

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.

Nativity of the Lord: Vigil

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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, All Ye Faithful/Adeste Fideles ADESTE FIDELES BB/MI 78
CM 30 CP2 225 GP2 311 H 206 J 193 J2 333 NTY 162 R 105
R2 114 TM 61 UC 345 VOZ 378 OCP 9550TL
Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA BB/MI 81 CM 34 CP2 236
GP2 313 H 209 J 196 J2 341 TM 64
Children, Run Joyfully (Dufford) BB/MI 99 CP2 240 GP2 331 H 223
J 229 J2 358 R 106 R2 112 TM 82 VOZ 394 OCP 9936TL
O Come, Little Children IHR KINDERLEIN, KOMMET BB/MI 92 CM 40
CP2 239 GP2 322 H 221 J 232 J2 357 R 102 R2 118 TM 75 UC 353
VOZ 391
See How the Virgin Waits (Slovak Folk Melody) BB/MI 65 H 203
J 166 J2 331 TM 48 VOZ 367 OCP 11655TL
You Are the Light (O'Connor) BB/MI 545 OCP 20371TL
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN BB/MI 82 CM 37
CP2 228 GP2 317 H 210 J 195 J2 345 NTY 159 R 107 R2 115
TM 65 UC 357 VOZ 387
O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS BB/MI 94 CM 32 CP2 229
GP2 315 H 212 J 207 J2 348 TM 77 UC 340 VOZ 376
The Snow Lay on the Ground VENITE ADOREMUS BB/MI 96 CP2 237
H 215 J 197 J2 354 R 104 TM 79 UC 362 VOZ 399

RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 16–17

A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 20, 225

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Away in a Manger MUELLER BB/MI 83 CM 38 CP2 238 GP2 321
H 211 J 205 J2 359 R 97 R2 110 TM 66 UC 342 VOZ 392
Child of the Poor (Soper) GREENSLEEVES BB 104 CP2 244 GP2 336
H 229 J2 366 TM 87 UC 368 VOZ 405 OCP 9886TL
What Child Is This GREENSLEEVES BB 105 CM 43 CP2 243 GP2 337
H 230 J 209 J2 365 NTY 165 R 109 R2 121 TM 88 UC 367 VOZ 404
Psalm 96: Today Our Savior Is Born (Cortez) BB/MI 803 CP2 64
GP2 238 H 140 J2 75 R 103 R2 119 VOZ 209
God with Us (Hart/Thompson) BB 216 NTY 89 SS2 385 TM 149
OCP 12133TL
The First Noel THE FIRST NOWELL BB 102 CM 45 CP2 245 GP2 334
H 227 J 198 J2 363 TM 85 UC 365 VOZ 408
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly W ZLOBIE LEZY BB/MI 93 H 220 J2 344
TM 76
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

COMMUNION SONG

Psalms 98: All the Ends of the Earth (Haas/Haugen) BB/MI 807
CP2 68 H 143 UC 196
Silent Night, Holy Night STILLE NACHT BB/MI 88 CM 39 CP2 232
GP2 312 H 205 J 199 J2 343 NTY 163 R 98 R2 106 TM 71 UC 359
VOZ 380 OCP 9572TL
Bread of Life (B. Farrell) BB/MI 320 GP2 498 J 535 UC 533
VOZ 814 OCP 7152TL
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
Psalm 96: Today Is Born Our Savior (Inwood) CP2 62 H 139 J 215
UC 190 VOZ 211 OCP 7230TL
Psalm 34: Taste and See (Moore) BB/MI 330 CM 106 CP2 28 H 114
UC 155
Taste and See (Hurd) BB/MI 343 CP2 492 GP2 199 H 516 J 693
J2 821 NTY 78 SS1 62 UC 542 VOZ 797 OCP 9106TL

Depending on your circumstances, this Mass can be the most challenging of the four different liturgies of the Christmas feast (Vigil, Midnight, Dawn, Day). Many families come with young children and grandparents in tow. Always there are visitors. Some of those visitors have not been to church in a while. It is sad to have to say this, but certainly it is a reality in our Church these days. This liturgy offers a special opportunity for us to invoke our Advent icons, John the Baptist and Our Blessed Mother, to be with us in our ministry this day. We know that Saint John the Baptist did not preach in vain in the wilderness. We know that our Mother Mary is close by as the Church celebrates Christ's Incarnation. Like John, let us remember that there is one greater in our midst. And like Mary, let us open ourselves to each worshipper with gentleness and love.

In an essay on worship in her book *Amazing Grace* (New York: Riverhead Books, 1998) Kathleen Norris observes: "When people come together to worship, they come as God knows them, with their differences, their wildly various experiences, and perspectives. And by some miracle, they sing, and listen and pray as one.... In worship, disparate people seek a unity far greater than the sum of themselves but don't have much control over how, or if, this happens. Recklessly, we let loose with music, and the words of hymns, the psalms, canticles, and prayers. We cast the Word of God out into the world, into each human heart, where...it needs to go to fulfill God's purpose" (p. 246).

