

Liturgy-Music Planning Guide 2010

Part I – Advent/Christmas/Epiphany/Winter

Advent

Saturday evening November 28 -
Thursday afternoon December 24, 2009

Character of the Advent Season

Advent inaugurates the beginning of the liturgical year; it is the four-week period during which the Church prepares to celebrate Christmas. Advent has a twofold character. In addition to being a time of preparation for the commemoration of Jesus' first coming into the world, it is also directed to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is a season of joyful and spiritual expectation.¹

Advent is not simply a preparation to commemorate the historical event of Christmas nor primarily and expectation of the *parousia*, but it is rather an anticipation or a beginning of the celebration of the integral mystery of the incarnation, the advent and epiphany of the Son of God in flesh and in majesty. The Christian community lives in an “interim” time between two historical events: the coming of Christ in the flesh and his coming in glory at the end of time.² The Church is called to be strong in faith, “as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Historically, in some parts of the Church where baptism was once celebrated at Epiphany, the forty days prior to it were devoted to ascetical preparation, and Advent took on several of the liturgical features of Lent. Now, however, “it is no longer considered a penitential season but a time of joyful expectation.”³

Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope:

~**waiting**-memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; waiting-supplication for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge;

~**conversion**, the Liturgy at this time often refers quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, *Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand* (Matt 3:2);

¹ United States Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops, Committee on Pastoral Practices. *Penitential Practices for Today's Catholics*. November 12, 2000. www.usccb.org/dpp/penitential.htm, cf. *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* [hereafter GNLY], no. 39.

² Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, National Liturgical Office. *Sunday Celebrations of the Word and Hours*. [hereafter SCWH], Season of Advent: Pastoral Notes, no. 5.

³ Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, National Liturgical Office. *Sunday Celebrations of the Word and Hours*. [hereafter SCWH], Season of Advent: Pastoral Notes, no. 6. cf. GNLY, no. 39.

~**joyful hope** that the salvation already accomplished by Christ (cf. Roman 8: 24-25) and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fulness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and *we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is* (John 3:2).⁴

Scripture Readings for the Sundays of Advent

Each [Sunday's] Gospel reading has a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (First Sunday of Advent), John the Baptist (Second and Third Sunday), and the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (Fourth Sunday). The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially from the Book of Isaiah. The readings from an Apostle [Paul] contain exhortations and proclamations, in keeping with the different themes of Advent.⁵

General Introduction to Music for Advent and Christmas⁶

The two halves of these lovely seasons pass so quickly, yet they are full of such rich images that give powerful expression to the message of God's coming among us. Music planners need to approach the two parts of Advent-Christmas together, while taking care to respect the integrity of each part. The music of Advent should be characterized by a simplicity that gives way to building excitement and expectation. The music of Christmas should be full of jubilation in the face of God's presence in our ordinary flesh and blood existence, and our jubilation should continue through the entire season.

Seasons with a focus on Mary

Woven through the two parts of these seasons are major Marian feasts, particularly; in Advent, two celebrations important to the church in the Americas: the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*—the title under which Mary is the patroness of the United States—and the *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*—the title under which Mary is patroness of the all the Americas. And, of course, the New Year begins with the *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*—the ancient title that links Mary to the whole celebration of the Incarnation. Be sure to plan appropriately for these feasts so that they are celebrated as part of the seasons in which they shine.

Music for the Entrance Rites during Advent

The scriptures of the Advent Season call us both to urgent expectation and to patient waiting. As we enter into the liturgy of each Sunday of Advent, the music should help to prepare the hearts of the assembly to hear and respond to the powerful proclamation of the Lord's coming.

Omit the Gloria on Advent Sundays, Sing it on Holydays

⁴ *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: Principles and Guidelines* [hereafter DPPL]. December 17, 2001. no. 96.

⁵ *Lectioary for Mass*, (hereafter LM) no. 93.

⁶ www.npm.org/Planning/yearb/general.html

Remember, the *Gloria* is omitted on the Sundays and weekdays of Advent, but is sung on the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*.

