The following pages contain information that will assist you in preparing your liturgy for the date below. The two pages that include music suggestions, Elaine Rendler's column and the music planning template, come from *Today's Liturgy*, a liturgy preparation magazine published quarterly by OCP. The page with a suggested introduction to Mass and general intercessions comes from *Prayer of the Faithful*, a resource for liturgy preparation published annually by OCP. Paul Covino's ritual commentary and the bulletin note and image come from Liturgy.com.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED I	N MUSIC SUGGESTIONS
BB	R, R2

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MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

See page 72 for an abbreviation key. For additional music suggestions, visit liturgy.com.

ENTRANCE/GATHERING SONG

Every Valley (Dufford) BB/MI 71 CP2 220 GP2 297 H 189 J2 326 TM 54 UC 320 VOZ 370 OCP 10476TL

Comfort, Comfort O My People Geneva forty-two BB/MI 54 J 159 J2 327 TM 37

Save Us, O Lord (Dufford) BB/MI 670 CP2 339 GP2 301 H 201 J 695 J2 555 UC 324 VOZ 316 OCP 9495TL

Sing Out, Earth and Skies (Haugen) BB/MI 577 CP2 388 H 397 R 77 R2 248 UC 739

Canticle of Zachary (Joncas) BB/MI 641 CP2 107 GP2 156 H 552 J 413 J2 121 UC 770 VOZ 842 OCP 10306TL

Ready the Way (Hurd) BB/MI 61 CP2 222 H 196 J 182 J2 323 TM 44 God Has Chosen Me (B. Farrell) BB/MI 390 CP2 505 GP2 546

H 525 J 709 J2 831 NTY 127 R 9 R2 85 SS2 345 UC 602 VOZ 736 OCP 9667TL

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates TRURO BB/MI 74 J 169 J2 330 TM 57 $\,$

We Ever Will Praise You (McDonell) BB/MI 553 NTY 111 SS2 399 OCP 12166TL

On Jordan's Bank WINCHESTER NEW BB/MI 38 CM 24 CP2 215 GP2 296 H 200 J 171 J2 315 TM 21 UC 328 VOZ 362 OCP 12200TL

RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 6–7 A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 13, 234

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Come, Watch and Wait (Glen/Inwood) BB/MI 66 TM 49 OCP 20762TL

Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte) BB/MI 52 TM 35 OCP 10782TL All That Is Hidden (B. Farrell) BB/MI 518 GP2 585 J 586 J2 762 OCP 7161TL

Maranatha (Schoenbachler) BB/MI 39 GP2 295 J 185 TM 22 OCP 10003TL

A Voice Cries Out (Joncas) BB/MI 43 CP2 214 GP2 294 H 187 J 174 J2 313 TM 26 UC 314 VOZ 353 OCP 10000TL

Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem (Hurd) BB/MI 542 J2 667 SS2 295 OCP 12003TL

Come, Lord Jesus (Ridge) BB/MI 73 J 981 TM 56 OCP 11119TL O Silence (Foley/Glen) BB/MI 590 OCP 20157TL

COMMUNION SONG

We Remember (Haugen) BB/MI 535 CM 140 CP2 413 H 426 UC 652 Maranatha (Chiusano) BB/MI 72 TM 55 OCP 11973TL

Bread for the World (B. Farrell) BB/MI 346 GP2 528 H 500 J 609 J2 810 NTY 64 SS1 157 OCP 11727TL

Advent Litany/Letanía de Adviento (Cortez) BB/MI 68 TM 51 UC 336 OCP 20326TL

Christ, Be Our Light (B. Farrell) BB/MI 546 CM 110 GP2 656 J 887 NTY 8 SS1 105 UC 783 VOZ 625 OCP 10087TL

Like a Shepherd (Dufford) BB/MI 633 CM 130 CP2 402 GP2 708 H 471 J 669 J2 648 UC 765 VOZ 617 OCP 9933TL