Pray for patience, if not for yourself then for your colleagues!
— Elaine Rendler-McQueeney

The Supper of the Lord (Rosania) BB/MI 338 CP2 486 GP2 518 H 510
J 903 UC 569 VOZ 803 OCP 10048TL

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

Joy to the World ANTIOCH BB/MI 79 CM 36 CP2 227 GP2 318 H 207
J 194 J2 336 NTY 161 R 95 R2 120 TM 62 UC 347 VOZ 379
OCP 9569TL
Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow RISE UP, SHEPHERD BB/MI 89 GP2 324
H 224 J 214 J2 353 TM 72
All the Ends of the Earth (Dufford) BB/MI 573 CP2 363 GP2 683
H 369 J 582 J2 595 UC 720 VOZ 571 OCP 10475TL
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen GOD REST YE MERRY BB/MI 80 CM 29
CP2 231 GP2 316 H 208 J 204 J2 337 TM 63 UC 351 VOZ 390
Let There Be Peace on Earth (Jackson/Miller) BB/MI 497 CM 123
CP2 449 GP2 655 H 463 J 565 J2 739 R 28 R2 221 UC 625 VOZ 719
Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth (Hurd) BB/MI 806 CP2 66
GP2 241 H 144 J 714 J2 77 OCP 9107TL
Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT BB/MI 97 CP2 233 GP2 325
H 216 J 219 J2 352 NTY 158 R 110 R2 113 SS1 114 TM 80 UC 341
VOZ 374 OCP 11276TL
Vayan al Mundo/Go Out to the World (Cortez) BB/MI 382 UC 586
VOZ 751 OCP 10494TL
Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE BB 106 CM 41
CP2 246 GP2 335 H 231 J 202 J2 367 TM 89 UC 339 VOZ 383

CHORAL

✠ Child of Sweetness (Hirten) OCP 4521TL
Past Three O'Clock (Wright) OCP 20725TL
Ding Dong! Merrily on High (Romiti) OCP 20727TL

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Time _____ Presiding Minister _____

Music Rehearsal/Liturgical Catechesis _____

Introduction, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 19 _____

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance/Gathering Song _____

Rite of Sprinkling or Penitential Rite _____

Glory to God _____

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 19 _____

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

See Exodus 16:6–7

Today you will know that the Lord is coming to save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1–5 (13ABC)

God's city Jerusalem will shine forth like the dawn. The Lord delights in Jerusalem. God rejoices in the people of the great city as a groom rejoices in the bride. The Lord God will protect and vindicate the people of Zion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89:4–5, 16–17, 27, 29

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Acts of the Apostles 13:16–17, 22–25

The Lord chose Israel and led the people out of the land of Egypt, promising the Messiah. When the time came, God sent John to prepare the way. John told all, "Behold, one is coming after me."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Savior of the world will reign over us.

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1–25 or 1:18–25

In Matthew, Jesus' lineage is traced to Abraham, father of believers. The birth of Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

See Isaiah 40:5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind will see the saving power of God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

Today the Lord comes to dwell among us.
We sing forever the goodness of the Lord.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Son of God, sign of the Father's mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Son of Mary, fully human and fully divine. Christ, have mercy.
Son of Man, light of the nations. Lord, have mercy.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Presiding Minister

God knows our needs and helps us to pray.

Leader

- A** For all who believe in Jesus, the Promised One,
that they share the good news in humility and patience,
we pray to the Lord:
- B** For parents and grandparents,
that they may joyfully pass on their faith to their families,
we pray to the Lord:
- C** For civic leaders,
that they make housing and food for the poor a priority,
we pray to the Lord:
For children who have been neglected, abused, or abandoned,
that they quickly find welcome and safety in loving adoptive families,
we pray to the Lord:
- D** For this community, and for all members of God's family,
that the joy of Christmas bear fruit in their hearts,
we pray to the Lord:
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Presiding Minister

Father of all goodness, help us to welcome Jesus into our hearts.
Hear our prayers and grant what we ask
through Christ our Lord.

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Ritual Notes

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

Line up people to help with setting up Christmas decorations on the morning of December 24. Decide on the location for flowers, banners and the nativity scene in advance, and have them all ready to go in a nearby space so that they can be set up easily and quickly after the last Advent Mass. The front of the altar is not the only—or necessarily the best—place for Christmas flowers and other decorations, and there are many Christmas flowers beyond the traditional red poinsettia. *Built of Living Stones*, the U.S. bishops' guidelines on art, architecture, and worship, notes that "the altar should remain clear and free-standing, not walled in by massive floral displays or the Christmas crib" (124). *To Crown the Year* (230-261; OCP #10640; ocp.org/10640) has good advice and illustrations for preparing a Christmas environment that doesn't "come across as poor imitations of commercial decorations."

Don't let the fear of a large crowd at the Vigil Mass pressure you to "do the bare minimum." Prepare and celebrate all aspects of the liturgy well. Set out additional chairs if your worship space allows, and ask parishioners to serve as "greeters," offering hospitality to all who arrive and helping them find a seat. Rather than lamenting that so many people only come to church on occasions such as Christmas, provide as many reasons as possible for them to come back next week.

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FAMILY HISTORY

Today God weds humanity—God's betrothal to Israel. Jesus Christ, son of David and Son of Abraham, is a descendant of ordinary, unknown men and women who are part of the greatest story ever told. God accomplishes his will in the midst of Jesus' not-so-perfect family tree. In our own families, we find saints and sinners in every generation. Emmanuel—"God with us." Today, Jesus invites us into the light of his incarnation. Will you accept the invitation to enter into God's family?

The Nativity of the Lord. Vigil Mass, Year ABC.
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