Music for the Entrance Rites during Christmas

The entrance rites of the Christmas Season should be filled with festive and joyful singing. The *Gloria* is sung on all the Sundays and feasts of Christmas. Use a strong musical version of the *Gloria* or a setting composed especially for this season.

Common Responsorial Psalms for Advent

Ps 25:4-5. 8-9.10 R. *To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

Ps 85:9-14 R. *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy.*

Christmas Season

Early Evening Thursday December 24, 2009 –
Sunday afternoon January 10, 2010

Songs for the Christmas Liturgy

Christmas Day Liturgies should be full of familiar carols, hymns and songs.

~For the Masses at Midnight and at Dawn, choose carols that evoke the images of the Christmas story: Bethlehem, manger, angels, shepherds.

~For the Mass during the Day, look for hymns and songs that proclaim that Christ is born this day, as the Word made flesh who continues to dwell among us.

Christmas Season

Next to the yearly celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season. The Christmas season runs from Evening Prayer I of Christmas until the Sunday after Epiphany (the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord).

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November 28th/29th - First Sunday of Advent YEAR - C

Gathering Song:

We Shall Prepare
Sing Out, Earth and Skies
Come Now Almighty King
The Advent of Our King
Come O Long Awaited Savior (a.k.a) Come O Long Expected Jesus
Creator of the Stars of Night
People of the Night
Advent Gathering
O Come O Come Emmanuel
Christ Be Our Light

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 I will raise up for David a just shoot.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25 *To you O Lord, I lift my soul.*

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Lives pleasing to God.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Be on guard lest your spirits become bloated.

Prep of the Gifts:

God Beyond All Names
Christ Be Our Light
Hold Me In Life
Ps 85 Let Us See Your Kindness
Maranatha—Come O Lord and Set Us Free
Wait For The Lord
My Soul In Stillness Waits

Communion Processional:

I Lift Up My Soul
You Are Our Living Bread
Bread of Life, Hope of the World (*Advent verses*)
Now In This Banquet—*Advent refrain*
Await the Lord with Hope

Sending Forth:

The Coming of Our God
Wake, Awake the Night is Flying
O Come O Come Emmanuel
Prepare the Way of the Lord
People Look East
City of God
Go Light Your World
Soon and Very Soon

December 5th/6th - 2nd Sunday of Advent YEAR - C

Gathering Song:

We Shall Prepare
Sing Out, Earth and Skies
In the Day of the Lord
Prepare the Way of the Lord
On Jordan's Bank
Ready the Way of the Lord
A Voice Cries Out
The Coming of Our God
Let The Valleys be Raised

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 He who began the good work in you will complete it.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 Prepare the way of the Lord.

Prep of the Gifts:

Rise Up, Jerusalem
Christ Circle Round Us
Bread of Life
Save Us, O Lord
There Is A Longing
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
Go Up to the Mountain
Every Valley

Communion Processional:

One Bread One Body
Taste and See
Bread of Life, Hope of the World (*Advent verses*)
Now in This Banquet -*Advent refrain*
O Come O Come Emmanuel
Hold Me In Life
Like A Shepherd
Let Us Go Rejoicing! (*Psalm 122*)

Sending Forth:

City of God
Walk in the Reign
Ready The Way of the Lord
Shine Jesus Shine
We Are The Light
Let the King of Glory Come
Soon and Very Soon

Tuesday December 8th - The Immaculate Conception Yr- C

Always a Holyday of Obligation in the USA

Gathering Song:

Immaculate Mary
Sing a New Song
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
Mary, Woman of the Promise
All the Earth
What Is Our Service To Be
God of Abraham Litany

REMEMBER TO SING THE GLORIA TODAY

1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 I will put enmity between your & hers.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98 Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous deeds.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.

