Texts of the Responsorial Psalms
It has been a few years now that the new Psalter has been approved for use. Many parishes who are still using older hymnals (published prior to 2011) need be careful to use updated resources for singing and proclaiming the responsorial psalm texts, just as we have been for the Mass texts in the “new” Roman Missal. And just as the proper texts of the 1st, 2nd, and Gospel readings are to be proclaimed as required, care should be taken for the “correct” verses to be proclaimed by the psalmist for a given liturgical celebration. Exceptions and/or options are ever-present to keep us honest, i.e., the various readings for the celebration of Christmas, the Nativity of Our Lord.

Nov 26/27: First Sunday of Advent (A)

Entrance Antiphon:

Only Chanted or Recited If No Gathering Song Is Sung
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.

Gathering Song:
A Season of Light (O/C/S)
Abrazo los Cielos (O)
Advent Gathering Rite
Awake to the Day (O/S)
Christ, Be Our Light (O/C)
Come, Emmanuel (O/C)
Come Now, Almighty King
Gather Your People (Hurd)
In the Day of the Lord (Ridge)
Now Is the Time Approaching (O/D)
¡Oh Ven! ¡Oh Ven, Emanuel! (O)
Preparen el Camino (S)
Sing Out! Earth and Skies
The Advent of Our God/King (O/D)
The King Shall Come (Mattingly, ST STEPHEN) (O/D)
The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns
This Is Your Justice (O/C)
To You, O Lord (Hacker) (O)
Vamos a la Casa del Señor
Vamos Alegres/Let Us Go Rejoicing: Sal 122(121)
Ven, Señor (Rubalcava) (S)
Wake, O Wake and Sleep No Longer (O/D)
When the King Shall Come Again

Isaiah 2:1-5
They shall beat their swords into plowshares.
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Romans 13:11-14
Now is the hour to awake from sleep.
Gospel verse: Show us, Lord, your love;
And grant us your salvation.
Matthew 24:37-44
The Son of Man will come at an hour you least expect.

Preparation of Gifts:
Silence/Instrumental/Choral
Al Partir el Pan (C)
Blessed and Holy (Farrell)
Christ the Lord (Hart)
Come, Lord! Maranatha (Manalo)
Creator of the Stars of Night
El Señor Es Mi Luz: Sal 27(26) (C)
Lord, Show Us Your Mercy and Love (C)
Maranatha (Chiusano)
Muestranos, Señor: Sal 85(84) (C)
My Deliverer (D)
On That Holy Mountain (C)
Prepare Ye (D)
Steal Away to Jesus
To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul
Turn to Me (Foley)
Ven, Salvador (EL DIOS DE PAZ) (S)

Communion Antiphon:

Only Chanted or Recited If No Communion Song Is Sung
The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Communion Song:
Advent Litany (Prendergast/Modlin)
Bread of Life (Farrell)
I Lift Up My Soul (Manion)
Jesus, Come to Us (Haas)
Jesus, Hope of the World
Letanía de Adviento/Advent Litany (Cortez)
Taste and See (Kendzia)
To You, O Lord (Joncas/Soper/Smith)
Turn Our Hearts Around

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord Is Near (Sands)
Bearers of Peace (Farrell)
City of God (Schutte)
Find Us Ready (Booth)
For the Healing
I Rejoiced (Thomson)
Let the Valleys Be Raised (Schutte)
Let Us Go Rejoicing (Hurd)
Soon and Very Soon
OTHER:
Christ Is Surely Coming
Come, Lord, and Tarry Not
Each Winter as the Year Grows Older
From the Father’s Throne on High
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O Holy City, Seen of John
People of the Night
People, Look East
Wait for the Lord
When the Lord in Glory Comes

Question of the Week: What “work of darkness” do I need to throw off? What “armor of light” do I need to put on to ensure that I am “awake” and “prepared” for the hour of the Lord’s coming?

Seasons with a focus on Mary

Woven through the Advent and Christmas seasons are major Marian feasts. In Advent two celebrations are particularly 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 all the Americas. 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.

From the Ceremonial of Bishops

“Each year in the cathedral church and in all the churches and communities of the diocese there is to be a celebration of the anniversary of the bishop’s episcopal ordination.” Since Bishop Hoeppner’s Anniversary day is the Feast of the Apostle Andrew, the Mass formula for the Feast of St. Andrew is celebrated.

December 3/4: Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Entrance Antiphon:
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.

Gathering Song:
A Season of Light (O/S)
Abranise los Cielos (O)
Awake to the Day
Behold a Virgin Bearing Him (O/S)
Behold, O Zion, God Will Come (O)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Comfort, Comfort You/O My People (O/S)
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed (O/S)
Let the Valleys Be Raised (Schutte)
Litany of the Word (Farrell) (C)
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O Lord of Light (O/S)
¡Oh Ven! ¡Oh Ven, Emanuel! (O)
On Jordan’s Bank (O/S)
On That Holy Mountain (O/S)
People, Look East (O/S)
Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (O/C/S)
Preparen el Camino (S)
Proclaim the Joyful Message (O/C/S)
Ready the Way (Stephan/Hurd)
Sing Out, Earth and Skies
Ven, Señor (Rubalcava) (S)
Isaiah 11:1-10

1 Ceremonial of Bishops [hereafter, CB], no. 1167.
The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb.
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.
Romans 15:4-9
God, the source of patience, enables us to live in harmony.

Gospel verse:
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Matthew 3:1-12
Prepare the way of the Lord!

