

On This Day, "On this day", a Christmas antiphon from the liturgical books of the (Lit. Cent. Orthodox) Russian orthodox church. I thought it made a nice beginning and ending for these Advent Monday, Tuesday Prayers. And with Christmas itself now so near, some more music today, to rejoice and prepare, and to pray.

— ADVENT PREFACE 2

MUSIC (Come Love, Come)

CHA.E.2

In this time of giving, sending and receiving greetings & Christmas cards, there's one I'd like to share with you today, as a greeting and Christmas wish for you. It's supposed to be a Christmas greeting sent in 1513 to a friend by an Italian monk named Br John: QQ. (MP 300 p1)

And now, in prayer - praise, O Come Emmanuel — these ancient verses (in various forms) were taken from OT imagery and used in different hymns & prayers — traditionally, one of them was used as an antiphon for night prayers on the days before Christmas, beginning on 17th Dec. today:

QQ. (MP 652)
653Joy to World (2nd)

MUSIC