Liturgy & Music Planning Guide
December 3, 2017 thru February 11, 2018
First Sunday of Advent through
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The suggestions for hymns and songs below are primarily from GIA, OCP, and WLP resources. Most songbooks provide indices with even more ideas. Choose a selection of music that brings forth treasures, both the old and the new. Our worship brings us together to send us forth! (The titles in ALL CAPS are the tunes to which the texts have been wedded.) Be sure to be using the revised Grail translations of the psalms.

December 3: First Sunday of Advent (B)
We begin a new liturgical year at the end of time. Jesus’ brief parable of the master’s return is a call to realize the trust God has placed in us in the present to create his kingdom of justice and peace to transcend all time. Jesus counters the conventional fears of the apocalypse with “signs” of hope and new beginnings.

E=Entrance, O=Offertory, C=Communion, S=Sending

Gathering Song:
Antiphon: 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.

A Season of Light (Lisicky) (O/C/S)
Abranze los Cielos (O)
Advent Gathering Rite (Ballard)
Advent Litany (Prendergast)
Awake to the Day (Bolduc/Barker) (O/S)
Behold, O Zion, God Will Come (Tietze) (O/S)
Come, Emmanuel (Light/Tate)
Come, Light of the World (Inwood) (O/S)
Come Now, Almighty King (ITALIAN HYMN)
Find Us Ready (Booth)
Now Is the Time Approaching (WEBB) (O/S)
O Lord of Light (CREATOR ALME SIDERUM) (O/S)
Oh Ven! Oh Ven, Emmanuel! (O)
Preparen el Camino (S)
Save Us, O Lord (Dufford)
Sing Out, Earth & Skies (Haugen)
The Advent of Our God (POTSDAM) (O/S)
The Advent of Our King (ST. THOMAS / WILLIAMS)
The King Shall Come (Thomson, Mattingly, ST. STEPHEN) (O/S)
The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns (MORNING SONG)
This Is Your Justice (Colson) (O/C/S)
To You, O Lord (Hacker) (O)
Tu Pueblo Te Espera (O/C)
Vamos a la Casa del Señor
Ven, Señor (Rubalcava) (S)
Wake, O Wake, & Sleep No Longer (WACHET AUF)

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Isaiah prophesied, “all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves…We are the clay and you are the potter: we are the work of your hands.”

Preparation of Gifts:

Bread of Life (Farrell)
Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell)
I Am the Living Bread (Haas)
Jesus, Come to Us (Haas)
Jesus, Hope of the World (Light/Tate)
Letanía de Adviento/Advent Litany (Cortez)
Litany of the Word (Farrell)
Taste & See (B. Hurd)
To You, O Lord (Soper, Haugen) (C)
Your Words Are Spirit & Life (Farrell)

Communion Song:
Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Christ the Lord (Hart)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (STUTTGART)
In the Day of the Lord (Ridge)
Let Heaven Rejoice (Dufford)
Let the Heavens Be Glad (Feiten)
Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (Louis)
Soon & Very Soon (Crouch)
Stay Awake, Be Ready (C. Walker)
When the King Shall Come Again (GAUDEAMUS PARITER)

OTHER:
Advent Gathering Song
As Servants Working an Estate
Awake to the Day
City of God
City of God, Jerusalem
Come, Lord, & Tarry Not
Eye Has Not Seen
From the Father’s Throne
God Is Working His Purpose Out
Secular celebrations.

Between the Christian feast of Christmas and the associated celebrations within the season of Advent, there may be an opportunity to better indicate the distinction between the time of Christmas Day and the season of Advent. This is to avoid compromising the keeping of the season of Advent, and to provide an opportunity to better indicate the distinction between the Christian feast of Christmas and the associated secular celebrations.  

