

First Sunday of Advent

11/30/2025 YEAR A

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

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ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell) A 127 BB/MI 464 CP3 428 CP4 229
GP3 683 H 545 J3 824 NTY 8 S&S 207 SS1 105 UC 810 VOZ 625
OCP 10087

Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte) A 129 BB/MI/TM 57 GP3 215
J3 284 OCP 10782

Ready the Way (Stephan) A 472 BB/MI/TM 53 CP4 430 GP3 216
J3 294 NTY 147 S&S 142 SS2 293 UC 296 OCP 12789

Ready the Way (B. Hurd) A 471 BB/MI/TM 63 CP3 221 CP4 429
GP3 230 H 143 J3 288 OCP 8787

Encircle This Wreath (Friedman) NTY 149

ENTRANCE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus STUTTGART A 157 BB/MI/TM 42
CP3 213 CP4 243 GP3 212 H 140 J3 296 R3 53 UC 282 VOZ 365
OCP 8767

Come Now, Almighty King ITALIAN HYMN A 153 BB/MI 708
CP3 307 CP4 240 GP3 359 H 283 J3 450 R3 114 UC 448 VOZ 506

To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul (B. Hurd) A 595 BB/MI 430 CP3 423
CP4 516 GP3 630 J3 648 NTY 123 S&S 138 SS1 60 UC 783 VOZ 653
OCP 9706

Litany of the Word (Farrell) A 351 BB/MI/TM 65 J3 293 R3 61 OCP 7162
Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer WACHET AUF A 613
BB/MI/TM 56 H 142 J3 298

The King Shall Come (Thomson) A 560 BB/MI/TM 70 CP4 492
S&S 143 OCP 30128212

Let Us Go Rejoicing (Psalm 122) (B. Hurd) A 730 BB/MI 791 CP3 77
CP4 72 GP3 193 H 456 J3 102 UC 153 VOZ 242 OCP 11983

All People That on Earth Do Dwell OLD HUNDREDTH A 46 BB/MI 313
CP3 513 CP4 177 GP3 456 H 386 J3 570 UC 516 VOZ 785

The Advent of Our King ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS) A 542 BB/MI/TM 73
CP3 208 CP4 482 H 161 J3 287 UC 284 VOZ 354

Advent Litany (J. Cortez) J3 291 UC 300 OCP 20326

I Rejoiced (Thomson) NTY 59 S&S 218 SS1 84

Come and Set Us Free (Thomson) S&S 134 OCP 30135006

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 4–5

A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 8, 224

Spirit and Psalm (Hart) 8–11

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Waiting in Silence (Landry) A 611 BB/MI/TM 51 CP4 528 GP3 222
H 156 NTY 153 OCP 12058

Creator of the Stars of Night CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM A 169
BB/MI/TM 67 CP3 216 GP3 217 H 150 J3 290 R3 52 UC 276 VOZ 348

Christ the Lord (Hart) A 135 BB/MI 601 CP4 234 GP3 686 S&S 194
OCP 30107973

Awake, My Soul, Awake (Partridge) A 87 BB/MI/TM 72 H 160
OCP 30150368

Come, Emmanuel (Thomson) A 148 BB/MI/TM 62 S&S 137
OCP 30131792

Steal Away to Jesus J3 757

Come to Us, O God/Stay with Us, O Lord (Bridge) A 526 CP4 468
H 442 OCP 30141866

I Rejoiced (Thomson) NTY 59 S&S 218 SS1 84

COMMUNION

Beyond the Moon and Stars (Schutte) A 104 BB/MI/TM 48 CP3 219
CP4 215 GP3 214 H 154 UC 289 OCP 12913

O Lord, with Wondrous Mystery (Andriessen) H 419

Happy New Liturgical Year 2026! Thus begins a fresh opportunity for us to renew our relationship with Jesus Christ, beginning with Advent. In these early weeks, we consider the end times, placing the coming of Christ within the context of God's plan of salvation. The latter Advent readings focus on the coming of Christ at Christmas. Both aspects of Advent offer an excellent counterpoint to the overwhelming consumerist outlook of the secular holiday season.

We return to Year A's focus on the Gospel according to Matthew. Last year, we saw that Luke wrote for a Gentile audience. In contrast, Matthew wrote for a community of Jewish Christians. This is why Matthew's Gospel is so rich with citations from the Hebrew Scriptures. The evangelist is teaching his community that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law. He is the long-awaited Messiah foretold from of old.

In today's Gospel from Matthew 24, Jesus is teaching about the end times. The Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed around the time this Gospel was written, and Matthew's community was trying to understand this terrible event. Jesus cites a story from the Old Testament: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking...They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

Stay awake! The Lord is coming! Listen to him in these times of trouble and uncertainty! May we enter this Advent season with quiet joy.

— Ken Canedo

Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte) A 129 BB/MI/TM 57 GP3 215
J3 284 OCP 10782

For All Once Broken (Angrisano) A 199 BB/MI 360

Advent Litany and Gathering Rite (Prendergast) OCP 30106259

Meditation (Brown) A 381 BB/MI 521 S&S 326

Taste and See (Kendzia) A 535 BB/MI 358 CP4 475 GP3 504 OCP 20324

Lord, Show Us Your Mercy (Psalm 85) (Modlin) S&S 76

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

People, Look East BESANÇON A 458 BB/MI/TM 43 CP3 225 CP4 420
GP3 223 H 146 J3 297 R3 55 UC 288 VOZ 360 OCP 9548

Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer WACHET AUF A 613
BB/MI/TM 56 H 142 J3 298

Say to the Frightened Heart (B. Hurd) A 488 BB/MI 75 CP4 437
OCP 30133948

Soon and Very Soon SOON AND VERY SOON A 521 BB/MI 599
CP3 503 CP4 465 GP3 750 J3 755 NTY 276 UC 774 VOZ 672
OCP 10265