Maranatha (Westphal) BB/MI 69 J 184 TM 52

Lord, Make Us Turn to You (Roberts) BB/MI 55 TM 38 OCP 10783TL

This Is Our Cry (Whitaker) BB/MI 490 OCP 12887TL

Bread of Life (Advent/Christmas Setting) (B. Farrell) BB/MI 76 TM 59 Patience, People (Foley) BB/MI 46 CP2 217 GP2 303 H 190 J 188 J2 314 TM 29 UC 322 VOZ 359 OCP 5736TL

A Voice Cries Out (Joncas) BB/MI 43 CP2 214 GP2 294 H 187 J 174 J2 313 TM 26 UC 314 VOZ 353 OCP 10000TL

Last week's Gospel began with one of Luke's major themes: Jesus is the fulfillment of the Hebrew Testament. Another characteristic of Luke's writing is the sense of joy with which he writes. Today's liturgy offers joyous words in the first reading, the Communion verse from the prophet Baruch, and the antiphon of responsorial Psalm 126. The Gospel begins by situating Jesus in history and ends with part of the joyful prophecy from Isaiah.

Attention cantors: the topic of joy reminded me of a letter I recently received from a music director. Consider his words! He thinks that perhaps cantors have been instructed so dutifully not to call attention to themselves that some seem expressionless. (Although, leading a room full of expressionless people isn't easy, is it?) So, for today's liturgy, let's invoke the workshop words of the eminent pastoral liturgist Sulpician Father Eugene Walsh (1911–1989): "If it's good for you to be here [at liturgy], inform your face!" How can we possibly sing today's responsorial without a joyful expression?

Fire up your folks about the importance of good liturgy by reading to them Annie Dillard's words in Rodica Stoicoiu's essay, "Eucharist and Hope," in this issue (pp. 8–11). Rodica writes about several other Lucan themes as well: meals, and the rich and the poor. Sharing the good news with our musicians is one of the demands of our special music ministry call. There's never been a shortage of preachers in the choir! Rodica's essay is an excellent place from which to begin the year of Luke. Feel free to share her essay with others.

— Elaine Rendler-McQueeney

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

Let the Valleys Be Raised (Schutte) BB/MI 62 CP2 218 GP2 310 H 191 J 190 TM 45 VOZ 373

Benedictus (B. Farrell) BB/MI 837 J2 122 UC 769 VOZ 841 Soon and Very Soon soon AND VERY SOON BB/MI 612 CP2 465 GP2 723 H 551 J 496 J2 683 NTY 276 UC 809 VOZ 672 OCP 10265TL

We Are Called (Haas) BB/MI 602 CP2 511 H 534

Alleluia! Raise the Gospel (Farrell/Alstott) BB/MI 603 NTY 273 OCP 11978TL

In the Day of the Lord (Ridge) BB/MI 611 CP2 466 GP2 722 H 549 J 879 J 879 J2 685 R2 314 SS1 121 UC 808 VOZ 673 OCP 9889TL

Ready the Way (Stephan) BB/MI 67 NTY 147 SS2 293 TM 50 OCP 12789TL

You Are the Light (O'Connor) BB/MI 545 OCP 20371TL

The Coming of Our God optatus votis omnium BB/MI 70 J 162 TM 53 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came Gabriel's message BB/MI 56 GP2 441 J2 513 TM 39 $\,$

Comfort, Comfort O My People Geneva forty-two BB/MI 54 J 159 J2 327 TM 37

Emmanuel (Angrisano) BB/MI 53 NTY 148 SS2 290 TM 36 OCP 20131TL

Let the King of Glory Come (Joncas) BB/MI 60 GP2 299 H 195 J 187 J2 320 TM 43

CHORAL

- Rorate Caeli (Joncas) OCP 4627TL
- Three Advent Carols (C. Mawby) OCP 4598TL
- Advent and Christmas Alleluias (L. Mayernik) OCP 4623TL