Seasons with a focus on Mary

Mary gives to Advent a quality of joy and confidence. She makes of the season a call not only to repentance but to a confident self-giving, a time of trusting acceptance that, whatever form the coming of the Lord may take, whenever it happens, it will be good…

The Word of God comes to each of us no less insistently than it came to Mary, no less demandingly. We too are asked to accept the values of Christ, to internalize them, to make them our own, with no reservation, no compromise. Mary was asked to do that very much in contradiction to the values and morals of her time. So are we. Mary was assured that she would be asked nothing beyond her ability to respond. So are we. – Fr. John Sandell in Give Us This Day [Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 4:12, December 2014], 95.

Day of Prayer - November 30th

Bishop Hoeppner 10th Ordination Anniversary

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 Various Needs and Occasions (“I. For the Church, 3. For the Bishop, on the anniversary of ordination”) is not to be celebrated.

It is recommended that on this day the bishop of the place preside at a stational Mass in the cathedral church.

Advent & Christmas at School

Schools and other communities unable to be together on Christmas Day itself are encouraged to arrange Christmas celebrations within the season of Christmas, i.e. between the time of Christmas Day and the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, rather than during Advent. This is to avoid compromising the keeping of the season of Advent, and to provide an opportunity to better indicate the distinction between the Christian feast of Christmas and the associated secular celebrations.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

It is no wonder therefore that the usage prevailed among the Fathers whereby they called the Mother of God entirely holy and free from all stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature (Origen, Tertullian, et al). Embracing God’s salvific will with a full heart and impeded by no sin, she devoted herself totally as a handmaid of the Lord to the person and work of her Son, under Him and with Him, by the grace of almighty God, serving the mystery of redemption. Rightly therefore the holy Fathers see her as used by God not merely in a passive way, but as freely cooperating in the work of human salvation through faith and obedience.

December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Luke’s annunciation story is filled with Old Testament imagery (e.g., the announcement by the angel parallels the announcements of the births of many key figures in salvation history, such as Isaac and Samuel; the “overshadowing” of Mary recalls the cloud of glory covering the tent of the ark and temple in Jerusalem).

Mary is mystified by the angel’s greeting. How is she the highly favored one? What has she done that this should happen to her? Her motherhood is the call of God, Gabriel tells her – and Mary’s yes is the generous response of a woman of faith. From the beginning, Mary is the model of the disciple of the Christ she will bring into the world.

Gathering Song:

Antiphon: 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.

All the Earth (Deis)
Blessed One (Thompson) (O/C/S)
Buenos Dias, Paloma Blanca
Canto de Maria (O/C)
Elevamos Nuestros Cantos (S)
Hymn to Mary Immaculate (MUNDO CORDE) (O/S)
Immaculate Mary/Ave de Lourdes (LOURDES HYMN) (O/S)
Mary, Woman of the Promise (DRAKES BROUGHTON)
Mary’s Song (Rieth)
O Sanctissima/O Most Holy One/Mary, Full of Grace (Hagan)
..................................................(O/S)

See How the Virgin Waits for Him (Slovak Folk Melody)
She Will Show Us the Promised One (PROMISED LAND) (O/S)
Sing “Ave!” (ALLE TAGE SING UND SAGE) (O/S)
Sing of Mary (PLEADING SAVIOR) (O/S)
Sing We on the Blessed Mother (OMNI DIE DIC MARIÆ)
Song of Mary (Schutte)
Stainless the Maiden (SEDECZNA MATKO) (O/S)
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came (GABRIEL’S MESSAGE)

Genesis 3:9-15, 20. Adam and Eve ate from the tree that the LORD God forbade. Enmity would rise up between the serpent and the woman.

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

1 Ceremonial of Bishops [hereafter, CB], no. 1167.
3 Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium] no. 56.
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 Verse:** *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.*

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.”