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO A 346 BB/MI/TM 59
CP3 223 CP4 355 H 159 J3 286

City of God (Schutte) A 143 BB/MI 382 CP3 558 CP4 236 GP3 538
H 430 J3 813 NTY 9 R3 263 SS1 106 UC 618 VOZ 742 OCP 9739

When the King Shall Come Again GAUDEAMUS PARITER H 148 J3 281
People of Peace (Landry) GP3 522 OCP 5597

Let the Valleys Be Raised (Schutte) A 340 BB/MI/TM 50 CP3 215
GP3 227 H 149 J3 292 VOZ 373 OCP 30153851

CHORAL

Creator of the Stars (Davison) OCP 30152261

Advent Introits (Grzadzinski) OCP 30150326

The Day of the Lord (Wedgewood) OCP 30147920

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 25 (24):1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be 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

Psalm 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

Psalm 85 (84):13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns MORNING SONG A 561
BB/MI/TM 47 CP3 224 CP4 493 GP3 226 H 151 J3 282 UC 290
VOZ 371

Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte) A 129 BB/MI/TM 57 GP3 215
J3 284 OCP 10782

Ready the Way (B. Hurd) A 471 BB/MI/TM 63 CP3 221 CP4 429
GP3 230 H 143 J3 288 OCP 8787

Ready the Way (Stephan) A 472 BB/MI/TM 53 CP4 430 GP3 216
J3 294 NTY 147 S&S 142 SS2 293 UC 296 OCP 12789

Encircle This Wreath (Friedman) NTY 149

ENTRANCE

Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte) A 129 BB/MI/TM 57 GP3 215
J3 284 OCP 10782

On Jordan's Bank WINCHESTER NEW A 425 BB/MI/TM 41 CP3 209
CP4 398 GP3 218 H 141 J3 278 UC 299 VOZ 362 OCP 12200

Ready the Way (Stephan) A 472 BB/MI/TM 53 CP4 430 GP3 216
J3 294 NTY 147 S&S 142 SS2 293 UC 296 OCP 12789

Gather the People (Schutte) A 210 BB/MI 305 CP3 514 CP4 272
GP3 460 H 380 J3 766 UC 502 OCP 20122

The Advent of Our King ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS) A 542 BB/MI/TM 73
CP3 208 CP4 482 H 161 J3 287 UC 284 VOZ 354

Ready the Way (B. Hurd) A 471 BB/MI/TM 63 CP3 221 CP4 429
GP3 230 H 143 J3 288 OCP 8787

O Love of God (B. Hurd) A 410 BB/MI 315 GP3 466 NTY 30
S&S 225 SS2 354 UC 662 VOZ 760 OCP 10151

Light of Christ, Burn Bright (Johnson) A 348 BB/MI 465 H 555
OCP 30148241

The Lord Has Done Great Things (J. Cortez) A 731 BB/MI 792
CP3 79 CP4 73 GP3 194 NTY 107 UC 155 VOZ 247

RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 6–7

A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 11, 224

Spirit and Psalm (Anderson/Hart) 12–17

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Say to the Frightened Heart (B. Hurd) A 488 BB/MI 75 CP4 437
OCP 30133948

Down to the River to Pray (Crandal) A 177 BB/MI 654 CP4 254
GP3 394 H 343 UC 597 OCP 30134606

Litany of the Word (Farrell) A 351 BB/MI/TM 65 J3 293 R3 61 OCP 7162

Kapayapaan, Peace Be with You (Nieva) A 324 BB/MI 477 OCP 30148719

A Voice Cries Out (Joncas) A 27 BB/MI/TM 46 CP3 211 CP4 166
GP3 213 J3 276 UC 275 VOZ 353 OCP 10000

Comfort, Comfort, O My People GENEVA 42 A 166 BB/MI/TM 60
H 138 J3 295

Benedictus (Angrisano) A 745 BB/MI 803 GP3 206 S&S 103
OCP 30128189

O Come, Divine Messiah VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE A 398 BB/MI/TM 44
CP3 218 CP4 378 H 152 J3 279 UC 291 VOZ 369

COMMUNION

Every Valley (Dufford) A 189 BB/MI/TM 71 CP3 217 GP3 221 J3 289
UC 293 VOZ 370 OCP 10476

Maranatha (Chiusano) A 373 BB/MI/TM 61 J3 283 OCP 11973

Advent Litany and Gathering Rite (Prendergast) OCP 30106259

Taste and See (Reza) A 240 BB/MI 322 GP3 145 J3 39 UC 102 VOZ 168

The Great Forerunner of the Morn WINCHESTER NEW H 291 J3 494

We hear today a great juxtaposition of the coming of the Christ. There is the soft approach of the prophet Isaiah, naming much of what we call the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, celebrated in Confirmation. The coming Messiah shall judge with justice, not by earthly standards. There shall be no wars or misunderstandings, for all shall live in harmony.

Then there is the other approach in today's Gospel: We hear once again of the first to recognize the Messiah: John the Baptist. John, first to recognize the Christ as he leapt in the womb for joy upon pregnant Mary's arrival. John's is the more aggressive approach, warning of the need for repentance. So, there is something for everyone!

What about this word *repentance*? It comes from the Latin *paenitere*, meaning "to make sorry," not in a punitive manner, but by one's own choice. This leads to a change of heart—in Greek *metanoia*. Isaiah, Paul, and John, all call us to that *metanoia* through which we come back to God. We cry for God to come to us, but God is also calling us to come back.

