmanuel

Prayer for comfort for those who feel lonely and isolated

Carol Puer Natus Est Nobis

Puer natus est nobis
Et filius datus est nobis
Cuius imperium super humerum eius
Et vocabitur nomen eius
Magni consilii Angelus

Cantate Domino canticum novum.
Quia mirabilia fecit
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
in secula seculorum. Amen.

Translation:

A boy is born to us, Holy Spirit.
And a son is given to us,
upon whose shoulders authority rests,
and His name will be called
"The Angel of Great Counsel".
Sing to the Lord a new song,
because he has worked wonders.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, and is now,
and always will be, forever and ever. Amen.

Reading Lk. 2:15-20 They found Mary, Joseph and the child lying in the manger

Bishop Fintan's Pastoral Message

Christmas Carol Hark the Herald

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 the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

As the figure of the Baby Jesus is brought forward to Bishop Fintan for blessing, you are invited, at home, to also bring your figure of the baby Jesus to be blest at the same time. After the blessing, wrap the figure and place under your Christmas Tree, to be the first gift opened on Christmas morning and then placed in the Crib.

Prayer of Blessing of *Bambinelli*

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Saviour was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives He brings joy and peace,
Justice, mercy and love.

Lord,
bless ✠ all who look upon this figure of the child Jesus;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise up our thoughts to him,
who is Emmanuel, God-with-us and Saviour of all,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Christmas Carol *Adeste Fidelis*

1.

Adeste Fideles laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte, Regem Angelorum;
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum!

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

2.

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. **Refrain**

3.

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

Refrain

Final Prayer and Blessing

BISHOP May the waiting of the God of Advent touch you in your listening heart.
May the companionship of Christ Jesus nurture you with gentleness this
day.

All Amen

BISHOP May the tender mercy of God draw you to the gentle compassion meant for
you.

All Amen

BISHOP May the witness of Mary, the mother of Jesus,
Inspire you to magnify, to the world,
Your own greatness and beauty of soul.

All Amen

BISHOP May the Spirit of Jesus be born in you,
For others to see a light shining with the radiance
Of a love that is humble, real, gracious and overflowing.

All Amen

Final Carol *Silent Night*

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 Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!