

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: Day

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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
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
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
Sing a New Song (Schutte) BB/MI 584 CM 154 CP2 372 GP2 670
H 377 J 650 J2 607 R 41 R2 252 UC 722 VOZ 564 OCP 9496TL
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
Once in Royal David's City IRBY BB 101 H 226 J2 362 TM 84
Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth (Hurd) BB/MI 806 CP2 66
GP2 241 H 144 J 714 J2 77 OCP 9107TL
Wake from Your Sleep (Schutte) BB/MI 84 GP2 328 H 222 J 220
J2 342 R 101 R2 111 TM 67 UC 356 VOZ 386 OCP 9500TL

RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 22–23

A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 23, 225

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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
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
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
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
See Amid the Winter's Snow WINTER'S SNOW BB/MI 91 GP2 332
J 889 J2 356 TM 74 OCP 9800TL
Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring WERDE MUNTER BB/MI 523 CP2 392 H 402
J 377 J2 669 UC 674 VOZ 683
Word of God, You Spoke Creation (Berberick/Walker/Glen)
BB/MI 415 OCP 20066TL
Of the Father's Love Begotten DIVINUM MYSTERIUM BB/MI 85 H 219
J 200 J2 349 TM 68 UC 358 VOZ 395

COMMUNION SONG

Psalms 98: All the Ends of the Earth (Haas/Haugen) BB/MI 807
CP2 68 H 143 UC 196
Bread of Life (Advent/Christmas Setting) (B. Farrell) BB/MI 76 TM 59
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
Psalm 97: The Lord Is King (Cooney) BB/MI 804 CP2 65 GP2 240
H 142 UC 193 VOZ 213 OCP 10469TL
Psalm 96: Proclaim His Marvelous Deeds (Smith) BB/MI 802 CP2 63
GP2 239 H 141 UC 192 VOZ 212
Gift of Finest Wheat BICENTENNIAL BB/MI 324 CM 101 CP2 484
GP2 525 H 499 J 483 J2 803 UC 570 VOZ 807 OCP 8005TL
Psalm 98: The Lord Has Revealed (Smith) BB/MI 805 CP2 69
GP2 243 H 145 J2 78 UC 195 VOZ 217
Psalm 96: Christmas Psalm/Today a Savior is Born (B. Farrell) BB/
MI 801 CP2 61 J2 74 OCP 10002TL
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON BB/MI 540 H 420
R2 308

Even after all these years of playing for Christmas Masses, I sometimes forget that the manger story is not told *per se* at this Mass. Instead we hear the prologue of the Gospel of John. Those born after the Second Vatican Council would not recall that the Tridentine Mass had two Gospels: the Gospel of the day and what was called the Last Gospel. After the final blessing, the priest recited the prologue of John quietly in Latin from a permanent Mass card, facing the altar on the left. John 1:1–14 concluded most Tridentine Masses with some exceptions (feasts, vigils, Lent) until the Council modified things.

This Gospel is huge in the development of the dogma of the Incarnation. It begins with the words “In the beginning,” a reference to the creation account in Genesis 1. God spoke creation into being, and Jesus was as close as his very Word. What was the first thing God created? Light. Jesus is “the light of the human race” (John 1:4). Thoughtful preaching is essential for this Mass. For more commentaries, go to liturgy.com, OCP’s online liturgy preparation service. You may recognize the name of one liturgy.com author, Deacon Owen Cummings, from his Advent spirituality article in this issue of *Today’s Liturgy* (pp. 12–13).

Often, when Christmas carol texts use the word “light,” it refers to the light of a star. “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (TM 77; BB 94), “Silent Night” (TM 71; BB 88), and “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (TM 89; BB 106) all make reference to Christ as light, as proclaimed in today’s Gospel.

Then, folks, it’s over. Merry Christmas! You’ll probably sleep for two days and catch a cold as well, once the adrenaline leaves your body. May you sleep like a baby.