Prep of the Gifts:

Canticle of Mary (any setting)
Holy Is Your Name
Holy Is His Name
Ave Maria
Mary's Song
See How The Virgin Waits
There Is Nothing Told

Communion Processional:

Bread of Life, Hope of the World (*Advent verses*)
Now In This Banquet—*Advent refrain*
Ps 34—The Cry of the Poor
Servant Song

(any of the above Marian hymns)

Sending Forth:

O Sanctissima
I Sing A Maid
Song of Mary
Song of Mary
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
Hail Holy Queen
Find Us Ready

December 12th/13th -- 3rd Sunday of Advent Yr. C

Special Collection Today: Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR)

Gathering Song:

We Shall Prepare
O Come O Come Emmanuel
People Look East
Let heaven Rejoice
The Advent of Our King
Christ Be Our Light
On Jordan's Bank
Ready The Way
A Voice Cries Out

1st Reading: Zeph 3:14-8 Rejoice O daughter Zion, your salvation is at hand.

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12 With Joy You Shall Draw Water

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always!

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18 "What ought we to do?" Share with those in need.

Prep of the Gifts:

Like A Shepherd
Christ Be Our Light
Alleluia! Hurry the Lord Is Near
Patience People
Comfort, Comfort O My People
Each Winter As the Year Grows Older
The King Shall Come
Like A Child Rests

Communion Processional:

O Come, Divine Messiah
Bread For The World
Now In This Banquet—*Advent refrain*
Bread of Life, Hope of the World—*Advent verses*
Behold The Lamb
Let The King of Glory Come

Special Collection Today: Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR)

Sending Forth:

Canticle of Zachary
Sing A New Song
City of God
People Look East
Clear The Voice
Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is Near
The Angel's Promise
Every Valley
God Has Chosen Me

December 19th/20th -- 4th Sunday of Advent Yr. C

Gathering Song:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
We Shall Prepare
All Who Claim the Faith of Jesus
Awake Awake and Greet the New Morn
Creator of the Stars of Night
Come Divine Messiah
Savior of the Nations, Come

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a "From you shall come forth the ruler of Israel."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80 Lord make us turn to you, show us your face, and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 "Behold, I come to do your will."

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Prep of the Gifts:

My Soul In Stillness Waits
Like A Shepherd
All That Is Hidden
Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming
Canticle of the Turning
The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came
There is Nothing Told
Comfort, comfort, O My people
Ave Maria

Communion Processional:

Bread of Life, Hope of the World –Advent verses
Now In This Banquet—Advent refrain
Table of Plenty
Behold the Lamb
Christ Be Our Light
Like A Child Rests
To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul
O Taste and See

Sending Forth:

People Look East
Night of Silence
Ready the Way of the Lord
God of All People
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns
Come, O Long Expected Jesus
Shine Jesus Shine

December 24th/25th Nativity of Our Lord Yr.C

Gathering Song:

O Come All Ye Faithful
Joy To The World
Angels We Have Heard On High
(any Christmas hymn)

Readings: consult your Pastor/Liturgy Committee as to which readings will be used—Vigil, Midnight, Dawn, Day

Responsorial Psalm:

Vigil—Psalm 89: Forever I will sing

Midnight—Ps 96: Today is Born Our Savior

Dawn—Ps 97: A Light Will Shine

Day—Ps 98: All The Ends of the Earth

(Psalm 98 would be appropriate at any/all of the Masses celebrating the Birth of the Lord.)

Prep of the Gifts:

Night of Silence/Silent Night (*most appropriate at nighttime Masses*)
Peace Child
Peace, Peace
Rise Up Shepherd and Follow
Wonderful Counselor
(any Christmas hymn)

Communion Processional:

Child of Mercy
Any common Christmas hymn—especially one with a refrain that the people know well
Bread of Life, Hope of the World (*Christmas verses*)

Sending Forth:

Joy To The World
Go Tell It On The Mountain
(any joyful Christmas Hymn!)

Christmas Carols, Hymns, and Songs

BB: 75-104

GC: 341 - 372

GCI: 351 - 380

SC: 17, 18, 43, 91, 96, 125, 141, 166, 169, 176, 185, 215,
225, 238, 242, 258, 271, 276

December 26th/27th Feast of the Holy Family

Gathering Song:

use a Christmas song such as/or:
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Once In Royal David's City
God's Holy Family
Faithful Family
God of Eve and God of Mary
Let Heaven Rejoice

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14 Duties toward your parents

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128 *Blest Are Those Who Love You*

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 Plan for family life.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52 Escape into Egypt

Optional readings:

Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Samuel shall be dedicated to the Lord.
Ps 84 Blessed Are They who dwell in your house, O Lord.
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 We are Children of God.
Luke 2:41-52 Jesus was found sitting in the
midst of the teachers.