Preparation of Gifts:
Silence/Instrumental/Choral
A Voice Cries Out (Joncas)
Be the Light (C)
Benedictus (Agrisano) (C)
Come, Lord Jesus (Ridge)
Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring
Like a Shepherd (Dufford)
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming (S)
Look to the One
Marantha II (Schoenbachler)
Muéstranos, Señor/Lord, Show Us Your Mercy: Sal 85(84) (C)
¡Oh Ven! ¡Oh Buen Pastor! (C)
Patience, People (Foley)
Te Esperamos, Oh Señor (S)
¡Ven, Salvador! (EL DIOS DE PAZ) (S)
Ven y Sálvanos (S)
Wade in the Water (Ridge)

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

Communion Song:
Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell)
Come to Us (Walton)
Grant Us Peace (Canedo)
Gusten y Vean: Sal 34(33)
Jesus, Hope of the World
Take and Eat (Joncas)
The Cry of the Poor (Foley)
There Is a Longing (Quigley)
This Body of Christ (Rosania)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
City of God (Schutte)
Emmanuel (Agrisano)
Every Valley (Dufford)
Let the Heavens Be Glad (Feiten)
Lord of Glory (Manion)
Rise Up, My People
Soon and Very Soon
The King Shall Come (Thomson)
We Are Called (Haas)

OTHER:

2 Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Dogmatic Constitution
on the Church [Lumen Gentium] no. 56.
Sing “Ave!” (O/S)
Sing of Mary (O/S)
Sing We of the Blessed Mother
Stainless Is the Maiden (O/S)
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Genesis 3:9-15,20
Eve became the mother of all the living.

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
God chose us in Christ.

Gospel verse:
Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women.

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

Preparation of Gifts:
Alma Redemptoris Mater
Ave Maria (Palazón/Chant/Kantor/Cortés)
Ave, Maria/Hail, Maiden Mary (C/S)
Beyond the Moon and Stars (Schutte)
Canticle of Mary (C)
Canticle of Our Lady (C)
Las Apariciones Guadalupanas (Desde el Cielo)
Mary’s Song (S)
Mary’s Song of Praise (S)
My Soul Rejoices in the Lord (C)
O Maria, Madre Mia
Pilgrim Prayer (Moriarty)
Servant Song (McGargill)
The Hail Mary (C/S)
There Is Nothing Told (Willcock)

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

Communion Song:
Abba! Father (Landry)
I Received the Living God
Like a Child Rests (Walker)
O Holy Mary/María, Madre del Señor (Alstott)
Taste and See (Kendzia)
The Cry of the Poor (Foley)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Adiós, Oh Virgen de Guadalupe
God Has Chosen Me
Hail, Holy Queen
Let Heaven Rejoice (Dufford)
Let It Be Done to Us/Ty Voluntad, Señor (Hurd)
Magnificat (Farrell)
Song of Mary (Schutte)
Soon and Very Soon
My Soul Proclaims (Toolan)

OTHER:
All Who Claim the Faith of Jesus
Creator of the Stars of Night
I Am for You
I Sing a Maid
Mary, How Lovely the Light
No Wind at the Window
O Come, Divine Messiah
O Mary of the Promise
Praise We the Lord This Day
Savior of the Nations, Come

Question of the Day: What challenge am I facing in my life this Advent, by which God may be inviting me to say yes to God’s still mysterious plan?

National Day of Prayer for Retired Religious

Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR)
The Retirement Fund for Religious has generated an unprecedented response from U.S. Catholics. Since pioneer days in the United States, Catholic religious orders of women and men have been a vivid and influential presence, especially in education and health care. They contributed immeasurably to the rise of a vast immigrant population, providing the education and support necessary to bring U.S. Catholics from poverty to the middle class and beyond. The decisive role that sisters, nuns, brothers, and religious order priests played was undertaken in a spirit of service and selflessness.
For more information, visit www.usccb.org/nrro

December 10/11: Third Sunday of Advent (A)

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

Gathering Song:
Advent Litany (Prendergast/Modlin)
Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn (O/S)
Canten a Dios con Alegría (S)
Canto de María (O/C)
Come, Emmanuel (O/C/S)
Come, Light of the World (O/S)
Emmanuel (Agrisano)
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed (O/S)
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Look to the One (O/C/S)
O Come, Divine Messiah (O/S)
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O Lord of Light (O/S)
¡Oh Ven! ¡Oh Ven, Emanuel! (O)
On Jordan’s Bank (O/S)
On That Holy Mountain (O/S)
People, Look East (O/S)
Preparen El Camino (C/S)
Isaiah 35:1-6,10
The desert will bloom.

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Lord, come and save us.

James 5:7-10
Be patient like a farmer waiting for spring.

Gospel verse:
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring good tidings to the poor.

Matthew 11:2-11
In prison, John received word of the coming of Christ.

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Entrance Antiphon: see above
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.

Gathering Song:
Envia Tu Espiritu (Hurd)
Laudes: Salmo 62/Morning Prayer: Psalm 63 (Rubalcava)
Letania de Adviento/Advent Litany (Cortez)
Mary’s Song
O Love of God/Amor de Dios (Hurd)
O Sanctissima/O Most Holy One/Mary, Full of Grace (Hagan)
Sing of Mary
There Is Nothing Told

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a
A sign appeared in the sky.

Judith 13:18bcde, 19
You are the highest honor of our race.