**Preparation of Gifts:**

- Alma Redemptoris Mater (Contractus)
- Ave Maria (Cortés, Chant, Kantor, Palazón) (C/S)
- Beyond the Moon & Stars (Schutte)
- Canticle of Mary (King) (C)
- Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (Landry) (O/C/S)
- Holy Is His Name (Talbot) (C)
- Mary’s Song (NEW BRITAIN) (S)
- Mary’s Song of Praise (PLEADING SAVIOR) (S)
- My Soul Rejoices in the Lord (Thatcher) (C)
- Oh Maria, Madre Mia
- Pilgrim Prayer (Moriarty)
- Servant Song (McGargill)
- The Hail Mary (Marchionda) (C/S)
- There Is Nothing Told (Willcock)

**Communion Song:**

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

- Abba! Father (Landry)
- Advent Litany (Prendergast)
- Like a Child Rests (C. Walker)
- Litany of the Word (Farrell)
- My Soul Rejoices (Alstott)
- O Holy Mary/María, Madre del Señor (Alstott)
- Taste & See (Kendzia)
- The Cry of the Poor (Foley)

**Song of Praise or Sending Forth:**

- Adiós, Reina del Cielo
- God Has Chosen Me (Farrell)
- Hail, Holy Queen (SALVE REGINA COELITUM)
- Let Heaven Rejoice (Dufford)
- Let It Be Done to Us/Tu Voluntad, Señor (B. Hurd)
- Magnificat (Farrell)
- My Soul Proclaims (Toolan)
- Sing a New Song (Schutte) – revised text
- Soon & Very Soon (Crouch)

**OTHER:**

- Canticle of the Turning
- I A for You
- I Say Yes, Lord/Digo Si, Señor
- I Sig a Maid
- Litany of Mary/Letania de al Santísima Virgen María
- Mary, First among Believers
December 10: Second Sunday of Advent (B)
It’s cliché now to talk about how busy the Christmas season is. Still, each year it approaches us as though we had no idea it was coming. Instead, the image of a pregnant mother is appropriate. Ready or not, the baby is coming! Those weeks or days immediately prior to the birth are spent “nesting,” making last-minute preparations for the new life that will be in our midst. Once here, our lives are never the same. A child changes us.

The same is the case with Christmas. The infant child Jesus will change our worlds. Though we have had time to ponder the meaning of this birth, the knowledge that it is at least two weeks away can also give us comfort. We have many things to attend to before that day. As we go about our Christmas routines, checking off lists, ensuring we have purchased just the right gifts, delivering food and presents, we are reminded that this child is coming. Ready or not.

Gathering Song:
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.
Ábranse los Cielos (O)
Advent Gathering Rite (Ballard)
Awake to the Day (Bolduc/Barker) (O/S)
Behold, O Zion, God Will Come (Tietze) (O)
Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell) (O/C)
Come, Emmanuel (Light/Tate)
Comfort, Comfort, O My People (GENEVA, FREU DICH SEHR) ..................................................................................... (O/S)
Every Valley (Dufford)
Litany for the Season of Advent (Proulx) (O/S)
On Jordan’s Bank (WINCHESTER NEW) (O/S)
On That Holy Mountain (Mattingly) (O/S)
People, Look East (BESANÇON CAROL) (O/S)
Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (Louis) (O/C/S)
Preparen el Camino (S)
Proclaim the Joyful Message (Marchionda) (O/C/S)
Ready the Way (Stephan, B. Hurd)
Sing Out, Earth & Skies (Haugen)
The Advent of Our God (POTSDAM) (O/S)
The Advent of Our King (ST. THOMAS/WILLIAMS)
This Is Your Justice (Colson) (O/C/S)
To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul (B. Hurd)
Tu Pueblo Te Espera (O/C)
Ven, Señor (Rubalcava) (S)
Wade in the Water (Ridge)

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Speaking for God, Isaiah said, “Comfort, give comfort to my people,” says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end.”
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
2 Peter 3:8-14 Peter wrote that God does not want anyone to perish but wants all to repent, for the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.