Isaiah, in today's reading, does not use the word Messiah, but instead simply refers to a "shoot" coming from the sprout of Jesse, which we understand as the Messiah. Just what does the Messiah bring? Peace and justice. So it is said in today's Psalm 72, (which we will also proclaim on the Epiphany of the Lord). Saint Paul, in the reading from his letter to the Romans, encourages the faithful to persevere, so that "we might have hope." And that is the message of Advent. Hope. — Gerard Chiusano

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus (Sullivan Whitaker) J3 275 OCP 30104400
Jesus, the Bread of Life (Brown) GP3 515 OCP 10490
Come to Us (Walton) S&S 144 OCP 30114039

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

Ready the Way (B. Hurd) A 471 BB/MI/TM 63 CP3 221 CP4 429
GP3 230 H 143 J3 288 OCP 8787

Let the King of Glory Come (Joncas) A 339 BB/MI/TM 64 CP3 220
GP3 225 H 144 J3 285

Come, Emmanuel (Thomson) A 148 BB/MI/TM 62 S&S 137
OCP 30131792

The King of Glory KING OF GLORY A 557 BB/MI 725 CP3 328 CP4 487
GP3 368 H 310 J3 470 NTY 184 R3 126 UC 460 VOZ 514 OCP 8310

Emmanuel (Angrisano) A 182 BB/MI/TM 58 CP3 212 CP4 257
GP3 219 J3 299 NTY 148 S&S 140 SS2 290 UC 297 OCP 20131

Wade in the Water (Ridge) A 610 BB/MI 646 CP4 527 GP3 396 H 338
UC 207 VOZ 299 OCP 9585

Christ before Us (Sullivan Whitaker) A 128 BB/MI 548 GP3 586
H 455 J3 640 OCP 20463

The King Shall Come (Thomson) A 560 BB/MI/TM 70 CP4 492
S&S 143 OCP 30128212

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns MORNING SONG A 561
BB/MI/TM 47 CP3 224 CP4 493 GP3 226 H 151 J3 282 UC 290
VOZ 371

Bearers of Peace (Farrell) J3 704 OCP 11351

Awake, O Sleeper (Ndolo) S&S 266

CHORAL

Word of God, Come Down on Earth (Eicker) OCP 30152203

Now Is the Hour of Rejoicing (Stephan) OCP 30149895

Awake, My Soul, Awake (Partridge) OCP 30150368

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1–10 (4A)

“A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,” prophesied Isaiah. “The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him” through wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and awe in the presence of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4–9

The Scriptures were written for our instruction, that we might draw encouragement from them and that “we might have hope.”

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

Matthew 3:1–12

John the Baptist came as a preacher in the Judean desert: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” Many people flocked to him for baptism and conversion to prepare for the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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GP3 230 H 143 J3 288 OCP 8787
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ENTRANCE

Immaculate Mary LOURDES HYMN A 292 BB/MI/TM 205 CP3 334
CP4 326 GP3 370 H 316 J3 512 NTY 203 R3 133 UC 481 VOZ 553
OCP 9070
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came GABRIEL'S MESSAGE A 543
BB/MI/TM 52 CP4 479 GP3 378 H 147 J3 280
Song of Mary (Schutte) A 519 BB/MI 703 CP3 341 CP4 461 GP3 374
H 331 J3 482 OCP 11034
O Sanctissima O DU FRÖHLICHE CP3 336 J3 484 UC 475 VOZ 523
Magnificat (Farrell) A 742 BB/MI 805 CP3 93 GP3 210 H 135 J3 11
R3 22 UC 175 VOZ 528 OCP 10370
Mary's Song (Rieth) A 377 BB/MI 691 CP3 337 CP4 370 GP3 375
H 328 J3 480 R3 128 UC 465 VOZ 542 OCP 8305
Ave Maria A 84 BB/MI 693 CP3 331 H 322 J3 486 UC 474 VOZ 526
The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky EISENACH H 326 J3 493
My Soul Rejoices (Alstott) A 744 BB/MI 802 CP3 92 CP4 85 H 134
J3 120 UC 176 VOZ 272 OCP 8727

RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 8–9
A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 213, 258
Spirit and Psalm (Hart/Angrisano) 18–23

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Sing of Mary PLEADING SAVIOR A 512 BB/MI 694 CP3 335 CP4 454
GP3 380 H 330 J3 472 UC 472 VOZ 532 OCP 9005
Ave Maria (Norbet) A 85 BB/MI 700 CP4 201 GP3 369 J3 483
UC 491 OCP 10001
Mary, the Daystar (Schutte) A 376 BB/MI/TM 74 H 317 OCP 30149874
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (Landry) A 242 BB/MI 702 CP3 332
CP4 295 GP3 372 H 324 J3 481 NTY 202 S&S 305 SS2 336 UC 468
VOZ 521 OCP 5554
Mary's Song NEW BRITAIN A 764 BB/MI 824 CP3 329 GP3 112 H 132
J3 474 VOZ 522
Ave Maria A 84 BB/MI 693 CP3 331 H 322 J3 486 UC 474 VOZ 526
Pilgrim Prayer (Moriarty) J3 476 OCP 20027
I Rejoiced (Thomson) NTY 59 S&S 218 SS1 84

COMMUNION

My Soul Rejoices (Alstott) A 744 BB/MI 802 CP3 92 CP4 85 H 134
J3 120 UC 176 VOZ 272 OCP 8727
O How Blessed (Schutte) A 407 BB/MI 638 OCP 30134220
Magnificat (Rubalcava) A 743 BB/MI 806 CP4 84 GP3 208 H 133
UC 187 VOZ 282 OCP 10833
I Received the Living God LIVING GOD A 284 BB/MI 347 CP3 542
CP4 324 H 398 J3 786
Holy Is His Name (Talbot) A 260 BB/MI 695 CP3 338 CP4 308 GP3 379
H 325 J3 487 NTY 201 S&S 110 SS1 95 UC 483 VOZ 535 OCP 10491
The Cry of the Poor (Foley) A 546 BB/MI 626 CP3 559 CP4 481
GP3 526 H 572 J3 829 NTY 278 R3 248 S&S 340 SS1 63 UC 751
VOZ 836 OCP 9498

