

Advent Hymn #1 for AFEDJ
St. Nicholas Day

Refrain:

A song of celebration
Saint Nicholas we sing
Our hopes and aspirations
For peace with justice ring

1

Our Advent call awakens
Christ's people to prepare
To love and serve those needing
Our prayers and gifts of care

2

To Palestine you traveled
Christ's footsteps there to trace
A cave your visit hallows
Your ways we now embrace

3

To Bethlehem you bring us
We pray for those who dare
To share the Christmas story
The burdens that they bear

4

O blessed saint, remind us,
To be like you, that we
May give and in that giving,
the Christ Child truly see



Text: 2009 by James M Rosenthal, St Nicholas Society
Tune: All Glory Laud and Honor (Palm Sunday) St Theodolph

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Blest Mary
Hymn #2 for AFEDJ
St. Nicolas Day

Blest Mary shelters in the cave
The gift that God's abundance gave
To weary earth; this child conveys
The joy we share each Christmas day.

Joseph, with shepherds and the wise
Adore the Christ, his human guise
Allows his sacred touch to bless
As we our faith in Love confess

Still we for justice and for peace
Pray, Christ, your saving love release;
As now in Bethlehem as then
Both cries and alleluias blend.



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Tune: What Star is This?

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Advent Hymn #3 for AFEDJ
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Each year we celebrate with joy the coming
Of that great Saint of old we love so dear
His legends are the stories we all cherish
They call to mind that Christmas now is near

Chorus:

*O great St Nicholas, we hail and greet you
We thank you for the good news that you bring
O lead us on to Bethlehem, the Manger,
Where we can pray and joyous songs forever sing*

Your love of children, marks your way of caring
The students three, new life you bring to be.
The sailors, soldiers and the ones in prison,
Your power and prayer, the miracles we see.

Chorus:

Dear saint your name brings hope and consolation
To people poor and those who suffer wrong
The celebrations and the joy and splendor
Become the theme and message of our song
Chorus:

We now receive the gifts you freely give us
As tokens of your generosity
That we must imitate and share the goodness
We at this season in each other see
Chorus:

Tune: Danny Boy

For: Walbrook

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