



Monday, December 24, 2018

## *Shout to the Lord because the Savior is Born!*



**“VESPERS OF THE LORD’S BIRTH,”** (Arranged by St. Francis with interpolations.)

Exult in God our help!

Ps 81:2

Shout to the Lord God living and true with cries of gladness!

Ps 47:2

Because the Lord, the Most High,  
the Awesome, is the Great king over all the earth.

Ps 47:3

Because the Most Holy Father of heaven, our King before all ages

Ps 74:12

Sent His Beloved Son from on high  
and He was born of the Blessed Virgin Holy Mary.

He called to me: You are my Father

Ps 89:27

and I will place Him, my firstborn, as the Highest,  
above all the kings of the earth.

Ps 89:28

On that day the Lord sent His mercy  
and at night His song. Ps 42:9

This is the day the Lord has made  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Ps 118:24

For the Most Holy Child has been given to us  
and has been born for us on the way  
and placed in a manger  
because he did not have a place in the inn.

Is 9:6

Glory to the Lord God in the highest  
and peace on earth those of good will.  
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth exult,  
let the sea and its fullness resound,  
let the fields and all that is in them be joyful.

Lk 2:14

Ps 96:11-12

Sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Because the Lord is great and worth of praise  
He is awesome beyond all gods.

Ps 96:1

Ps 96:4

Give to the Lord, you families of nations,



give to the Lord glory and praise,  
give to the Lord the glory due His name.

Ps 96:7-8, Jn 19:17

Take up your bodies and carry His holy cross  
And follow His most holy commands even to the end.

I Pt 2:21

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. **AMEN.**

## **GOD'S SON HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

ISAIAH 9:6-7

## **ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER** (Loving Mother of the Redeemer)

Loving mother of the Redeemer,  
gate of heaven, star of the sea,  
assist your people who have fallen  
yet strive to rise again.  
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,  
Yet remained a virgin after as before.  
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,  
have pity on us poor sinners.

*(Marian Antiphon Traditionally Said from Advent to Candlemas)*

## **PRAYER**

The wondrous gift has been given! Let the celebration begin! God has chosen to dwell among us. Lord Jesus, thank you for coming into our world and joining in our human condition. You have humbled yourself in order to give yourself to us, to join with us as intimately as possible. Joined with all creation, our hearts cannot help but shout with joy! **AMEN!**

*(Adapted, with additions, from: Advent and Christmas: Wisdom from St. Francis of Assisi, compiled by John V Kruse. Missouri: Liguori. 2008.)*