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

Luke 1:39-47
The Visitation

Preparation of Gifts:
Ave Maria (Cortés)
Be Not Afraid (Dufford)
Immaculate Mary
Make Your Home in Me (Walther)
O Holy Mary/María, Madre del Señor (Alstott)
Pescador de Hombres/Lord, You Have Come (Gabarain)
Prayer of St. Francis/Oración de San Francisco (Temple)
The Cry of the Poor (Foley)

Communion Antiphon:
The Lord has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. OR
God has not acted thus for any other nation; to no other people had he shown his love so clearly.

Preparation of Gifts:
A Voice Cries Out (Joncas)
Blest Are They (Haas)
Bread for the World (Farrell)
El Pan de la Vida (Cortés)
Flow, River, Flow (Hurd)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Thomerson)
Like a Shepherd (Dufford)
Maranatha I (Westphal)
The Vineyard of the Lord/Lord, Make Us Turn to You (Keil)
This Bread That We Share (MacAller)
Turn Our Hearts Around

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Benedictus (Farrell)
Canticle of Zachary
In the Day of the Lord (Ridge)
Lord of Glory (Manion)
My Deliverer
Ready the Way (Hurd)
We Ever Will Praise You (McDonell)

OTHER:
One Bread, One Body (Foley)
Pan de Vida (Hurd)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Bread for the World (Farrell)
Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell)
Deo Gratias (Rubalcava)
Hail, Holy Queen
Laudate, Laudate Dominum (Walker)
Salve Regina/Hail Mary, Mother and Queen
Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo/We Are the Body of Christ (Cortez)
Vayan al Mundo/Go Out to the World (Cortez)

Question of the Day: How can I personally make “miraculous roses” of acceptance and hospitality bloom in my community in place of rejection and hostility?

Las Posadas
16-24 de diciembre/December 16-24

Entrance Song:
Para Pedir Posadas/Entren Santos Peregrinos

Preparation of the Gifts:
Alegria, Alegria, Alegria (S)

Sending Forth:
Vaman, Pastores, Vaman

December 17/18: Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Entrance Antiphon:
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.

Gathering Song:
Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn ((O/S)
Behold a Virgin Bearing Him (O/S)
Come, Emmanuel ((O/C/S)
Come, O Long-Awaited Savior (O/S)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Creator of the Stars of Night
Elevamos Nuestros Cantos (S)
Emmanuel ((O/C/S)
Emmanuel, Come to Set Us Free ((O/C)
Let the King of Glory Come (Joncas)
Lift Up Your Heads ((O/S)
Litany of the Word (Farrell)
O Come, Divine Messiah (O/S)
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (O/C/S)
O Lord of Light (O/S)
¡Oh Ven! ¡Oh Ven, Emanuel! (O)
Preparen El Camino (C/S)
Proclaim the Joyful Message (O/C)
Savior of the Nations, Come (O/S)
Sing Out, Earth and Skies (Haugen)
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came Down

Isaiah 7:10-14
The virgin shall be with child.

Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Romans 1:1-7
Jesus is the son of David and the Son of God.

Gospel verse:
A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
And they shall call him Emmanuel.

Matthew 1:18-24
Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife.

Preparation of Gifts:
Abran los Cielos
Alegria, Alegria, Alegria (S)
Ave Maria (Cortés)
Canticle of Mary (C)
Canticle of Our Lady (C)
Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte)
Come, Lord Jesus (Ridge)
Come, Lord! Maranatha (Manalo)
Digo Sí, Señor! I Say Yes, My Lord (C)
Holy Patron, Thee Saluting
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming (S)
Mary’s Song
Ready the Way (Stephan)
Take, O Lord and Receive (C)
Te Esperamos, Oh Señor (S)
¡Ven, Salvador! (EL DIOS DE PAZ) (C)

The “O” Antiphons
December 17-24
Communion Antiphon:
Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Communion Song:
Beyond the Moon and Stars (Schutte)
Bread of Life (Farrell)
Like a Child Rests (Walker)
Like a Shepherd (Dufford)
Maranatha (Chiusano)
O Holy Mary/María, Madre del Señor (Alstott)
Patience, People (Foley)
Turn Our Hearts Around
Waiting in Silence (Landry)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord Is Near (Sands)
Let the Valleys Be Raised (Schutte)
Mary’s Song (Rieth)
People, Look East
See How the Virgin Waits
The King of Glory
The Name of Jesus
The Whole World Is Waiting for Love (Misetich)
Ven, Señor (Rubalcava)

Gathering Song:
Seasonal Music
Angels We Have Heard on High (O/C/D)
Christmas Hymn (O/S)
For Us a Child of Hope Is Born (O)
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (O/S)
Hoy a la Tierra (Angels We Have Heard on High)
It Came upon the Midnight Clear (O/S)
Joy to the World (O/S)
Nunca Suenan las Campanas (S)
O Come, All Ye Faithful/Adeste Fidelis (O/S)
O Little Town of Bethlehem (O/S)
Pastorcitos del Monte, Venid (C)
Pastores, a Belén (S)
Paz en la Tierra (Joy to the World) (S)
Vamos, Pastorcillos (O/S)
Vamos Todos a Belen (O/C/S)
Venid, Fieles Todos (O Come, All Ye Faithful)

Readings of Vigil
Isaiah 62:1-5
The Lord God will protect and vindicate the people of Zion.
Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
"Behold, one is coming after me."
Gospel Verse:
Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
The Savior of the world will reign over us.
Matthew 1:1-25
And they shall call him Emmanuel.