Gospel Verse: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Mark 1:1-8 Fulfilling what Isaiah foretold, John appeared in the desert as a messenger making ready the way of the Lord and proclaiming a baptism of repentance.
Day of Prayer & Special Offering
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. According to 2015 data, ~57% of Catholic women and men religious are age 75 and over. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/nrro

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe
You may or may not be familiar with the word Encuentro (encounter), The US Catholic Church is celebrating the Fifth Encuentro/V Encuentro, “an initiative of the US bishops to hear the needs, challenges, and aspirations of millions of Hispanic Catholics” (usccb.org/encuentro). In the Archdiocese of Portland’s Catholic Sentinel, Pedro Rubalcava, composer and director of Hispanic Ministries for OCP and a leader of V Encuentro, says “All Catholics are being invited to become ‘joyful missionary disciples,’ to encounter their Hispanic brothers and sisters, especially those on the margins...” The bishops want to transform Catholic ministry and guide the Latino faithful as a means of evangelizing the wider world. The First Encuentro was held in Washington, DC in 1972 with about 250 people. The culminating national gathering for this Fifth Encuentro is set for September 20-23, 2018, in Grapevine, Texas. A guiding document is expected to emerge. Parishes wishing to introduce liturgical Spanish to non-Spanish speakers might consider a simple “Lamb of God,” such as Mary Frances Reza’s “Cordero de Dios” from Misa Santa Fe - OCP. This can be followed in Lent by her “Acto Penitencial, Formulario 3” (Penitential Act with Invocations). Perhaps Spanish Masses could include an English “Lamb of God” too. No celebration of this feast should be without food. Amazing things happen when people cook together. Today may be the perfect occasion for an international supper. Perhaps the Hispanic community could host a missionary dinner for the parish with traditional foods. How fun! Prayer becomes more meaningful, no matter what language, when people gather together in friendship and with food! More and more parishes are discovering that this is where community and unity begins. – Elaine Rendler-McQueeney (OCP – Today’s Liturgy)

Gathering Song:
Antiphon: 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.

Laudes: Salmo 62/Morning Prayer: Psalm 63 (Rubalcava)
Letanía de Adviento/Advent Litany (Cortez)
Mary’s Song (NEW BRITAIN)
O Come, O Come Emmanuel (VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL)

O Love of God/Anor de Dios (B. Hurd)
O Sanctissima/O Most Holy One/Mary, Full of Grace (Hagan)
Sing of Mary (PLEADING SAVIOR)
There Is Nothing Told (Willcock)

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 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.”

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 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.”

Preparation of Gifts:
Ave Maria (Cortés)
Be Not Afraid (Dutford)
Immaculate Mary (LOURDES HYMN)
Make Your Home in Me (Walther)
O Holy Mary/María, Madre del Señor (Alstott)
Pescador de Hombres/Lord, You Have Come (Gamble)
The Cry of the Poor (Foley)

Communion Song:
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 dearly.
Amén. El Cuerpo de Cristo (Schiavone)
Come, Lord! Maranatha! (Manalo)
El Cáliz que Bendecimos/Our Blessing Cup (Cortez)
Gusten y Vean/Taste & See (Reza)
In the Breaking of the Bread (B. Hurd)
My Soul Rejoice (Alstott)
One Bread, One Body (Foley)
Pan de Vida (B. Hurd)
Ubi Caritas (B. Hurd)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Bearers of Peace (Farrell)
Deo Gratias (Rubalcava)
God Has Chosen Me (Farrell)
Hail, Holy Queen (SALVE REGINA COELITUM)
Laudate, Laudate Dominum (C. Walker)
Salve, Regina/Hail, Mary, Mother & Queen (Chant Mode V)
Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo/We Are the Body of Christ (Cortez)
The Lord Has Done Great Things (Cortez)
Vayan al Mundo/Go Out to the World (Cortez)
December 17: Third Sunday of Advent (B)

When we see how John gave testimony to Jesus we recognize him as a model for ourselves. John is not the center of attention. When he receives attention, he deflects it to Jesus. After accomplishing his role John recedes into the background so that the one who is already in their midst might be made more fully known. Where do we find Jesus in our midst? Are we pointing to that reality, and testifying to it? Once having done so, do we then recede into the background?

