

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 IN MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

BB	<i>Breaking Bread</i> (published yearly)	R, R2	<i>Rise Up and Sing</i> (young people)
CM	<i>Companion Missal</i> (published yearly)	SS1, SS2 . . .	<i>Spirit & Song</i> and <i>Spirit & Song</i> (Volume 2) (young adults)
CP2	<i>Choral Praise Comprehensive</i> (Second Edition)	TM	<i>Today's Missal</i> (published three times yearly)
GP2	<i>Glory & Praise</i> (Second Edition)	UC	<i>United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo 2009-2011, music resource</i>
H	<i>Heritage Missal</i> (published yearly)	VOZ	<i>One Faith/Una Voz</i> (hymnal)
J, J2	<i>Journeysongs</i> (hymnal) <i>Journeysongs</i> (Second Edition)	♣	Trinitas (collection)
MI	<i>Music Issue</i> (published yearly)	♪	Octavo
NTY	<i>Never Too Young: Spirit & Song for Young People</i>		

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MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

See page 72 for an abbreviation key.

For additional music suggestions, visit liturgy.com.

ENTRANCE/GATHERING SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL BB/MI 36
CM 26 CP2 213 GP2 293 H 186 J 161 J2 311 NTY 151 R 84 R2 94
TM 19 UC 316 VOZ 349 OCP 11492TL
Luke 1: Magnificat (Farrell/Alstott) BB/MI 835 CP2 106 H 182 J 967
J2 11 UC 243 VOZ 528 OCP 10370TL
Emmanuel (Angrisano) BB/MI 53 NTY 148 SS2 290 TM 36
OCP 20131TL
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
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
Litany of the Word (B. Farrell) BB/MI 42 J2 312 TM 25 OCP 7162TL
Let the King of Glory Come (Joncas) BB/MI 60 GP2 299 H 195 J 187
J2 320 TM 43
The Advent of Our King ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS) BB/MI 59 CM 23
CP2 212 H 188 J 165 J2 322 TM 42 UC 315 VOZ 354
Lord of Glory (Manion) BB/MI 637 CP2 404 GP2 707 H 472 J 698
J2 645 VOZ 618

RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 14–15

A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 19, 224

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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
Mary's Song (Rieth) BB/MI 717 CP2 324 GP2 436 H 321 J 600
J2 495 R 136 R2 175 UC 494 VOZ 542 OCP 8305TL
Servant Song (McGargill) BB/MI 383 CM 116 CP2 506 GP2 550
H 529 J 597 J2 837 UC 595 VOZ 747 OCP 9263TL
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came GABRIEL'S MESSAGE BB/MI 56
GP2 441 J2 513 TM 39
Advent Litany/Letanía de Adviento (Cortez) BB/MI 68 TM 51
UC 336 OCP 20326TL
Maranatha (Westphal) BB/MI 69 J 184 TM 52
Waiting in Silence (Landry) BB/MI 41 NTY 153 TM 24 OCP 12058TL
Ave Maria (Norbet) BB/MI 713 GP2 429 H 309 J 886 J2 504
OCP 10001TL

COMMUNION SONG

Luke 1: My Soul Rejoices (Alstott) BB/MI 834 CP2 104 H 171 J 502
J2 503 UC 242 VOZ 272 OCP 8727TL
O Holy Mary (Alstott) BB/MI 721 J 499 J2 494 UC 476 OCP 8724TL
Holy Is His Name (Talbot) BB/MI 711 CP2 325 GP2 433 H 316
J2 505 NTY 201 SS1 95 UC 490 VOZ 535 OCP 10491TL
Like a Child Rests (C. Walker) BB/MI 481 CP2 434 GP2 635 H 456
J 654 J2 734 R 161 R2 212 UC 604 VOZ 734 OCP 9139TL
Lord, Make Us Turn to You (Roberts) BB/MI 55 TM 38 OCP 10783TL
To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul (Hurd) BB/MI 398 CP2 408
GP2 302 H 407 J 628 J2 691 NTY 123 SS1 60 UC 799
VOZ 653 OCP 9706TL
Hold Me in Life (Huijbers) BB/MI 532 GP2 596 J 670 J2 702
OCP 8835TL
There Is a Longing (Quigley) BB/MI 397 CP2 409 GP2 620 H 409
J 917 J2 692 SS1 208 UC 795 VOZ 655 OCP 10028TL
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus (Whitaker) BB/MI 40 TM 23

Our liturgy overflows with the news that our God loves us, and that he has prepared a human body for his Son. Almost everyone is familiar with the scriptural text of the Magnificat. Kudos to musicians for teaching it in song. For a change of pace, here's a contemporary poetic rendering of Mary's Cantic for your Advent reflection. Sometimes we use this version of the Magnificat before meals during this graced season. Teachers often have enjoyed using it with youth at retreats and non-liturgical gatherings. May you and your musicians (and even your liturgy committees) enjoy Mary's Song from *The Message*:

I'm bursting with God-news;
I'm dancing the song of my Savior God.
God took one good look at me, and look what happened—
I'm the most fortunate woman on earth!
What God has done for me will never be forgotten,
the God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others.
His mercy flows in wave after wave
on those who are in awe before him.
He bared his arm and showed his strength,
scattered the bluffing braggarts.
He knocked tyrants off their high horses,
pulled victims out of the mud.
The starving poor sat down to a banquet;
the callous rich were left out in the cold.
He embraced his chosen child, Israel;
he remembered and piled on the mercies, piled them high.
It's exactly what he promised,
beginning with Abraham and right up to now.