Readings of Midnight
Isaiah 9:1-6
“For a child is born to us..”
Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 T
Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.
Titus 2:11-14
God’s grace appeared in the savior Christ Jesus.
Gospel verse:
I proclaim to you good new of great joy:
Today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:1-14
“Glory to God in the highest.”

Readings of Dawn
Isaiah 62:11-12
“Your savior comes!”
Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12
A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.
Titus 3:4-7
The generous love of God appeared.
Gospel Verse:
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.
Luke 2:15-20
They went to see the child.

Gathering Song:
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O Come, All Ye Faithful/Adeste Fidelis (O/S)
O Little Town of Bethlehem (O/S)
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Pastores, a Belén (S)
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Titus 3:4-7
The generous love of God appeared.
Gospel Verse:
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.
Luke 2:15-20
They went to see the child.
Readings of Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
God gives comfort to all people.

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Hebrews 1:1-6
God's own heir, the Lord who sustains all things.

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

John 1:1-18
Love following love.

Preparation of Gifts:
Seasonal/Instrumental/Choral Music
Christmas Lullaby
God So Loved the World
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
La Virgen y San José
Let Me Be Your Bethlehem (C)
Noche de Paz (Silent Night)
Oh Pueblcito de Belén
Unto Us a Child Is Born (C)
Vamos, Pastores, Vamos
What Child Is This (C)
When Blossoms Flowered 'mid the Snows (C)

Communion Antiphons:
Vigil: The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.
Midnight: The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.
Dawn: Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Savior of the world.
Day: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Communion Song:
Communion or Seasonal
Sweet Child Jesus

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Christmas Hymns: see above

Question of the Week: For whom and how can I “prepare a manger,” by offering Christ’s own welcoming and nourishing love this Christmas season?

What happened to the Feast of the Holy Family???

Since Christmas is on Sunday this year, its octave day, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, also falls on a Sunday. So, there is no Sunday between Christmas and this solemnity, the day on which we usually celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This festival is transferred to December 30, a weekday, when most people do not celebrate Mass. No need to worry! In a real way this Sunday’s festival is also a festival honoring the Holy Family. Mary is the Mother of this Family. She is the Mother of God, She is the Mother of the church. She is the Mother of each of us. Her motherhood is not limited to the Holy Family, but extends to all who need her guidance and care, her courage and strength, her wisdom and intercession.

Just as Mary pondered in her heart the mysteries unfolding before her, so must we ponder these mysteries.

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December 31/January 1:
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (ABC)

Entrance Antiphon:
Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever. OR
Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

Gathering Song:
Seasonal Music
A Child Is Born in Bethlehem (O/C/S)
Ave de Lourdes (Del Cielo Ha Bajado)/Immaculate Mary Blessed One (O/C/S)
Canticle of the Turning (O/C/S)
Canto de María (O)
Dichosos Los Que Temen a Dios: Sal 128(127) (C)
For Us a Child of Hope Is Born (O)
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (O/C/S)
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (O/S)
Hoy a ka Tierra (Angels We Have Heard)
Immaculate Mary
Joy to the World
Magnificat (Farrell)
Mary, Woman of the Promise
Mary’s Song (Rieth)
O Mary of Promise (O/S)
On This Day, the First of Days
Pastorcitos del Monte, Venid (C)
Santa Maria del Camino (S)
She Will Show Us the Promised One (O/C/S)
Sing a New Song (REVISED) (Schutte)
Sing of Mary (O/S)
Song of Mary (Schutte)
Stainless the Maiden (O/S)
The Hail Mary (O/C)
The Snow Lay on the Ground (O/C)
Numbers 6:22-27
“The LORD bless you and keep you!”

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
May God bless us in his mercy.

Galatians 4:4-7
We too are the sons and daughters of God.

Gospel verse:
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; In these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

Luke 2:16-21
Mary reflected on all these things in her heart.

Preparation of Gifts:
Seasonal Music
A Blessing (S)
All Is Well with My Soul (Landry)
Ave María (Palazón/Kantor/Cortés/Chant)
Canticle of Mary (C)
Grant Us Peace (Canedo)
La Virgen y San José
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
Los Peces en el Río
Of the Father’s Love Begotten (S)
Oh María, Madre Mia (S)
¿Qué Niño Es Éste? (C)
See Amid the Winter’s Snow (Keil)
Today Our Savior Is Born (Cortez)
Un Niño, Nos Ha Nacido (Taulé)
We Adore You (Hart)
What Child Is This (C)

Communion Antiphon:
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

Communion Song:
Communion/Seasonal Music
Abba! Father (Landry)
All the Ends of the Earth (Haas)
Blessed Be the Name of the Lord (Mayernik)
Dichoso El Que Teme: Sal 128(127)
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (Landry)
Miracle of Grace (Stephan)
My Soul Rejoices (Alstott)
O Holy Mary/María, Madre del Señor (Alstott)
Silent Night, Holy Night

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
See Above
For the Healing
Give Us Your Peace (Manibusan)
Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Good Christians, All, Rejoice
Hail, Holy Queen
Laudate, Laudate, Dominum (Walker)
Let It Be Done to Us/Tu Voluntad, Señor (Hurd)
Let There Be Peace on Earth
May God Bless You (Van Grieken)

January 7/8: Epiphany of the Lord (ABC)