The Immaculate Conception is the theological bookend to the Assumption. Both solemnities are a celebration of Catholic belief that Mary was conceived without sin, and that belief is predicated on the foundational doctrine of the Incarnation, that God became human. If we consider that sin is the ultimate separation from God, then it theologially follows that God could only take on flesh and become one of us by means of a pure sinless vessel, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Catholics have believed this from the early days of the Church but, after centuries of reflection on divine revelation as handed down to us from Scripture and tradition, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was proclaimed as dogma in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception is perhaps more readily grasped as the affirmation of Mary's total surrender to God's will—a surrender that, humanly speaking, made the Incarnation possible.

This is a good time to consider the importance of Marian hymns in our liturgical tradition. There are many contemporary songs that honor the Mother of God: "Hail Mary: Gentle Woman" by Carey Landry [BB/MI 702]; "Holy Is His Name" by John Michael Talbot [BB/MI 695]; "Mary, Sing with Joyful Heart" by Steve Angrisano [BB/MI 696], to name a few. But we are doing a disservice to the next generation of Catholics if we are not handing on to our young people the classic Marian hymns. Can the children in your parish sing "Hail, Holy Queen," [BB/MI/TP 210] "Immaculate Mary," [BB/MI/TP 205] and "O Sanctissima" [BB/MI 701]? These timeless melodies and lyrics have inspired generations of Catholics. Indeed, Marian hymns help define our Catholic identity. *Salve, Regina!*

— Ken Canedo

Bread of Life (B. Hurd) A 445 BB/MI 336 CP3 525 CP4 411 GP3 501
J3 784 NTY 74 R3 294 UC 566 VOZ 796 OCP 9110
Servant Song (McGargill) A 499 BB/MI 385 CP3 554 CP4 446
GP3 541 H 432 J3 820 UC 631 VOZ 747 OCP 9263
Magnificat (Sullivan Whitaker) J3 121 OCP 20465
Magnificat (Angrisano) GP3 209 OCP 30128189

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

See How the Virgin Waits (Jabusch) A 490 BB/MI/TM 55 H 158
VOZ 367 OCP 11655
Hail, Holy Queen SALVE REGINA COELITUM A 241 BB/MI/TM 210
CP3 333 CP4 294 GP3 376 H 335 J3 498 UC 476 VOZ 548
Ave Maria (Mary, Sing with Joyful Heart) (Angrisano) A 375
BB/MI 696 H 320 OCP 30148192
Let Heaven Rejoice (Dufford) A 338 BB/MI 608 CP3 292 CP4 351
GP3 333 J3 412 UC 303 VOZ 393 OCP 10479
Santa María del Camino (Espinosa) UC 478 VOZ 540 OCP 30135002
Magnificat (Farrell) A 742 BB/MI 805 CP3 93 GP3 210 H 135 J3 11
R3 22 UC 175 VOZ 528 OCP 10370
Let It Be Done to Us (B. Hurd) J3 473 OCP 20185
God Has Chosen Me (Farrell) A 228 BB/MI 389 CP3 553 CP4 285
GP3 542 J3 815 NTY 127 R3 236 SS2 345 UC 629 VOZ 736 OCP 9667
My Soul Rejoices (François) NTY 206 S&S 109

CHORAL

Ave Maria (Farrell) OCP 30152236
All Those Who Wait (B. Hurd) OCP 30151402
Adam Lay Ybounden (Setting One) (Denman) OCP 30149040

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Isaiah 61:10

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:9–15, 20 (689)

Adam and Eve ate from the tree that the LORD God forbade. Enmity would rise up between the serpent and the woman.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12

Christians received “every spiritual blessing in the heavens” through Jesus. Through Christ, God freely chose and adopted the faithful as children.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Luke 1:28

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26–38

The angel greeted Mary, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” The angel told Mary she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit. She answered, “May it be done to me according to your word.”

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

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MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

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ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer WACHET AUF A 613
BB/MI/TM 56 H 142 J3 298
Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte) A 129 BB/MI/TM 57 GP3 215
J3 284 OCP 10782
Ready the Way (B. Hurd) A 471 BB/MI/TM 63 CP3 221 CP4 429
GP3 230 H 143 J3 288 OCP 8787
Ready the Way (Stephan) A 472 BB/MI/TM 53 CP4 430 GP3 216
J3 294 NTY 147 S&S 142 SS2 293 UC 296 OCP 12789
Encircle This Wreath (Friedman) NTY 149

ENTRANCE

O Love of God (B. Hurd) A 410 BB/MI 315 GP3 466 NTY 30
S&S 225 SS2 354 UC 662 VOZ 760 OCP 10151
Mary, the Daystar (Schutte) A 376 BB/MI/TM 74 H 317 OCP 30149874
Mary's Song NEW BRITAIN A 764 BB/MI 824 CP3 329 GP3 112 H 132
J3 474 VOZ 522
Come to the Feast (B. Hurd) A 160 BB/MI 307 CP3 519 CP4 245
GP3 458 J3 763 NTY 80 R3 297 SS1 164 UC 503 VOZ 779 OCP 10336
O Sanctissima/O Most Holy One/Mary, Full of Grace O DU FRÖHLI-
CHE A 418 BB/MI 701 CP4 391 H 315
Envía Tu Espíritu (B. Hurd) A 186 BB/MI 414 GP3 347 J3 440
NTY 231 SS1 78 UC 438 VOZ 499 OCP 9104
There Is Nothing Told (Willcock) GP3 377 H 327 J3 478 OCP 10157
The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky EISENACH H 326 J3 493
Advent Litany (J. Cortez) J3 291 UC 300 OCP 20326

RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 10–11

A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 214, 258

Spirit and Psalm (E. García-López/R. López/Hart) 24–27

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

People, Look East BESANÇON A 458 BB/MI/TM 43 CP3 225 CP4 420
GP3 223 H 146 J3 297 R3 55 UC 288 VOZ 360 OCP 9548
O Holy Mary (Alstott) A 406 BB/MI 697 J3 511 UC 489 OCP 30145822
By the Waking of Our Hearts (Manalo) A 118 BB/MI 416 CP4 221
GP3 348 H 282 J3 439 SS1 102 OCP 10981
The Cry of the Poor (Foley) A 546 BB/MI 626 CP3 559 CP4 481
GP3 526 H 572 J3 829 NTY 278 R3 248 S&S 340 SS1 63 UC 751
VOZ 836 OCP 9498
Make Your Home in Me (Walther) A 370 BB/MI 618 CP4 371
GP3 521 S&S 324 UC 747 OCP 30138928
Alma Redemptoris Mater (Contractus) H 332 J3 471
Ave Maria (Norbet) A 85 BB/MI 700 CP4 201 GP3 369 J3 483
UC 491 OCP 10001
You Will Draw Water Joyfully (Reza) A 739 BB/MI 799 CP4 80
UC 166 VOZ 267

COMMUNION

Amén. El Cuerpo de Cristo (Schiavone) A 63 BB/MI 352 GP3 479
J3 783 UC 533 VOZ 809 OCP 10528
Taste and See (Reza) A 240 BB/MI 322 GP3 145 J3 39 UC 102 VOZ 168
We Are the Body of Christ (J. Cortez) GP3 547 J3 826 NTY 31
SS1 136 UC 664 VOZ 763 OCP 9887
Our Blessing-Cup (J. Cortez) A 722 BB/MI 785 CP3 72 CP4 65
GP3 187 J3 95
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came GABRIEL'S MESSAGE A 543
BB/MI/TM 52 CP4 479 GP3 378 H 147 J3 280
Magnificat (Rubalcava) A 743 BB/MI 806 CP4 84 GP3 208 H 133
UC 187 VOZ 282 OCP 10833

Nowhere is this feast a larger celebration than in Mexico, where Our Lady appeared to Saint Juan Diego and his uncle in 1531. Our Lady of Guadalupe, the title she proclaimed herself to Juan Diego, is also known under others, such as “Patroness of the Americas” (Leo XIII, 1895), “Queen of Mexico” (Pius XII, 1945) “Empress of Latin America,” and “Protectress of the Unborn” (the last two, Saint John Paul II, 1999). Saint John Paul II made it an obligatory memorial in the Americas, to be celebrated every year.

In parishes with Mexican (or even Central or South American) communities, this is a time for great celebration. Vibrantly-colored native costumes and even native dances have made their way into the celebration of this liturgy. Certain communities may wish to bring into the liturgy one or more of their native devotional songs to the Virgin.

It is always tricky when people of specific geographic or devotional communities wish to bring what is native into the celebration of the Eucharist. The late liturgist, Aidan Kavanagh, wrote that one does not adapt liturgy to the culture, but the culture to the liturgy. Therefore, careful discernment must be made so that the Eucharist does not become a celebration of us, but rather remains a celebration of God's love through Christ's gift of the Eucharist.

This is not a time to step out of Advent, for Advent is pregnant with anticipation of the memorial of the Nativity. One or two native devotional songs may be acceptable within the liturgy (perhaps a pre-service of community songs in devotion would be appropriate), but do remember to keep the focus on Advent.

— Gerard Chiusano

Ubi Caritas (Rosania) A 603 BB/MI 398 CP3 476 CP4 522 GP3 664
H 228 J3 710 UC 644 VOZ 687 OCP 9661
Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd (Reza) A 671 BB/MI 738 CP3 11
CP4 11 GP3 126 J3 25 UC 86 OCP 20252
Lord, Let My Prayer Arise (B. Hurd) NTY 63 S&S 97 SS2 284 OCP 12069

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

We Are the Body of Christ (J. Cortez) GP3 547 J3 826 NTY 31
SS1 136 UC 664 VOZ 763 OCP 9887
See How the Virgin Waits (Jabusch) A 490 BB/MI/TM 55 H 158
VOZ 367 OCP 11655
Ave Maria (Mary, Sing with Joyful Heart) (Angrisano) A 375
BB/MI 696 H 320 OCP 30148192
The Lord Has Done Great Things (J. Cortez) A 731 BB/MI 792
CP3 79 CP4 73 GP3 194 NTY 107 UC 155 VOZ 247
Mary's Song NEW BRITAIN A 764 BB/MI 824 CP3 329 GP3 112 H 132
J3 474 VOZ 522
In Christ Alone (Getty) A 294 BB/MI 549 CP4 328 GP3 584 J3 637
S&S 320
Savior of the Nations, Come NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND A 487
BB/MI/TM 54 H 145
Let It Be Done to Us (B. Hurd) J3 473 OCP 20185
Salve, Regina/Hail, Mary, Mother and Queen A 484 BB/MI 699
CP3 330 H 323 J3 485 UC 486 VOZ 525 OCP 20185
Jesus Christ, You Are My Life (Frisina) NTY 17 S&S 224 SS2 349
OCP 30140315

CHORAL

Mary, the Daystar (Schutte) OCP 30149874
Mary's Hymn of Praise SALLEY GARDENS OCP 30150267
Magnificat (Rosen) OCP 30114062