Luke 1:46–55, *The Message*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2004

P.S. Do not forget to rehearse the Gloria for Christmas liturgies. Don't presume everyone remembers it from before Advent. Polish it! It is an important cantic for Christmas.

— Elaine Rendler-McQueeney

The Cry of the Poor (Foley) BB/MI 599 CM 121 CP2 510 GP2 203
H 533 J 635 J2 847 NTY 278 SS1 63 UC 584 VOZ 836 OCP 9498TL

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

Let It Be Done to Us (Hurd) BB/MI 706 OCP 20185TL
People, Look East BESANÇON BB/MI 47 CM 28 CP2 224 GP2 300 H 194
J 160 J2 329 R 90 R2 96 TM 30 UC 330 VOZ 360 OCP 9548TL
Ready the Way (Stephan) BB/MI 67 NTY 147 SS2 293 TM 50
OCP 12789TL
See How the Virgin Waits (Slovak Folk Melody) BB/MI 65 H 203
J 166 J2 331 TM 48 VOZ 367 OCP 11655TL
Pilgrim Prayer (Moriarty) BB/MI 723 OCP 20027TL
Who Shall Sound the Air with Song SOUNDING GLORY BB/MI 580
Salve, Regina/Hail, Mary, Mother and Queen (Chant, Mode V) BB/
MI 708 CP2 317 H 314 J 508 J2 499 UC 482 VOZ 525 OCP 20185TL
Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte) BB/MI 52 TM 35 OCP 10782TL
Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord Is Near (Sands/Lee) BB/MI 50 CP2 223 H 202
J 181 J2 324 R 86 R2 100 TM 33 UC 319 VOZ 352 OCP 7175TL
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

CHORAL

♣ Gaude, Virgo (Joncas) OCP 4626TL
♣ Gabriel's Message (Nicholson) OCP 4515TL
♣ Alma Redemptoris Mater (Benson) OCP 4562TL

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Time _____ Presiding Minister _____

Music Rehearsal/Liturgical Catechesis _____

Introduction, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 18 _____

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 Faithful*, page 18 _____

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 Silence _____

CONCLUDING RITE

Sending Forth _____

Choral Anthem of the Day _____

Prelude/Postlude _____

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Isaiah 45:8

Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Savior.

FIRST READING

Micah 5:1–4a (12C)

Out of tiny Bethlehem will come one who is to be ruler over all Israel. “He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock... he shall be peace.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5–10

God took no delight in holocausts and sin offerings, even those that fulfilled the law. Rather, God desired Christ. By death, Jesus took away the first covenant to set up the second.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 1:38

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39–45

When Mary visited Zechariah's house, Elizabeth greeted her: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, “the infant leaped in her womb.”

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Isaiah 7:14

The Virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

Our eyes and hearts turn toward Bethlehem
to see the Promised One who brings peace.
Blessed is he who comes.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, present in mystery, you come to bring us closer to God. Lord,
have mercy.
Christ Jesus, you call us to open our hearts to you. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you show us your humble power. Lord, have mercy.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Presiding Minister

Lord, you answered the prayers of Elizabeth and Mary.
Hear the petitions we now offer.

Leader

- A For the servants of the servants of God,
for all who minister to the poor,
we pray to the Lord:
- B For those who serve the common good,
for elected officials and public servants,
we pray to the Lord:
- C For those traveling by land or air or sea,
for all those preparing to celebrate the Lord's coming,
we pray to the Lord:
For children and young people,
for those new to the presence of the Lord,
we pray to the Lord:
- D For all who long for the coming of the Messiah,
we pray to the Lord:
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Presiding Minister

Holy One, we are impatient for the coming of your Son.
Help us to receive him with open hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Ritual Notes

by Paul Covino, from *Today's Liturgy* 2010

The *Sacramentary* indicates that the second Advent preface (P2) is used December 17–24. The preface for “The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary” in *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Sacramentary* (P3; Liturgical Press, 800-858-5450, litpress.org) makes an explicit connection to today's Gospel.

Some of the verses in today's Gospel are incorporated in the prayer we know as the Hail Mary: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Luke 1:42). The Hail Mary and a variety of other Catholic prayers are available in the *Book of Catholic Prayer* (OCP 9672; ocp.org/9672TL) and *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition* (USCCB Publishing, 800-235-8722, usccb.org). In some parishes, one of these books is given to engaged couples and to parents as they prepare for the baptism of their child as a way to nurture prayer in the homes of young families. The books also make good last-minute Christmas gifts.

Although some people set up their Christmas tree and nativity scene right after Thanksgiving, they are really more appropriate to the Christmas season than they are to Advent. Encourage parishioners to set them up toward the end of Advent and to leave them in place until Epiphany. *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition* has a simple blessing of a Christmas tree (78-81) and of a Christmas manger or nativity scene (82-84).

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WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus is Emmanuel (God-with-us), Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, God's grace revealed, the Holy Spirit shared, a baby borne among us by the Virgin Mary. He is the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed, God's chosen, the Savior foretold by the prophets. He is the creating word of God made flesh, dwelling among us. Because of him, we are God's holy people, the Lord's redeemed, City of the Most High and Christ's body. Now we celebrate his birth in mystery!

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