Entrance Antiphons:
Vigil: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.
Day: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Gathering Song:
Seasonal Music as above
All the Ends of the Earth (Dufford)
Angels from the Realms of Glory
As with Gladness Men of Old (O/S)
Del Oriente Somos (We Three Kings) (C/S)
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed (O/S)
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star (O/S)
In the Bleak Midwinter
In the Light (Poirier) (O/C)
Jesus Christ, the Long-Awaited (O/S)
Joy to the World (O/S)
O Come, All Ye Faithful/Adeste Fidelis
Oh, Pueblecito de Belén
Pastores, a Belén (S)
Paz en la Tierra (S)
People of Peace (Landry)
Rise Up in Splendor (O/S)
Sing We Now of Christmas (O/C)
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (O/S)
The First Nowell (O/C)
The God of All Grace (Manalo)
Venid, Fieles Todos
We Three Kings of Orient Are (O/C/S)
What Star Is This (O/S)

Gospel verse:
We saw his star at its rising
And have come to do him homage.

Matthew 2:1-12
They presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Preparation of Gifts:
Seasonal Music
Christ the Lord (Hart)
God So Loved the World (C)
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Los Magos Que Llegaron a Belén
Night of Silence (Kantor)
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Of the Father’s Love Begotten
¿Que Niño Es Éste? (C)
Shine through Us (C)
Silent Night, Holy Night
Vamos, Pastores, Vamos
We Adore (Hart)
What Child Is This (C)
Ya Viene la Vieja

Communion Antiphon:
Vigil: The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.
Day: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Communion Song:
Seasonal or Communion Songs
God’s Holy Gifts (Schutte)
Justice Shall Flourish/Lord, Every Nation (Cooney/Manibusan)
O God, Let All the Nations (Smith)
One Bread, One Body
Pan del Cielo
Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem (Hurd)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Seasonal Music – see above
Angels We Have Heard on High
Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
He Is the Lord (Haas)
In the Light (Peacock)
Laudate, Laudate Dominum (Walker)
Love Has Come (Maher)
O God, beyond All Praising
Shine on Us, Lord

Question of the Week: To what “strange lands” might God be inviting me to travel in this New Year to discover Christ? What gifts will I bring with me to offer there?

Now What happened to the Baptism of the Lord???

Not to worry…the Second Sunday in Ordinary time addresses this mystery as well. The feast itself is transferred to the Monday immediately following the Epiphany of the Lord — this year, January 9th. Thus ends the Christmas season for this cycle.

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We live in a society and culture that values quick results. When it comes to what is most important to us – coming to know Jesus – we cannot expect quick results. Learning to know Jesus from the many ways he comes to us requires patient waiting that opens wide our eyes to new possibilities. Knowing Jesus is a lifelong process, and so being baptized into him demands lifelong living. We all probably take two steps forward in our self-giving and then a few steps backward and can get mightily discouraged along the way. We don’t always see Jesus in the person who annoys us or the mundane, everyday tasks that bore us. Yet his Holy Spirit is with us, teaching us how to sacrifice ourselves for the good of others. The Holy Spirit draws us to twin with him and “the Son of God” so that our holiness spills over into life for others. Living Jesus’ mystery of sacrifice and glory is our gift of the new life of spring for the world. There is abundance for all.

January 15/16: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon:
All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Gathering Song:
Alabado Sea el Señor: Sal 29(28) (S)
Alabemos a Dios (S)
All Are Welcome (Haugen)
All People That on Earth Do Dwell
All the Ends of the Earth (Dufford)
Baptized in Living Waters (O/S)
Behold the Lamb of God (Dufford/Maher)
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (S)
Church of God, Elect and Glorious (O/S)
Estamos Reunidos
Glory and Praise to Our God (Schutte)
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed (O/S)
Hoy Nos Reunimos (C)
I Have Been Anointed (O/S)
In Christ There Is No East or West
Jesus Christ, the Long-Awaited (O/S)
Pueblo de Reyes (C)
Sing a New Song (Brown)
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (O/S)
The God of All Grace (Manalo)
The Spirit of God (O/C)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
From my mother’s womb, I am God’s servant.
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Greetings to you, a holy people in Christ.

Gospel verse:
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.
John 1:29-34

Behold, the Lamb of God!

Preparation of Gifts

Go Light Your World (C/S)
Here I Am, Lord (Schutte, Ward) (C)
Here I Am, O God (C)
Isaiah 49 (Landry)
Lord, Who at Your First Eucharist
Many and One (Angrisano)
Of the Father’s Love Begotten
Priestly People (C)
Psalm 40 (Angrisano)
Quiero Sevirte, Mi Señor
Song of the Body of Christ (C)
The Light of Christ (Fishel)
Vamos a la Casa del Señor
With All the Saints (Hurd)
You Are Mine (Haas)

Communion Antiphon:
You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst. OR
We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

Communion Song:
All the Earth (Deiss)
Banquete de Unidad
Because the Lord Is My Shepherd (Walker)
Behold
Behold the Lamb (Willett)
Benediction (Stephan)
Gusten y Veán/Taste and See: Sal 34(33)
My Shepherd Is the Lord (Gelineau)
One Bread, One Body (Foley)
Pan de Vida (Rubalcava)
Pastures of the Lord (Stephan)
The Lord Is My Shepherd/I Shall Live in the House/The Lord Prepares a Banquet (Cooney)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Christ before Us (Whitaker)
Church of God, Elect and Glorious
Companions on the Journey (Landry)
Id y Enseñad
In Christ Alone (Getty)
Isaiah 61 (Maher)
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Sing a New Church
The Church’s One Foundation
We Are Marching/Siyahamba
We Will Be Light

OTHER:

Baptized in Water
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior
The Baptist Bore Witness
When John Baptized by Jordan’s River
You Have Anointed Me
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Question of the Week: To whom and how am I being called to be the servant of God’s “raising and restoring” Jesus?