Our Lady of Guadalupe

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Chant _____

Penitential Act _____

Gloria _____

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading _____ Responsorial Psalm _____

Gospel Acclamation _____

Gospel _____

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Lamb of God _____

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THE CONCLUDING RITES

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Choral Anthem of the Day _____

Prelude/Postlude _____

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Revelation 12:1

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

FIRST READING

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab (690A)

After the woman and her child were saved from the dragon, a loud voice sounded from heaven: “Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God/and the authority of his Anointed.” (Alternate First Reading is Zechariah 2:14–17)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Judith 13:18bcde, 19

You are the highest honor of our race.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise; from you rose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39–47

Mary went to Zechariah's house in the hill country to visit Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary, the baby in Elizabeth's womb “leaped.” Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;/my spirit rejoices in God my savior.”

Or

Luke 1:26–38

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Luke 1:52

The Lord has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

Or

cf. Psalm 147 (146):20

God has not acted thus for any other nation; to no other people had he shown his love so clearly.

Third Sunday of Advent

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MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

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ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell) A 127 BB/MI 464 CP3 428 CP4 229
GP3 683 H 545 J3 824 NTY 8 S&S 207 SS1 105 UC 810 VOZ 625
OCP 10087

Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte) A 129 BB/MI/TM 57 GP3 215
J3 284 OCP 10782

Ready the Way (Stephan) A 472 BB/MI/TM 53 CP4 430 GP3 216
J3 294 NTY 147 S&S 142 SS2 293 UC 296 OCP 12789

Ready the Way (B. Hurd) A 471 BB/MI/TM 63 CP3 221 CP4 429
GP3 230 H 143 J3 288 OCP 8787

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL A 400
BB/MI/TM 39 CP3 210 CP4 381 GP3 228 H 139 J3 274 NTY 151
R3 47 UC 281 VOZ 349 OCP 11492

Encircle This Wreath (Friedman) NTY 149

ENTRANCE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL A 400
BB/MI/TM 39 CP3 210 CP4 381 GP3 228 H 139 J3 274 NTY 151
R3 47 UC 281 VOZ 349 OCP 11492

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO A 346 BB/MI/TM 59
CP3 223 CP4 355 H 159 J3 286

Ready the Way (Stephan) A 472 BB/MI/TM 53 CP4 430 GP3 216
J3 294 NTY 147 S&S 142 SS2 293 UC 296 OCP 12789

Let the King of Glory Come (Joncas) A 339 BB/MI/TM 64 CP3 220
GP3 225 H 144 J3 285

The King Shall Come (Thomson) A 560 BB/MI/TM 70 CP4 492
S&S 143 OCP 30128212

Every Valley (Dufford) A 189 BB/MI/TM 71 CP3 217 GP3 221 J3 289
UC 293 VOZ 370 OCP 10476

Comfort, Comfort, O My People GENEVA 42 A 166 BB/MI/TM 60
H 138 J3 295

Litany of the Word (Farrell) A 351 BB/MI/TM 65 J3 293 R3 61 OCP 7162

On Jordan's Bank (Coffin) A 425 BB/MI/TM 41 CP3 209 CP4 398
GP3 218 H 141 J3 278 UC 299 VOZ 362 OCP 12200

Blest Be the Star (Willcock) A 110 BB/MI 692 H 318 OCP 30149518

RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 12–13

A Lectionary Psalter (Schivone) 14, 224

Spirit and Psalm (Thomas/Angrisano) 28–31

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Come, Lord Jesus (Ridge) A 151 BB/MI/TM 40 H 153 OCP 11119

I Love the Lord (Inwood) A 283 BB/MI 531 H 491 OCP 30147210

Patience, People (Foley) A 454 BB/MI/TM 49 CP3 214 CP4 415

GP3 224 J3 277 VOZ 359 OCP 5736

All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN A 40 BB/MI 568

CP3 380 CP4 175 GP3 714 H 531 J3 578 R3 153 UC 801 VOZ 563

Maranatha (Chiusano) A 373 BB/MI/TM 61 J3 283 OCP 11973

Beyond the Moon and Stars (Schutte) A 104 BB/MI/TM 48 CP3 219

CP4 215 GP3 214 H 154 UC 289 OCP 12913

Maranatha II (Schoenbachler) GP3 220 OCP 10003

As Christ Is for Us (Sullivan Whitaker) A 70 BB/MI 506 OCP 30137851

COMMUNION

Come, Lord! Maranatha (Manalo) A 152 BB/MI/TM 66 OCP 20317

Maranatha I (Westphal) A 374 BB/MI/TM 68

Say to the Frightened Heart (B. Hurd) A 488 BB/MI 75 CP4 437

OCP 30133948

Bread of Angels (Stephan) A 112 BB/MI 378 CP4 218 GP3 484 H 427

OCP 30126357

This day is known as “Gaudete Sunday,” from the Latin word “gaudeamus” or “let us rejoice.” Instead of deep violet, rose is the color of the priest’s vestments and the third candle of the Advent wreath. The Entrance Antiphon is from Philippians 4: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.” The Isaiah reading offers some of the most beautiful poetry in the Bible: “The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song.”

Today’s Gospel features a dialogue between John the Baptist and Jesus. With his disciples as the go-between, John asks his cousin how people will know that he is the one who is to come. Jesus replies: “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Those who are touched by the compassion of Jesus are changed. Their lives are enriched and transformed into something greater than they could have ever imagined. This is cause for rejoicing!

There’s no denying that pastoral musicians are busy in December. Choir rehearsals, school practices, music arranging, and the seemingly endless succession of concerts, Reconciliation services, Advent prayer events, plus the multiple Christmas liturgies ahead. Take a break! Breathe. Pray. May the compassion of Jesus touch and transform you through the beautiful music that celebrates his birth. *You* are a cause for rejoicing!