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

Awake, Awake, & Greet the New Morn (REJOICE,REJOICE) ..................................................(O/S)
Canto de María
Come, Emmanuel (Light/Tate)
Come, Light of the World (Inwood) (O/S)
Come, O Long-Awaited Savior (ST. HILARY) (O/S)
Emmanuel (Angrisano)
God Has Chosen Me (Farrell)
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed (ELLACOMBE) (O/S)
Isaiah 61 (Maher)
Let the King of Glory Come (Joncas)
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (TRURO)
Now Is the Time Approaching (WEBB) (O/S)
O Come, Divine Messiah (VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE) (O/C/S)
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (VENI EMMANUEL) (O/C/S)
¡Oh Ven! ¡Oh Ven, Emmanuel! (O)
On Jordan’s Bank (WINCHESTER NEW) (O/S)
On That Holy Mountain (Mattingly) (O/S)
People, Look East (BESANÇON CAROL) (O/S)
Preparen el Camino (C/S)
Ready the Way (Stephan, B. Hurd)
The Advent of Our King (ST. THOMAS/WILLIAMS)
This Is Your Justice (Colson) (O/C/S)
Tu Pueblo Te Espera (O/C)
Vamos Alegres/Let Us Go Rejoicing: Sal 122(121)

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 The spirit of the Lord God enables Isaiah to proclaim good news to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Paul exhorted the faithful of Thessalonica to "rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

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

John 1:6-8, 19-28 John the Baptizer was not the light but testified to it. He declared himself "the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord."

Preparation of Gifts:
Abranze los Cielos (O)
Blessed & Holy (Farrell)
Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte)
Come, Lord! Maranatha (Manalo)
Mary’s Song (Rieth)
Su Nombre Es Santo: Lc/Lk1 (C/S)
The Whole World Is Waiting for Love (Misetich)
To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul (B. Hurd)
¡Ven, Salvador! (EL DIOS DE PAZ) (C)

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

A Voice Cries Out (Joncas)
El Pan de la Vida (Cortés)
Gusten y Vean/Taste & See: Sal 34(33)
Holy Is His Name (Talbot)
Jesus, Hope of the World ((Light/Tate)
Maranatha I (Westphal)
Mary’s Song (NEW BRITAIN)
My Soul Rejoices (Alstott)
Song of the Body of Christ (NO KE ANO’ AHI AHI)
The Cry of the Poor (Foley)
To Be Your Bread (Haas)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
A Rightful Place (Angrisano)
Anthem (Conry)
Canticle of Zachary (FOREST GREEN)
Lord of Glory (Manion)
Magnificat (Farrell)
People, Look East (BESANÇON)
Ready the Way (B. Hurd)
Soon & Very Soon (Crouch)
The Spirit of God (Deiss)
The Spirit Send Us Forth (AZMON)
Ven, Señor (Rubalcava)

OTHER:
A Morning Star Draws Near
Comfort, Comfort, O My People
Creator of the Stars of Night
Good News (Belihu)
My Soul in Stillness Waits
People of the Night
Prepare the Way of the Lord
Rejoice, the Lord is King!
The Angel Gabriel
The Moon with Borrowed Light
The Voice of God Goes Out through All the World
Wild & Lone the Prophet’s Voice
You Have Anointed Me
It can sometimes be difficult to comprehend the human cooperation required for salvation. There can be a tremendous theological emphasis on the graciousness of the gift. Our salvation is not earned, but human cooperation is required. We have many opportunities throughout the day to say “fiat” or “let it be done.” There are countless occasions of God’s grace breaking into our daily life. When we cooperate with that grace, extraordinary things happen. Though we are not receiving visits from angels with messages of a virgin birth, we do have opportunities to recognize the working of God in the world.

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

Behold a Virgin Bearing Him .......................................................... (O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF) (O/S)
Blessed One (Thompson) (O/C/S)
Come, Emmanuel (Light/Tate) (O/C/S)
Come, O Long-Awaited Savior (ST. HILARY) (O/S)
Elevamos Nuestros Cantos (S)
I Rejoice (Hart)
Magnificat (Farrell)
O Come, Divine Messiah (VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE) (O/S)
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL) ..........................................................(O/C/S)
O Lord of Light (CREATOR ALME SIDERUM) (O/S)

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 With help from the prophet Nathan, King David decided to build a house for the Lord to dwell in. “Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.”