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CALL TO WORSHIP	Time	Presiding Minister
Music Rehearsal/Liturgical Catechesis		
Introduction, see Prayer of the Faithful, page 13 _		
INTRODUCTORY RITES		
Entrance/Gathering Song		
Rite of Sprinkling or Penitential Rite		
LITURGY OF THE WORD		
First Reading		Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading		Gospel Acclamation
Gospel		
Homily/Preaching		
Dismissal of the Catechumens and Elect		
General Intercessions, see Prayer of the Faith	ful, page 13	
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST		
Music for Preparation of the Gifts		
Eucharistic Acclamations		
Holy		
Memorial Acclamation		Great Amen
Communion Rite		
Lord's Prayer		
Lamb of God		
Communion Processional		
Psalm or Hymn of Praise/Instrumental or Sile	nce	
CONCLUDING RITE		
Sending Forth		
Choral Anthem of the Day		
Prelude/Postlude		
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See Isaiah 30:19, 30

People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

FIRST READING Baruch 5:1–9 (6C)

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and be glad! The glory of God will shine upon you. The mountains and valleys will become a level plain. "God is leading Israel in joy."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READINGPhilippians 1:4–6, 8–11
Paul prayed for the Philippians that the good work begun in them

Paul prayed for the Philippians that the good work begun in them may be "filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4, 6

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1–6

The word of God was spoken to John the Baptizer. From that time on he went about proclaiming a baptism of repentance, saying, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

We echo the cry of John, the baptizer of the Lord Jesus: "Make ready the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight!"

PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, you show us the splendor of your love. Lord, have mercy. Christ Jesus, you show us the path to peace and justice. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you lead us in the light of your mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Presiding Minister

Longing for the day when the Lord will come again, we bring our prayers before the Holy One.

Leader

- A That the Church stand like Jerusalem upon the heights, proclaiming with a pure heart the word of the Lord, we pray to the Lord:
- B That every nation of the world prepare the way for justice and peace, we pray to the Lord:
- C That the prophets and witnesses to Christ in our time proclaim him without fear, we pray to the Lord:

That those who are estranged from their families forgive one another and be reconciled, we pray to the Lord:

D	That those who go forth from this gathering
	walk together in Christ's justice and mercy,
	we pray to the Lord:

Presiding Minister

Holy God, your glory fills creation with light and life. Stay with us and make us ever brighter signs of your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Ritual Notes

by Paul Covino, from Today's Liturgy 2010

As with the music of the season, the presider's texts at Sunday Masses during Advent can amplify the seasonal imagery. Choose appropriately from among the options in the *Sacramentary*, such as form Cii of the penitential rite which refers to Christ's coming in the past, present, and future. Other texts could be slightly adapted to reflect the season, such as "May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose day draws near, be with you all" for the greeting during the introductory rites. In communities that will not celebrate Mass today, note that there is an Advent insert for form A of the opening prayer in the Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word in *Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest* (189; USCCB Publishing, 800-235-8722, usccb.org).

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist proclaims a baptism "of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." While Advent is not primarily a penitential season, it does challenge us to acknowledge our sins and the ways in which we have not prepared the way of the Lord. The *Rite of Penance* provides an outline and texts for an Advent penitential celebration (Appendix II, 20-24). A sample "Advent Penitential Service" is also available in *Prayer Services for Parish Life* (49-53; World Library Publications, wlpmusic.com, 800-566-6150).

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JERUSALEM'S GLORY

God's town, Jerusalem, has a new name: "Peace through justice and the glory of God's worship." Standing up on the heights, Jerusalem gathers all God's people to look out for the Messiah's coming. Zechariah and Elizabeth's son, John, proclaimed in the desert a baptism of repentance. "Prepare for the Messiah, the anointed one," he cried. "Make his paths straight. Fill up the valleys, and level the mountains ... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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