January 21/22: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon:
O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.

Gathering Song:
Alleluia! Give the Glory (Canedo)
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (C/S)
Blest Are We (O/C)
Christ in Me Arise (Thomson)
Come, Let Us Sing with Joy
Come, Light the World (O/S)
Hoy Nos Reunimos (C)
I Have Been Anointed (O/S)
Isaiah 61 (Maher)
Lift Up Your Hearts (O’Connor)
Lord, When You Came/Pescador (O/C/S)
Our God Is Here (Muglia)
Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (O/S)
Pueblo de Reyes (C)
Qué Bueno Es Mi Señor (S)
Sing a New Song (REVISED) (Schutte)
The God of All Grace (Manalo)
The Summons (O/S)

Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3
“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Let there be no divisions among you.

Gospel Verse:
Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

Matthew 4:12-23 OR 4:12-17
Andrew and Peter abandon their nets to follow the Lord.

Preparation Song:
Al Partir el Pan (C)
Busca Primero
Christ the Lord (Hart)
Come and Follow Me
Digo Sí, Señor. I Say Yes, My Lord (C)
El Señor Es Mi Luz: Sal 26(27) (C)
Fish with Me (Canedo)
Follow Me
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
O God, You Search Me (Farrell)
Pan de Vida (C)
Por Tu Misericordia (S)
The Lord Is My Light (Walker)
There Is One Lord (C)
Un Mandamiento Nuevo (C)
You Are the Healing (Soper)
Communion Antiphon:
Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

OR
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Communion Song:
Bread for the World (Farrell)
Give Me Jesus
I Received the Living God (Ballard/Jacob)
Like a Child Rests
Lord, You Have the Words (Joncas)
One Bread, One Body (Foley)
One Communion of Love
Those Who See Light (Elze)
We Are Many Parts (Haugen)
Yo Soy el Pan de Vida
Your Words Are Spirit and Life (Farrell)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
A Rightful Place (Angrisano)
Anthem (Conry)
Canticle of the Sun (Haugen)
Christ before Us (Whitaker)
City of God (Schutte)
God’s Blessing Sends Us Forth
I Am the Light of the World (Hayakawa)
They’ll Know We Are Christian (Scholtes)
Un Pueblo Que Camina
We Are Marching
We Are the Light (Manibusan)

OTHER:
Come and Follow Me
Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
Lord, Today
Only This I Want
Two Fishermen
Where Charity and Love Prevail
You Are Strong, You Are Holy
You Call to Us, Lord Jesus
You Walk along Our Shoreline

Question of the Week: How do I need to “step outside” myself to fulfill my baptismal mission? To what “periphery” in my world do I need to bring Christ’s peaceable, liberating love?

January 28/29: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon:
Save us, Lord our God! And gather us from the nations to give thanks to your holy name and make it our glory to praise you.

Gathering Song:
Act Justly (Farrell)
Alabemos a Dios (S)
Alaben Todos: Sal 148 (C/S)
Aleluya (Cantemos al Señor) (O)
Blest Are They (O/C)

Communion Antiphon:
Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you. OR
Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the meek; for they shall possess the land.

Communion Song:
Amén. El Cuerpo de Cristo (Schiavone)
I Received the Living God
I Will Praise the Lord (Farrell)
Miracle of Grace (Stephan)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
“Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth.”

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise.

Gospel Verse:
Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.
Matthew 5:1-12a
Blessed are the lowly, the sorrowing, the poor in spirit.

Preparation Song:
Amar Es Entregarse
Amémonos de Corazón (C)
At the Table of the Lord (C)
Be Not Afraid (C)
Bendigamos al Señor
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
For the Healing of the Nations (S)
For the Sake of Christ (Canedo)
Make Us True Servants (S)
Make Your Home in Me (Walther)
My Soul Is Longing (C)
O How Blessed (Schutte)
Prayer of St. Francis (S)
Seek the Lord (O’Connor)
The Beatitudes (C)
We Are God’s People (Haas)
Praise the Lord, My Soul/Lord, Come and Save Us (Hurd)
Song of the Body of Christ
Whatever You Do (Jabusch)

**Song of Praise or Sending Forth:**
Alleluia! Raise the Gospel
Beatitudes (Ducote)
Beautiful Savior
Con la Cruz
Do Not Fear to Hope (Cooney)
Go Make a Difference (Angrisano)
I Am the Light of the World (Hayakawa)
I Will Not Die (Conry)
Id y Enseñad
Lead Me, Lord (Becker)
Now Thank We All Our God

**OTHER:**
A Touching Place
Canticle of the Turning
Eye Has Not Seen
Good News
Holy God
O Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit
The Cry of the Poor
The Kingdom of God
The People of God
Within the Reign of God

**Question of the Week:** Today’s beatitudes are the true test of the disciple. Do the words I hear in church today remain there? How can I allow God’s grace to work in me so that I begin to live the Beatitudes and help to evangelize “the crowds?”

February 4/5: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

**Entrance Antiphon:**
O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**Gathering Song:**
Acudamos Jubilosos (C)
Alabado Sea el Señor: Sal 29(28) (O/C)
Aleluya, Cantemos al Señor (S)
Alleluia! Raise the Gospel (Farrell)
Blest Be the Lord (Schutte)
Christ, Be Our Light (O/C)
Come, Lord Jesus (Angrisano)
Come, Now Is the Time to Worship (Doerksen)
Come, Worship the Lord (Talbot)
Estamos Reunidos
Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (O/S)
O Bless the Lord (Michaels)
O God beyond All Names
Shine the Light (O/S)
Sing to the Mountains (Dufford)
We Are Called (O/C/S)
We Are the Light of the World (O/C/S)
You Are the Light of the World (O/C/S)

**Isaiah 58:7-10**
When your fasting feeds the hungry, a new day dawns.

**Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**
The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5**
Paul’s message doesn’t rest on his own wisdom but on the power of the Spirit.

**Gospel Verse:**
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Matthew 5:13-16**
You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**Preparation Song:**
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) (Redman)
Al Partir el Pan (C)
City of God (C/S)
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Digo Sí, Señor! Say Yes, My Lord (C)
For the Healing of the Nations (S)
For the Sake of Christ (Canedo)
Go Light Your World (C/S)
God Has Chosen Me (Farrell)
Here I Am (Booth)
Make Us True Servants (S)
O How Blessed (Schutte)
Pan de Vida (C)
Pescador de Hombres (C)
Prayer of St. Francis (S)
Strong in Faith
Tâm Tinh Hi n Dâng/A Gift of Love (Sông Lam)
The Summons
This Little Light of Mine (S)
Tomado de la Mano

**Communion Antiphon:**
Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things. OR
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

**Communion Song:**
As We Remember (Cooney)
Be Not Afraid
Blest Are They (Haas)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
I Will Choose Christ (Booth)
Make Us One with You (Modlin)
Pan de Cielo
Taste and See (Kendzia)
This Body of Christ (Rosania)

**Song of Praise or Sending Forth:**
A Rightful Place (Angrisano)
Anthem (Conry)
Beatitudes (Ducote)
Con la Cruz
Go Now
Id y Enseñad
Lead Me, Lord (Becker)
Lord, You Give the Great Commission
Te Den Gracias
The Spirit Sends Us Forth
We Are Marching/Siyahamba

OTHER:
As a Fire Is Meant for Burning
Awake, O Sleeper
Gather Us In
God of Day and God of Darkness
Lead Me, Guide Me
Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace
Pues Si Vivimos/If We Are Living
The Harvest of Justice

Question of the Week: How can my discipleship contribute some aspect of gospel truth unobtrusively like salt, to the words in which I move? Is there another situation that calls for my baptismal witness to shine more obviously, like a light on a lampstand?

February 11/12: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon:
Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Gathering Song:
Act Justly (Farrell)
Christians, Let Us Love One Another
Forgive Our Sins (O/S)
God So Loved the World (O/C/S)
Grant to Us, O Lord (O/C)
Halleluya! We Sing Your Praises (South African)
How Can I Keep from Singing (O/S)
Hoy Nos Reunimos (C)
I Will Rejoice (Brown)
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Lead Me, Guide Me (Akers) (O/S)
Let Us Go to the Altar (Schutte)
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Morning and Evening Song (Rosen)
O God, Our Help in Ages Past (O/S)
Seek Ye First (O/S)
Sing of the Lord’s Goodness (Sands)
Take My Life (O/C/S)
The Works of the Lord (O/S)
We Are Called (O/C/S)
What Is the Pattern (O/S)

Sirach 15:15-20
There is set before you fire and water, life and death.

Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has prepared for us.

Gospel Verse
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Matthew 5:17-37 OR 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
So it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you.

Preparation Song:
Age to Age (Vogt)
Al Partir el Pan (C)
All That Is Hidden (Farrell)
Before the Sun Burned Bright (Schutte)
Digo Sí, Señor! I Say Yes, My Lord (C)
Eye Has Not Seen (Haugen) (C)
Gusten y Vean/Taste and See: Sal 34(33) (C)
Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning
Many and Great (Manalo)
O Word of God (Manalo)
Pan de Vida (O/C)
Por Tu Misericordia (S)
Quiero Servirte, Mi Señor
Seek First the Kingdom of God (C)
Speak, Lord (Uzler)
Tesoros Ocultos/Treasures Out of Darkness (C)
Un Mandamiento Nuevo (C)
We Bring Our Gifts to the Altar
We Will Serve the Lord (S)
Wisdom, My Road (S)

Communion Antiphon:
They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved. OR God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

Communion Song:
Gift of Finest Wheat
Lord, You Have the Words (Joncas)
Make of Our Hands a Throne
Miracle of Grace (Stephan)
Only a Shadow (Landry)
The Jesus Song (Booth)
Ubi Caritas (Hurd/Rosania)
We Are Many Parts (Haugen)
We Praise You (Ducote)
Yo Soy el Pan de Vida
Your Words Are Spirit and Life (Farrell)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Alleluia! Raise the Gospel (Farrell)
Change Our Hearts (Cooney)
Companions on the Journey (Landry)
Con la Cruz
Go Make a Difference (Angrisano)
Hallelujah Is Our Song (Hart)
Now Is the Time (Kendzia)
Thanks Be to God (Dean)
We Belong to You (Thomson)

OTHER:
All Glory Is Yours
Deep Within
God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle
Let Justice Roll like a River
O Lord, the Guardian of My Heart
Praise and Thanksgiving
The Kingdom of God
Within the Father’s House
Your Ways Are Not Our Own

**Question of the Week:** Is there a situation in my life calling for a reconciliation that will not happen unless I make the first move? How soon will I do so?