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Romans 16:25-27 According to Paul, the gospel reveals the mystery hidden for long ages but now, at God’s command, is made manifest in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Verse: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.
Luke 1:26-38 The angel addressed Mary, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” When Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,” she became a model for all.

Preparation of Gifts:
Ábranse los Cielos (O)
Alegria, Alegria, Alegria (S)
Alma Redemptoris Mater (Contractus)
Ave Maria (Chant, Kantor) (O/C/S)
Blessed & Holy (Farrell)
Canticle of Mary (King) (C)
Digo Sí, Señor/I Say Yes, My Lord (C)
Dime, Señor (C)
Holy Is His Name (Talbot) (C)
In the Land There Is a Hunger (Lynch)
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming .......................................................... ...................................................................................................................... ...................................................................................................................... ...................................................................................................................... ...................................................................................................................... ...................................................................................................................... ...................................................................................................................... ...................................................................................................................... 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Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Be Still & Know That I Am God (C. Walker)
Christ, Circle Round Us (Schutte)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (STUTTGART)
God of Mystery, God of Mercy (Walker)
Soon & Very Soon (Crouch)
The King of Glory (KING OF GLORY)
Ven, Señor (Rubalcava)
Waiting in Silence (Landry)

OTHER:
Awake, Awake
Como Estrella en Claro Cielo/As a Star on Cloudless Evenings
Creator of the Stars of Night
I Sing a Maid
Immaculate Mary
My Soul in Stillness Waits
No Wind at the Window
Praise We the Lord This Day
When, to Mary, the Word
Unexpected & Mysterious

December 24-25: Christmas (ABC)

How is Christmas a feast for the poor? How can we make the poor, the forgotten, and the rejected part of our Christmas celebration?

In what concrete ways can you transform “peace” in your family and community from an absence of conflict into God’s peace of generosity, forgiveness, and humility?

Consult hymnal indices for hymn suggestions; each one has a section dedicated to this feast.

READINGS:
Nativity of the Lord Vigil

Entrance Antiphon: Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.
Isaiah 62:1-5 God’s city Jerusalem will shine forth like the dawn. The Lord delights in Jerusalem. God rejoices in the people of the great city as a groom rejoices in the bride. 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 The Lord chose Israel and led the people out of the land of Egypt, promising the Messiah. When the time came, God sent John to prepare the way. John told all, “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 OR 1:18-25 In Matthew, Jesus’ lineage is traced to Abraham, father of believers. The birth of Jesus fulfilled Isaiah’s prophecy: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.”
Communion Antiphon: The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

Mass at Midnight

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day. OR
Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.
Isaiah 9:1-6 “For a child is born to us, a son is given us,” prophesied Isaiah.
“They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast.”
Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.
Titus 2:11-14 God’s grace appeared in the savior Christ Jesus, offering salvation to all people. Paul told Titus that the appearance of Christ trains us “to live temperately, justly and devoutly.”
Gospel Verse: I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:1-14 Mary gave birth to her firstborn and laid him in a manger. The angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds nearby to tell them the good news. An angelic choir sang, “Glory to God in the highest.”
Communion Antiphon: The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.
**Mass at Dawn**

**Entrance Antiphon:** 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.

Isaiah 62:11-12 God proclaimed to the whole world, “Your savior comes!” The city of Zion will be called “Frequented.” God’s people are holy people.

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 kindness and generous love of God appeared and saved us, “Not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy.”

**Gospel Verse:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

Luke 2:15-20 The shepherds said, “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place.” They went to see the child and then understood everything. When they returned home to tell everyone what they saw, all were astonished.

**Communion Antiphon:** Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Savior of the world.

**Mass during the Day**

**Entrance Antiphon:** A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Isaiah 52:7-10 The ends of the earth will see God’s salvation. Break forth together in song, