

The following pages contain information that will assist you in preparing your liturgy for the date below. The two pages which include music suggestions, Elaine Rendler's column, Paul Covino's ritual commentary, and the music planning template come from *Today's Liturgy*, a liturgy preparation guide published quarterly by OCP. The page which includes a suggested Introduction to Mass and General Intercessions comes from *Prayer of the Faithful*, a resource for liturgy preparation published annually by OCP.

## First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2007 Year A

### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

|                |                                                     |                    |                                                                          |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ① . . . . .    | Corresponds to first reading                        | GP2 . . . . .      | <i>Glory &amp; Praise</i> (Second Edition)                               |
| ② . . . . .    | Corresponds to second reading                       | H . . . . .        | <i>Heritage Missal</i> (published yearly)                                |
| ③ . . . . .    | Corresponds to Gospel reading                       | J, J2 . . . . .    | <i>Journeysongs</i> (hymnal) <i>Journeysongs</i> (Second Edition)        |
| ④ . . . . .    | Corresponds to entrance antiphon                    | MI . . . . .       | <i>Music Issue</i> (published yearly)                                    |
| ⑤ . . . . .    | Corresponds to Communion antiphon                   | R, R2 . . . . .    | <i>Rise Up and Sing</i> (young people)                                   |
| ⑥ . . . . .    | Corresponds to responsorial psalm                   | SS1, SS2 . . . . . | <i>Spirit &amp; Song and Spirit &amp; Song</i> (Volume 2) (young adults) |
| ⑦ . . . . .    | Corresponds to the Gospel acclamation               | TM . . . . .       | <i>Today's Missal</i> (published three times yearly)                     |
| BB . . . . .   | <i>Breaking Bread</i> (published yearly)            | UC . . . . .       | <i>United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo 2006-08, music resource</i>         |
| CM . . . . .   | <i>Companion Missal</i> (published yearly)          | VOZ . . . . .      | <i>One Faith/Una Voz</i> (hymnal)                                        |
| CPC2 . . . . . | <i>Choral Praise Comprehensive</i> (Second Edition) | ✠ . . . . .        | Trinitas (octavo)                                                        |

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12/2/2007 YEAR A

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalms 24:1-3

To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5 (1A)

On that day, "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" prophesied Isaiah. "One nation shall not raise the sword against another." He went on: "Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Paul urged the Romans: "It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Let us put on the armor of light. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Psalm 85:8

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

Matthew's Jesus said that the Son of Man will come at an hour no one can expect. Therefore, all people must stay awake, keep a watchful eye, and be prepared.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalms 84:13

The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit.

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos! Chào mừng! Especially to our new subscribers. May the grace of Jesus, the love of God, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with all as we begin this new liturgical year in service to our Lord and to our worshipping communities.

This year in the Church's three-year cycle of Lectionary readings we will be hearing the Gospel according to Matthew on a semi-continuous basis. While not the oldest Gospel (that distinction belongs to Mark's Gospel), it is considered the most Jewish of the four. It is chronological and begins by tracing the lineage of Jesus back to Abraham, the patriarch of the Old Testament. Matthew labors to connect the events in Jesus' life as the fulfillment of Old Testament writings. His writings focus on two areas: 1) showing that Jesus is the Christ (the anointed one, the equivalent of the Jewish messiah) and 2) the coming of the kingdom as proclaimed by Christ.

In today's first reading, Isaiah tells us of Jerusalem as it will be in the future. The assembly responds to those words with the response from Psalm 122: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." (The house of the Lord is the temple in Jerusalem.) Though we often think of today's Gospel as a warning, it may also be interpreted as a reassurance of Jesus' second coming.

Note that December 1st is World AIDS Day. Resources for observing this day are available on the National Catholic AIDS Network's Web site, [ncan.org](http://ncan.org).

— Elaine Rendler

## MUSIC SUGGESTIONS\*

See page 72 for abbreviations

### ENTRANCE SONG Gathering or Processional

Sing Out, Earth and Skies (Haugen) BB/MI 572 CP2 388 H 387 R 77 R2 248 UC 562

③ The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns MORNING SONG BB 47 TM 31 CM 25 GP2 307 H 198 J 163 J2 319 UC 336 VOZ 371

③ In the Day of the Lord (Ridge) BB/MI 602 CP2 466 GP2 722 H 527 J 879 J2 685 R2 314 SS1 121 TM 602 UC 635 VOZ 673 OCP 9889TL

The Advent of Our King (ST. THOMAS (Williams)) BB 58 TM 42 CM 23 CP2 212 H 191 J 165 J2 322 UC 318 VOZ 354

③ Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer WACHET AUF BB 50 TM 34 J 164 J2 332

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus STUTTGART/Wesley BB 36 TM 20 CM 27 CP2 216 GP2 309 H 200 J 170 J2 328 R 93 R2 95 UC 335 VOZ 365 OCP 8767TL

Find Us Ready (Booth) NTY 150 SS1 109 OCP 10661TL

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM and GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

