

# ADVENT WITH THE MASTERS 2017

Sunday Dec 24

He comes, the desire of all human hearts; his dwelling place shall be resplendent with glory, alleluia.. (*Antiphon, Fourth Sunday of Advent*)

Monday Dec 25

Let the Church sing with rejoicing, *Glory in the Birth of the Highest, by Whom the world above and the world below are illumined! Blessed be He in Whose Birth all are made glad!* - Ephrem the Syrian (d. 373)

Tuesday Dec 26

Let us then joyfully celebrate the festive day on which he who is the great and eternal day came from the great and endless day of eternity into our own short day of time. Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man. - Augustine (354 - 430)

Wednesday Dec 27

The Word was made man; full of grace and truth, he lived among us. From his fullness we all have received gift upon gift of his love, alleluia. - *Antiphon, Morning Prayer, in the octave of Christmas*

Thursday Dec 28

We must then dig deeply in Christ. He is like a rich mine with many pockets containing treasures: however deep we dig we will never find their end or their limit. Indeed, in every pocket new seams of fresh riches are discovered on all sides. For this reason the apostle Paul said of Christ: *In him are hidden all the treasures of the wisdom and knowledge of God.* - John of the Cross (1542 - 1591)



Friday Dec 29

...the Spirit and the virgin met/  
in the little town of Nazareth/  
to generate a wondrous child/  
that would rise mighty, mild/  
to make us whole/  
by rising in the soul/  
of the simple and the poor/  
the thinker and the doer/of the sinner and the innocent;  
wherever the Animator went/  
life was generated/  
wounded people celebrated/  
the gracious epiphany/of eternal Fidelity.  
Adrian van Kaam (1920 - 2007) "A TASTE OF IMMORTALITY"



Saturday Dec 30

The child Jesus points us to this primal truth of human existence: we must be born again. We must be accepted, and we must let ourselves be accepted. We must transform our dependency into love and become free therein. We must be born again, laying aside our pride and becoming a child. In the child Jesus, we must recognize and receive the fruit of life. This is what Christmas is meant to bring about in us. - Pope Benedict XVI (1927 - )

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