

# Prayer Meeting Podcast

Episode 017: Advent Worship Week IV, and "A Christmas Story" !!!

\*\*\*\*\*SONGS\*\*\*\*\*

## LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

George Weissel, 1642 (Based on Psalm 24)

Lift up Your heads, ye mighty gates  
Behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of Kings is drawing near  
The Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest  
Where Christ the ruler is confest!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
To whom the King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart  
Make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heav'ns employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

So, come my sov'reign, enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin;  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until the glorious crown be won.

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## WATCHMAN TELL US OF THE NIGHT

John Bowring, 1825, Joseph Parry 1879

Watchman, tell us of the night  
What its signs of promise are  
Trav'ler o'er yon mountain height  
See that glory beaming star.  
Watchman does its beauteous ray  
Aught of joy or hope foretell?  
Trav'ler yes: it brings the day  
Promised day of Israel

Watchman, tell us of the night  
Higher yet that star ascends  
Trav'ler blessedness and light  
Peace and truth its course portends  
Watchman will its beams alone  
Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Trav'ler ages are its own  
See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night  
For the morning seems to dawn  
Trav'ler darkness takes its flight  
Doubt and terror are withdrawn  
Watchman let thy wandrings cease  
Hie thee to thy quiet home  
Trav'ler, lo! the Prince of Peace  
Lo! the Son of God is come!

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## O COME O COME EMMANUEL

veni veni Emmanuel, Latin 9th cent.; tr. by John Neale, 1818-1866

O Come Thou Dayspring from on high.  
And cheer us by Thy drawing night.  
Disperse that gloomy clouds of night  
And put death's dark shadows to flight

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to Thee, O Israel.**

O Come Desire of Nations bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease  
And by Thyself our King of peace.

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## HOPE IN THE LORD

[Robert Filoramo, Jr.](#)

Our Lord is the eternal God  
Creator of the ends of the earth  
He does not grow faint nor grow weary  
And His knowledge is beyond compare

He gives strength unto the fainting  
For the weak He makes vigor abound  
Though young men may faint and grow weary  
And though, they stumble and fall

**They that hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength  
They will soar as with the wings of eagles  
They will run and never grow weary  
They will walk and never faint**

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## CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

Latin, 9th century; Tr. by John M. Neale

Creator of the stars of night  
Thy people's everlasting light  
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all  
And hear your servants as we call

Thou grieving at the ancient curse  
Should doom to death the universe  
Has found the medicine full of grace  
To save and heal the ruined race

Thou camest the Bridegroom of the Bride  
As drew the world the evening tide  
Proceeding from a Virgin shrine  
The Spotless Victim all divine

At Whose dread Name, majestic now  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow  
And things celestial Thee shall own  
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

O Thou Whose coming is with dread  
To judge and doom the quick and dead  
Preserve us while we dwell below  
From every insult of the foe.

To God the Father, God the Son  
And God the Spirit, Three in One  
Laud, honor, might and glory be  
From age to age eternally.

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## LAUDEM DOMINI

Roman Gradual

Laudem Domini Loquetur os meum:  
*The praises of the Lord are spoken from lips of mine.*

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## \*\*\*\*\*SONG OF THE WEEK\*\*\*\*\*

*Lyric Study and Guitar Workshop*

### The Everlasting

by Fellowship Church

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YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqaU7piEIdA>

## \*\*\*\*\*SHOW NOTES\*\*\*\*\*

- What has been our Advent progress these last few days, in the midst of Christmas preparations?
- Why has *A Christmas Story* become so strongly loved during this season?
- It is a funny movie; but aren't there other funny Christmas movies out there?
- It's a quotable movie; but are there other highly-quotable Christmas movies?
- Is the film popular because it represents an America that no longer exists?
- Two Major Advent Themes:
  - 1) Every single material gift in this world--no matter how wonderful--will always fail to fully satisfy our deepest longings. (Heaven is our home, where nothing will ever disappoint us).
  - 2) How are the dual themes of judgment and mercy shown in this film?
- We need to be ready for the judgment we all will receive; we need to be right with God.
- This Christmas, we can ask God to come alive for us, reveal Himself to us, expecting that our lives will be changed.

## Episode Log Times

3:05 - Worship Session (Music and Prayer)  
3:30 - Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates  
6:10 - Watchman Tell Us Of the Night  
8:12 - O Come O Come Emmanuel (6th & 7th verses)  
10:51 - Hope In the Lord  
15:21 - Creator Of the Stars of Night  
17:36 - Laudem Domini  
19:05 - Spoken, Spontaneous Prayer  
26:48 - Song of the Week: The Everlasting by Fellowship Church  
*(lyric study and guitar workshop)*  
32:55 - Sharing: Advent IV and "A Christmas Story"  
48:44 - Final Comments and Doxology

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