Prep of the Gifts:

Christmas songs
Star-Child
What Child Is This/Child of the Poor
Angels, Come in Celebration

Communion Processional:

There is Nothing Told
World Without End
Child of Mercy
Bread of Life, Hope of the World Christmas verses
In Faith In Hope
Other Christmas songs

Sending Forth:

Angels We Have Heard on High
All The Ends of the Earth
Children Run Joyfully
Christ Before Us
Various Christmas songs

December 31st/January 1st -- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Yr.C Holyday of Obligation

Gathering Song:

Hark The Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard On High
All Who Claim the Faith of Jesus
I Sing A Maid
The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky
On This Day the First of Days
(Marian or Christmas hymns)

1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27 The Lord bless you and keep you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67 May God Bless Us In His Mercy

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7 God sent his Son, born of a woman.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21 He was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel.

Prep of the Gifts:

Jesus, Name Above All Names
Wonderful Counselor
The First Noel
What Child Is This/Child of the Poor
Lo, How A Rose
Sing of Mary
Like A Child Rests
Magnificat
Ave Maria
Holy Is His Name
Christmas songs

Communion Processional:

Child of Mercy
Bread of Life, Hope of the World *Christmas verses*
Ubi Caritas
Holy Is Your Name
Song of the Body of Christ
Mary's Song

Sending Forth:

Christmas hymns
Power of Peace
What Is Our Service To Be

Christmas Carols, Hymns, and Songs

BB: 75-104

GC: 341 - 372

GCI: 351 - 380

SC: 17, 18, 43, 91, 96, 125, 141, 166, 169, 176, 185, 215,
225, 238, 242, 258, 271, 276

January 2nd/3rd Epiphany of the Lord Yr.C

Gathering Song:

Angels From the Realms of Glory
As With Gladness Men of Old
We Three Kings
Let Heaven Rejoice
In Deepest Night
Christmas hymn

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (or seasonal Psalm 98)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gentiles are coheirs.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 We saw the star at its rising.

Prep of the Gifts:

What Child is This/Child of the Poor
What Star is This
Brightest and Best
Lord, Today

Communion Processional:

Pan de Vida
One Bread, One Body
Christ Be Our Light
Bread of Life, Hope of the Word -Christmas verses
Christmas hymn

Sending Forth:

The First Noel
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Angels from the Realms of Glory
He Is The Lord
Take Christ to the World
Go Ye Out

(end of the Christmas Season)

Gathering Song:

On Jordan's Bank
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Come to Us
Baptized In Water
Come to the Water
River of Glory

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Behold my servant with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29 The Lord will bless his people with peace.

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38 God anointed him with the Holy Spirit

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 Beloved Son

Prep of the Gifts:

O Healing River
You Have Anointed Me
Shall We Gather at the River
Good News
You Are Mine

Communion Processional:

All Who Are Thirsty
All That We Have
We Are Many Parts
Taste and See
River of Glory
Pan de Vida

Sending Forth:

Lift Up Your Hearts
Sing A New Song
Anthem
Bring Forth The Kingdom
Baptized In Water
Thanks Be To God
Sing of the Lord's Goodness

WINTER ORDINARY TIME BEGINS

LATE AFTERNOON, January 10th

Gathering Song:

Come To The Banquet
Table of Plenty
Come My Way My Truth, My Life
Glory and Praise To Our God
Gather Us In
Holy Spirit
We Are The Light of the World

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 The Lord delights in you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96 Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 12:4-11 There are different gifts but the same spirit.