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**February 18/19: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Entrance Antiphon:**
O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**Gathering Song:**
- Alleluia (Cantemos al Señor) (S)
- All Creatures of Our God and King
- Alleluia! Raise the Gospel (Farrell)
- Amar Es Entregarse (O/C)
- Be Holy (O/C)
- Blest Be the Lord (Schutte)
- Cantad al Señor (O)
- Canten a Dios con Alegría (S)
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- Hoy Nos Reunimos (C)
- Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (S)
- Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace (O/S)
- O Bless the Lord (Michaels)
- O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God
- O God beyond All Praising
- Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (O/S)
- Praise to the Lord
- Siempre Unidos (S)
- Somos Una Iglesia (O/C/S)
- There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy (O/S)
- Where Charity and Love Prevail (Benoit/Hill) (O)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Love your neighbor as yourself.

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 Corinthians 3:16-23
“God catches the wise in their own ruses.”

**Gospel Verse**
Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Matthew 5:38-48
Love your enemies.

**Preparation Song:**
- A New Commandment (C)
- Alle, Alle, Alleluia (Ho Lung)
- Amémonos de Corazón (C)
- As We Forgive (C)
- Christians, Let Us Love One Another
- Dwelling Place (Foley)
- El Señor Es Compasivo: Sal 103(102) (C)
- God Is Love (Joncas)
- Love Goes On (Farrell)
- Love One Another (Alonso/King/Dufford) (C)
- O How Blessed (Schutte)
- Por Tu Misericordia (S)

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**February 25/26: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Entrance Antiphon:**
The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

**Gathering Song:**
- Alabemos a Dios (S)
- All Creatures of Our God and King (O/S)
- All Things Bright and Beautiful (O/C/S)
- Alleluia! Give the Glory (Canedo)
- Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (O/S)
- As We Gather at Your Table
- Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts (C)
- Somos el Pueblo de Dios
- Take My Life
- There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy (Bolduc) (S)
- Ubi Caritas (Berthier/Chant/Rosania) (C)
- Un Mandamiento Nuevo (C)
- Where There Is Love (Haas)
- Un Mandamiento Nuevo (C)

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**Other:**
Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race
Eye Has Not Seen
Help Us Accept Each Other
Jesu, Jesu
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo/We Are the Body of Christ
The Harvest of Justice
To Love Just Those Who Love You
We Are Called

**Question of the Week:** Is there a person or a situation in my life through which God is calling me to embrace Jesus’ revolutionary invitation to transform the world by love?
At the Name of Jesus
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (C/S)
Cantad al Señor (S)
Canten a Dios con Alegría (S)
For the Fruits of All Creation (O/S)
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (O/S)
Holy, Holy, Holy
Hoy Nos Reunimos (C)
Morning Has Broken (O/S)
Praise God in His Holy Dwelling (Vermulst)
Praise the Lord of Heaven (O/S)
Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior (Farrell)
Rain Down (Cortez)
Seek Ye First (Lafferty)(O/C/S)
Though the Mountains May Fall (Schutte)
We Sing the Mighty Power of God (O/S)

Isaiah 49:14-15
“I will never forget you.”

Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Rest in God alone, my soul.
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
The Lord manifests the motives of our hearts.

Gospel Verse:
The word of God is living and effective; discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.
Matthew 6:24-34
Do not worry about tomorrow.

Preparation Song:
Age to Age (Vogt)
All Is Well with My Soul (Landry)
All That Is Hidden (Farrell)
Be Still and Know That I Am God (C)
Busca Primero
El Señor Es Mi Luz: Sal 27(26) (C)
Endless Is Your Love (Kendzia)
Gusten y Vean: Sal 34(33) (C)
Isaiah 49 (Landry)
Lord of All Hopefulness (O/S)
Love Goes On (Farrell)
Only in God (Talbot) (C)
Seek First the Kingdom of God (C)
We Will Serve the Lord (S)
You Are Mine (Haas) (C)
You Are Near (REVISED) (C)

We, the Body of Christ (Hillebrand)
Your Words Are Spirit and Life (Farrell)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
A Mighty Fortress
Alle, Alle, Alleluia (Ho Lung)
Blessed by Your Sacrifice
Cantaré Alabanzas al Señor
Con la Cruz
Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted
How Can I Keep from Singing
I Will Not Die (Conry)
In Christ Alone (Getty)
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Love Has Come (Maher)
Tell the Good News

OTHER:
As the Birds of the Air
Cast Down, O God, the Idols
Center of My Life
Give Me a Clean Heart
He Understands, He’ll Say, “Well Done”
His Eye Is on the Sparrow
I Am on the Battlefield for My Lord
I Will Choose Christ
In Christ There Is No East or West
Pan de Vida
Peace, Be Not Anxious
Praise and Thanksgiving
Rejoice, the Lord Is King
The Church of Christ in Every Age
’Tis the Gift to Be Simple
Watch, O Lord

Question of the Week: What practical commitment – to which charity or person – can I make before Lent begins this Wednesday so that my prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will reflect Jesus’ radical call to trust?

Communion Antiphon:
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High. OR
Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.

Communion Song:
All My Days (Schutte)
Estamos Reunidos
Fly like a Bird (Canedo)
Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises/Pelo Tsa Rona (S)
In the Land There Is a Hunger (Lynch)
Many and One (Angrisano)
Take and Eat (Joncas)
Vine and Branches (Thomson)