

ADVENT ROSARY TOGETHER 2020
(29 November to 23 December 2020)

1. *Opening Hymn: O Come Divine Messiah* (Find appropriate hymn in BM and other languages)

O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flees away.

Chorus:

Sweet Saviour, haste. Come, come to earth
Dispel the night and show thy face
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day,
When hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flees away.

2. *Sign of the Cross*

3. *Opening Prayer* (Together by all)

Abba Father, we thank you for you have always loved us.
You sent us Jesus your Son our God Emmanuel two thousand years ago,
and since then, we have always the wonder of Christmas.

As we come together in prayer this Advent in this troubling time of the pandemic,
we ask you to send forth your mighty Spirit:
To bind us ever more strongly together in love and support of each other,
To appreciate more thankfully the precious Gift of Jesus our Saviour,
To pray more faithfully, and watch more vigilantly,
in the joy of sure hope in the Lord's Return,
a joy the pandemic and the world cannot take away.

May your Holy Spirit take us to pray with Mary the Mother of God and our Mother,
who carried Jesus lovingly in her womb and brought forth Peace and Joy to the world.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. *Gospel Reading* (for the appropriate text, please see below, read by an appointed reader)

1st Week in Advent (29 Nov to 5 Dec 2020), Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening,

midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!’

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

2nd Week in Advent (6 to 12 Dec 2020), Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

3rd Week in Advent (13 to 19 Dec 2020), John 1:6-8,19-28

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,

so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, ‘I am not the Christ.’ ‘Well then,’ they asked ‘are you Elijah?’ ‘I am not’ he said. ‘Are you the Prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ So they said to him, ‘Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?’ So John said, ‘I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

A voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.’

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, ‘Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?’ John replied, ‘I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.’ This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

4th Week in Advent (20 to 23 Dec 2020), Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. He went in and said to her, ‘Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.’ She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, ‘Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God’s favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?’ ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you’ the angel answered ‘and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.’ ‘I am the handmaid of the Lord,’ said Mary ‘let what you have said be done to me.’ And the angel left her.

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Intention for each of the five decades of the Rosary.

(1st Decade) We pray for all who are suffering because of the pandemic. We pray especially for those who have died because of the virus, for those still infected and the doctors, nurses, and all at the front-line taking care of them. May the Spirit of God, the Spirit of hope and joy, rule again in their hearts this Advent.

(For 29 and 30 November 2020 only, at the end of each decade’s intention). Let us pray for all the souls in purgatory. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

(2nd Decade) For our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop John, and all leaders of God’s People, that they may be given greater wisdom and courage to shepherd the People of God in these bewildering and trying times when many are deprived of the sacraments.

(For 29 and 30 November 2020 only, at the end of each decade’s intention). Let us pray for all the souls in purgatory. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

(3rd Decade) We pray for our beloved Malaysia and Sabah, particularly for our politicians in these uncertain times. May God enlighten their minds, remove evil from their heart, bend their will to serve God and for the common good of all.

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(4th Decade) For peace in the world. May God remove the roots of all conflicts in the heart of all peoples. May this Advent become the Advent of Reconciliation and Peace as we prepare to receive the Infant and Prince of Peace this Christmas.

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(5th Decade) For us who are praying. May we ourselves remain faithful, alert, and patient, praying and watching for the coming of the Lord at all times.

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The rosary is concluded as usual with 'Hail Holy Queen...' after which:

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Our Lady Queen of the Rosary R. Pray for us.

V. St Joseph R. Pray for us.

V. St Michael the Archangel R. Pray for us.

V. All you Angels and Saints of God R. Pray for us.

Let us pray.

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these Mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

V: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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R: Have mercy on us. Amen.

6. Sign of The Cross

7. Concluding Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Find appropriate hymn in BM and other languages).

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear. (*Chorus*)

Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel, to Thee shall come Emmanuel.

O come, thou day spring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh,
Dispel the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight. (*Chorus*)

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THE MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Five Joyful Mysteries (Mondays & Saturdays)

The Annunciation
The Visitation
The Nativity
The Presentation in the Temple
The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays & Fridays)

The Prayer and Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar
The Crowning with Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion and Death

The Five Glorious Mysteries (Wednesdays & Sundays)

The Resurrection
The Ascension of Christ into Heaven
The Descent of the Holy Spirit
The Assumption
The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Five Luminous Mysteries (Thursdays)

The Baptism of the Lord
The Wedding at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the Call to conversion
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Eucharist