Gospel: John 2:1-11 Wedding At Cana

Prep of the Gifts:

I Have Loved You
May We Be One
Many Are the Light Beams
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
In This Place
I Will Choose Christ
Eye Has Not Seen
Holy Spirit Flow Through Me

Communion Processional:

In Christ There Is A Table Set For All
One Bread, One Body
Table Prayer
Take and Eat
Taste and See
We Are Many Parts
Pan de Vida

Sending Forth:

Sing of the Lord's Goodness
Sing A New Church
We Walk By Faith
Go Forth
Go Make A Difference
I Sing The Mighty Power of God
The Spirit Sends Us Forth
Song of Thankfulness and Praise

January 23/24 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR - C
ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

Gathering Song:

Canticle of Zachary
Gather Us In
Gather Us Together
Praise To The Lord
Sing A New Church
God Has Chosen Me
Age To Age
Come My Way My Truth My Life

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10 Ezra proclaims the Word of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19 Lord You Have The Words

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 The body is one and has many members.

Gospel: Luke 1:2-4, 4:14-21 Jesus stood up to read in the temple.

Prep of the Gifts:

We Are Many Parts
Lord, To Whom Shall We Go
Speak, Lord
God Has Chosen Me
Open My Eyes
Speak, Lord
Immortal, Invisible, God Only wise

Communion Processional:

We Remember
One Bread One Body
We Are Many Parts
Pan de Vida
Song of the Body of Christ
Rain Down

Sending Forth:

Your Are the Voice
O God, our Help in Ages Past
We Are The Light of the World
Bring Forth the Kingdom
Lead Me, Lord
Blest Be The Lord
Lord, You Give The Great Commission
We Are Called
Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo

January 30/31 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR - C

Gathering Song:

Be Not Afraid
Be Light For Our Eyes
We Are Called
Here I Am, Lord
I Say "Yes" Lord, Digo "Si" Senior
Gather Your People
O Bless The Lord
All That Is Hidden

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-18 Call of Jeremiah

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71 I will sing of your salvation.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Love is patient, love is kind.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30 No prophet gains acceptance in his own land.

Prep of the Gifts:

Before the Sun Burned Bright
By Name I Have Called You
You Are Mine
Open My Eyes
The Summons
Where Love Is Found
Your Song of Love
Love One Another

Communion Processional:

Deep Within
Now In This Banquet
Unless a Grain of Wheat
Renew Us
There Is A Longing
Servant Song
Bread For The World Broken

Sending Forth:

Your Are the Voice
O God, our Help in Ages Past
We Are The Light of the World
Bring Forth the Kingdom
Lead Me, Lord
Blest Are They
Lord, You Give The Great Commission
We Are Called
Take The Word of God with You

Gathering Song:

We Are Called
Here I Am, Lord
Rain Down
Gather Your People
Come To Us
Lord, When You Came/Pescador de Hombres
The Summons
Holy, Holy, Holy

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8 Call of Isaiah

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138 In The sight of the Angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Content of Good News!

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 An abundance of fish are caught from Simon's boat.

Prep of the Gifts:

How Brightly Deep!
The Fishermen
Those Called by Christ
I Have Loved You
Seek Ye First
The Summons
Christ Be Beside Me
The Servant Song
I Will Choose Christ

Communion Processional:

Gift of Finest Wheat
Here At This Table
Pan de Vida
Ubi Caritas
Behold The Lamb
Table Song
Here I Am, Lord

Sending Forth:

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
City of God
Bring Forth The Kingdom
Lord of the Dance
Anthem
Those Called By Christ
The Summons
I Am The Light of the World

Gathering Song:

We Are The Light of the World
Gather Us Together
Glory and Praise To Our God
Alleluia! Raise The Gospel
O Bless The Lord
Le Us Go to the Altar
Cry The Gospel
The Summons

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8 Trust In The Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1 Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Hope for eternity

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26 The Beatitudes

Prep of the Gifts:

Blest Are They
Beatitudes
What Wondrous Love Is This
In This Place
I Will Choose Christ
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Jesus, Lord

Communion Processional:

One Bread, One Body
Blest Are They
We Remember
Be Not Afraid
Voice of Christ
I Will Lift Up My Eyes
Gift of Finest Wheat

Sending Forth:

With One Voice
Alleluia! Raise The Gospel
Lead Me, Lord
Lead Us On O Lord
The Spirit Sends Us Forth
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
We Are Marching

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEB 17th