— Elaine Rendler-McQueeney

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

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
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
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
You Are the Light (O’Connor) BB/MI 545 OCP 20371TL
Vayan al Mundo/Go Out to the World (Cortez) BB/MI 382 UC 586
VOZ 751 OCP 10494TL
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
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO BB/MI 95 CM 35
CP2 230 GP2 319 H 214 J 213 J2 346 TM 78 UC 355 VOZ 384
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
Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow RISE UP, SHEPHERD BB/MI 89 GP2 324
H 224 J 214 J2 353 TM 72
He Is the Lord (Haas) BB/MI 568 CP2 377 H 383 J 631 J2 606
OCP 9343-ZTL

CHORAL

✦ The Frozen December (Miller) OCP 4505TL
Nativity Psalms (G. Berberick/K. Keil) OCP 20724TL
Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella (Soper) OCP 20164TL

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Time _____ Presiding Minister _____

Music Rehearsal/Liturgical Catechesis _____

Introduction, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 22 _____

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 22 _____

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 9:6

A child is born for us, a son given to us; dominion is laid on his shoulder, and he shall be called Wonderful-Counsellor.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7–10 (16ABC)

The ends of the earth will see God's salvation. Break forth together in song, Jerusalem, for the good news of peace has come. God redeems Jerusalem and gives comfort to all people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4, 5–6

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1–6

"In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets," but now we have God's own heir, the glory of the Lord who sustains all things. Let all angels worship God's first-born, God's heir, God's son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.

GOSPEL

John 1:1–18 or 1:1–5, 9–14

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory...full of grace and truth." We all have partaken of this fullness: love following love.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

Today God's word is in our midst.
How wonderful is his coming to dwell among us.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, Promised One. Lord, have mercy.
Christ Jesus, anointed Savior. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, God-with-us. Lord, have mercy.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Presiding Minister

With joy we come to our loving Father,
who hears and answers all our desires.

Leader

- A For all believers,
reflecting the light of God's glory,
we pray to the Lord:
- B For all who do justice,
working for peace in a violent world,
we pray to the Lord:
- C For all who are estranged—from family, the Church, or society—
finding reconciliation and profound healing,
we pray to the Lord:
For the peace beyond understanding
bringing new hope to those who sorrow,
we pray to the Lord:
- D For all who celebrate the Christmas mystery in this place
inspiring one another to bear more courageous witness to Christ,
we pray to the Lord:
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Presiding Minister

Lord God, we thank you for sending us your Son, our Savior.
Hear our prayers and help us all to live as we ought
through Christ our Lord.

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Ritual Notes

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

Eucharistic Prayer for Masses with Children III uses the repeated acclamation “Glory to God in the highest,” echoing the song of the angels at Christ’s birth. This might be a good choice for the Eucharistic Prayer at this Mass or the Christmas Vigil Mass.

Many people will call the parish office for the schedule of Christmas Masses. If your phone line has a prerecorded message, make sure that it begins with a Christmas greeting and the Christmas Mass times.

Provide information about what is going on in the parish for those who are in today’s larger than usual assemblies. Consider distributing a Christmas newsletter with a calendar of parish events, information about parish activities, opportunities to serve in the various parish ministries (including names and e-mail addresses of contact persons), pictures of the catechumens, a mealtime prayer for the Christmas season, and a link to the parish Web site. Include an invitation to those who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, completing their Christian initiation through Eucharist and/or confirmation, joining the parish, celebrating marriage or having their child baptized. Ask a parishioner with some background in graphic design to help with the layout. In one parish, the Christmas newsletter is folded down to the size of a Christmas card, wrapped with a Christmas ribbon, and distributed as an attractive “gift” to each family or individual as they leave the church.

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LET IT SHINE

“Break out together in song” at the saving power of our God. With all the angels of God, we worship the Logos (Word) become flesh. Salvation comes to us through the Incarnation present from the creation of the world. The Word of God has brought order to the universe. We are called to be a light to the nations, “a true light, which enlightens everyone.” Let your light shine!

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