⑥ Respond & Acclaim (Alstott) p. 5-6

⑥ A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) p. 8, 224

### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Emmanuel (Angrisano) BB 52 TM 36 NTY 148 SS2 290 OCP 20131TL

To You, O Lord (Alstott) BB/MI 430 J 559 J2 718

Beyond the Moon and Stars (Schutte) BB 44 TM 28 OCP 12913TL

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus (Whitaker) BB 39 TM 23

Creator of the Stars of Night CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM BB 57

TM 41 CP2 219 GP2 305 H 195 J 178 J2 325 UC 324 VOZ 348

Maranatha (Chiusano) BB 70 TM 54 OCP 11973TL

### COMMUNION SONG

⑥ Let Us Go Rejoicing (POINT HILL/Hurd) J2 791 OCP 10622TL

⑥ Psalm 122: I Rejoiced (C. Walker) BB/MI 815 CP2 84 GP2 269 H 158 J 592 VOZ 244 OCP 7185TL

⑥ Psalm 25: To You, O Lord (Soper) BB/MI 759 CP2 15 GP2 183 H 103 J 634 J2 28 UC 145 VOZ 153 OCP 8979TL

There Is a Longing (Quigley) BB/MI 394 CP2 409 GP2 620 H 398 J2 692 SS1 208 UC 614 VOZ 655 OCP 10028TL

Bread of Life (B. Farrell) BB/MI 318 GP2 498 J 535 UC 742 VOZ 814 OCP 7152TL

### SONG OF PRAISE or SENDING FORTH

Soon and Very Soon (SOON AND VERY SOON/Crouch) BB/MI 603 CP2 465 GP2 723 H 525 J 496 J2 683 NTY 276 UC 636 VOZ 672 OCP 10265TL

Let the King of Glory Come (Joncas) BB 59 GP2 299 J 187 J2 320 TM 43

Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord Is Near (Sands/Lee) BB 49 TM 33 CP2 223 H 203 J 181 J2 324 R 86 R2 100 UC 322 VOZ 352 OCP 7175TL

Ready the Way (Stephen) BB 66 TM 50

### CHORAL and INSTRUMENTAL

Await the Lord with Hope (D. Hurd) OCP 10579TL

\*For additional music suggestions, visit [liturgy.com](http://liturgy.com).

# First Sunday of Advent

12/2/2007 YEAR A

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Presiding Minister \_\_\_\_\_

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Music Rehearsal/Liturgical Catechesis \_\_\_\_\_

Introduction, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 12 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 12 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_



COME, LORD JESUS

The “ripe time” has come, the time to wake up for the coming of the Lord! We do not know exactly when he will come, but we do know the time is already ripe. We must “stand up now for Jesus”! Advent is a time of expectancy. We wait for the next step in the Lord’s plan for his creation and for each of us. He came once as a baby, he comes to us in our worship and daily lives, and he will come again in full power, glory, and majesty. Are we, are you, ready to meet him face to face?

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A new liturgical year begins today, and we return to the Gospel of Saint Matthew. The brief commentaries in *The Gospel According to Matthew* by Jesuit Father Daniel Harrington and Dominican Sister Barbara Reid (The Liturgical Press, 800-858-5450, [litpress.org](http://litpress.org)) are good resources for homilists and others who prepare the liturgy.

When preparing for Advent, remember the focus for the season that is outlined in the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*: “Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation” (39).

An Advent wreath that is in scale for a worship space can highlight the imagery of light that appears in today’s alternative opening prayer, first reading, second reading, and solemn blessing. See Peter Mazar’s ideas for creating and placing an effective wreath in the worship space in *To Crown the Year: Decorating the Church Through the Seasons* (222-28; OCP 10640TL, 800-LITURGY, [ocp.org](http://ocp.org)). Chapter 47 of the *Book of Blessings* (The Liturgical Press) provides two forms for the blessing of an Advent wreath, and *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (110-12; USCCB Publishing, 800-235-8722, [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)) has a similar blessing for home use.

Liturgy of the Hours: Begin week one of the psalm cycle.

— Paul Covino

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

God calls us together in this new season of hope.  
Let us lift up our hearts in joyful expectation of the promised One.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, our light in days of darkness, Lord, have mercy.  
Christ Jesus, our hope in times of struggle, Christ have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, our promise from God on high, Lord have mercy.

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

### *Presiding Minister*

We bring to God the longing of our hearts  
and our desires for the well-being of all God's family.

### *Leader*

- A For the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world;  
for abundant graces in this holy season,  
we pray to the Lord:
- B For the leaders of nations, who have the power to make peace,  
for all who seek to end the power of war,  
we pray to the Lord:
- C For those rebuilding after natural disasters,  
for generosity in those who remain unharmed,  
we pray to the Lord:  
For all whose generous hearts respond to the cries of the poor,  
for all whose eyes see as God sees,  
we pray to the Lord:
- D For all who gather at this table,  
for all who await the Lord's coming into their lives,  
we pray to the Lord:
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### *Presiding Minister*

God, Father of heaven and earth, you hold the centuries in your hand.  
Free us from the darkness of sin  
and lead us into the light of your presence.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.