



23RD DECEMBER

O Antiphons: O Emmanuel — God with us.

Leader:

O Emmanuel, God-with-us, dwell among us and make our hearts Your home. Come, Lord Jesus, and save Your people.

Cantor: The Lord our king who is to come, come let us adore Him. *(Chant or recite)*

All: The Lord our king who is to come, come let us adore Him. *(Chant or recite)*

Scripture: Matthew 1:18–23

Reflection:

Out of infinite love, God chose to dwell among us in Jesus. Every act of love given and received can be a humble manger in our hearts, where Christ is born anew. Likewise, hate, discord and division shut our hearts against His indwelling.

Prayer to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

O Holy Family of Nazareth,
teach us to live with faith, hope, and love each day.
Help us to welcome Christ afresh into our hearts and homes,
May we reflect His light and love within our communities and to the entire world.
May the Angelic song of joy, singing glory to God
and peace to all people of good will, resound the earth. **Amen.**