Today is the first day of Hanukkah. Blessings to all who celebrate, especially interfaith families! — *Ken Canedo*

Make Your Home in Me (Walther) A 370 BB/MI 618 CP4 371

GP3 521 S&S 324 UC 747 OCP 30138928

As the Farmer Waits (B. Hurd) OCP 30147336

When We Eat This Bread (Joncas) A 634 BB/MI 357 OCP 10252

Bread for the World (Farrell) A 111 BB/MI 329 CP3 540 GP3 483

H 401 J3 780 NTY 64 S&S 240 SS1 157 UC 540 OCP 11727

A Voice Cries Out (Joncas) A 27 BB/MI/TM 46 CP3 211 CP4 166

GP3 213 J3 276 UC 275 VOZ 353 OCP 10000

Come, O Lord/Let Us See Your Kindness (Balhoff) GP3 164

Lord, Show Us Your Mercy (Psalm 85) (Modlin) S&S 76

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

The Great Forerunner of the Morn WINCHESTER NEW H 291 J3 494

Sing a Joyful Song (Farrell) A 507 BB/MI 571 CP3 376 CP4 451

GP3 743 J3 595 VOZ 582 OCP 9292

Benedictus (Angrisano) A 745 BB/MI 803 GP3 206 S&S 103

OCP 30128189

Let the Valleys Be Raised (Schutte) A 340 BB/MI/TM 50 CP3 215

GP3 227 H 149 J3 292 VOZ 373 OCP 30153851

Come, Lord Jesus (Ridge) A 151 BB/MI/TM 40 H 153 OCP 11119

When in Our Music ENGELBERG H 536 J3 601

Act Justly (Farrell) A 30 BB/MI 617 GP3 520 OCP 30130827

When the King Shall Come Again GAUDEAMUS PARITER H 148 J3 281

Come and Set Us Free (Thomson) S&S 134 OCP 30135006

CHORAL

Awake! Rejoice and Sing! (Keil) OCP 30150263

Gaudete! (Stephan) OCP 30152221

As the Farmer Waits (B. Hurd) OCP 30147336

Clear the Voice (Rosen) OCP 30147325

Third Sunday of Advent

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Time _____ Priest Celebrant _____

Music Rehearsal/Liturgical Catechesis _____

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Chant _____

Blessing and Sprinkling of Water/Penitential Act _____

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading _____ Responsorial Psalm _____

Second Reading _____ Gospel Acclamation _____

Gospel _____

Homily _____

Dismissal of the Catechumens _____

Universal Prayer, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 14 _____

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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Eucharistic Acclamations _____

Holy, Holy, Holy _____

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The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer _____

Lamb of God _____

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Philippians 4:4–5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10 (7A)

The deserts exult and burst into flower. The hills ring with joyful song. The feeble grow strong; the frightened take courage. The Lord comes to save us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10

Lord, come and save us.

Or: Alleluia.

SECOND READING

James 5:7–10

“Be patient...until the coming of the Lord,” said the author of the letter of James. “The Judge is standing before the gates.” Take the prophets as your models in facing hardship. They spoke in the Lord’s name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Luke 4:18)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2–11

John sent his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Jesus answered them affirmatively, pointing to the blind who see, the lame who walk, the lepers who are cured, and the poor who hear from him good news of hope.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Isaiah 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell) A 127 BB/MI 464 CP3 428 CP4 229
GP3 683 H 545 J3 824 NTY 8 S&S 207 SS1 105 UC 810 VOZ 625
OCP 10087

Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte) A 129 BB/MI/TM 57 GP3 215
J3 284 OCP 10782

Ready the Way (B. Hurd) A 471 BB/MI/TM 63 CP3 221 CP4 429
GP3 230 H 143 J3 288 OCP 8787

Ready the Way (Stephan) A 472 BB/MI/TM 53 CP4 430 GP3 216
J3 294 NTY 147 S&S 142 SS2 293 UC 296 OCP 12789

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL A 400
BB/MI/TM 39 CP3 210 CP4 381 GP3 228 H 139 J3 274 NTY 151
R3 47 UC 281 VOZ 349 OCP 11492

Encircle This Wreath (Friedman) NTY 149

ENTRANCE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL A 400
BB/MI/TM 39 CP3 210 CP4 381 GP3 228 H 139 J3 274 NTY 151
R3 47 UC 281 VOZ 349 OCP 11492

Come, Emmanuel (Thomson) A 148 BB/MI/TM 62 S&S 137
OCP 30131792

O Come, Divine Messiah VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE A 398 BB/MI/TM 44
CP3 218 CP4 378 H 152 J3 279 UC 291 VOZ 369

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus STUTTGART A 157 BB/MI/TM 42
CP3 213 CP4 243 GP3 212 H 140 J3 296 R3 53 UC 282 VOZ 365
OCP 8767

Let the Valleys Be Raised (Schutte) A 340 BB/MI/TM 50 CP3 215
GP3 227 H 149 J3 292 VOZ 373 OCP 30153851

Awake, My Soul, Awake (Partridge) A 87 BB/MI/TM 72 H 160
OCP 30150368

Mary's Song (Rieth) A 377 BB/MI 691 CP3 337 CP4 370 GP3 375
H 328 J3 480 R3 128 UC 465 VOZ 542 OCP 8305

Be Not Afraid (Dufford) A 91 BB/MI 439 CP3 453 CP4 207 GP3 600
H 483 J3 673 NTY 213 R3 225 S&S 271 SS1 170 UC 690 VOZ 647
OCP 12021

RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 14–15

A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 17, 224

Spirit and Psalm (Walther/Angrisano) 32–35

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (Landry) A 242 BB/MI 702 CP3 332
CP4 295 GP3 372 H 324 J3 481 NTY 202 S&S 305 SS2 336 UC 468
VOZ 521 OCP 5554

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN A 355
BB/MI/TM 97 CP3 227 CP4 361 GP3 246 H 182 J3 302 UC 316
VOZ 400 OCP 30104404

Mary, the Daystar (Schutte) A 376 BB/MI/TM 74 H 317 OCP 30149874

Come, Lord! Maranatha (Manalo) A 152 BB/MI/TM 66 OCP 20317
We've Come This Far by Faith (Goodson) A 624 BB/MI 487

There Is Nothing Told (Willcock) GP3 377 H 327 J3 478 OCP 10157
Waiting in Silence (Landry) A 611 BB/MI/TM 51 CP4 528 GP3 222
H 156 NTY 153 OCP 12058

Alma Redemptoris Mater (Contractus) H 332 J3 471

COMMUNION

Bread of Life (Advent/Christmas Setting) (Farrell) A 114
BB/MI/TM 76 CP3 524 CP4 219 GP3 482 H 413 J3 788 OCP 7152

Patience, People (Foley) A 454 BB/MI/TM 49 CP3 214 CP4 415
GP3 224 J3 277 VOZ 359 OCP 5736

Like a Child Rests (C. Walker) A 349 BB/MI 535 CP3 464 CP4 356
GP3 640 H 478 J3 691 R3 226 UC 769 VOZ 734 OCP 9139

Today's readings speak of those who are tempted to go their own way, not simply to trust what God asks of them. Ahaz does not wish to tempt the Lord by asking for a sign when invited to do so. Joseph was tempted to let go of Mary, though quietly, in order so she not be exposed to harsh Mosaic law which could have ended in her being stoned to death.

These temptations (if you will) were quieted by Isaiah in the First Reading and by an angel in the Gospel. It's as if Isaiah said, "Okay, Ahaz, if you won't request the sign, God's going to give it to you anyway!" and Joseph (who ought to be the patron of insomniacs), must have had his heart broken. In both these cases, God provides comfort that the work of the Divine will heal all humanity's brokenness.

If we as God's creatures had never been disobedient, if the Garden of Eden had not been closed to us and the gates of Heaven locked, would Christ the Lord have come to earth? That is a debate among theologians for time immemorial. Today's First Reading, quoted in the Gospel, gives us some insight into that question. God proclaims through Isaiah that the son conceived of the virgin is to be called "Emmanuel," which means "God-With-Us." The Incarnation, therefore, is the fulfillment of God's desire to be with us in a way that we can see, hear, and touch.

As the celebration of the Nativity is imminent, we sing a Psalm of Ascent, Psalm 24, bidding us to "let the Lord enter." Enter where? The Lord's favorite dwelling place: the human heart.

— Gerard Chiusano

A Place at Your Table (Walther) A 25 BB/MI 351 OCP 30139968
Holy Patron, Thee Saluting PLEADING SAVIOR A 262 BB/MI/TM 142
GP3 389 H 211 J3 489
Holy Is His Name (Talbot) A 260 BB/MI 695 CP3 338 CP4 308 GP3 379
H 325 J3 487 NTY 201 S&S 110 SS1 95 UC 483 VOZ 535 OCP 10491
Taste and See (Reza) A 240 BB/MI 322 GP3 145 J3 39 UC 102 VOZ 168
Maranatha I (Westphal) A 374 BB/MI/TM 68
Like a Shepherd (Dufford) A 350 BB/MI 591 CP3 436 CP4 358
GP3 765 H 569 J3 622 UC 676 VOZ 617 OCP 9933
Dwelling Place (Foley) A 179 BB/MI 492 CP3 441 CP4 253 GP3 596
J3 664

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

Let the King of Glory Come (Joncas) A 339 BB/MI/TM 64 CP3 220
GP3 225 H 144 J3 285
The Advent of Our King ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS) A 542 BB/MI/TM 73
CP3 208 CP4 482 H 161 J3 287 UC 284 VOZ 354
See How the Virgin Waits (Jabusch) A 490 BB/MI/TM 55 H 158
VOZ 367 OCP 11655
Let Heaven Rejoice (Dufford) A 338 BB/MI 608 CP3 292 CP4 351
GP3 333 J3 412 UC 303 VOZ 393 OCP 10479
The King Shall Come (Thomson) A 560 BB/MI/TM 70 CP4 492
S&S 143 OCP 30128212
Soon and Very Soon AND VERY SOON A 521 BB/MI 599 CP3 503
CP4 465 GP3 750 J3 755 NTY 276 UC 774 VOZ 672 OCP 10265
Emmanuel (Angrisano) A 182 BB/MI/TM 58 CP3 212 CP4 257
GP3 219 J3 299 NTY 148 S&S 140 SS2 290 UC 297 OCP 20131

CHORAL

Seek a Sign, the Prophet Counseled (Wedgewood) OCP 30150333
Rejoice, Emmanuel (Kendzia) OCP 30146881
O Oriens (Cosas) OCP 30150271

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Lamb of God _____

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THE CONCLUDING RITES

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Isaiah 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10–14 (10A)

The Lord offered Ahaz a sign. Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Nevertheless, the Lord gave a sign: "The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 24:1–2, 3–4, 5–6

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1–7

Paul told the Romans he was called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God about Christ Jesus. He said to them, "We have received the grace of apostleship" that we may spread the

name and bring to faith all those called to belong to Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 1:23

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18–24

Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they wed, Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph decided to break the engagement. He changed his mind when an angel in a dream told him to receive Mary as his wife.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Isaiah 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.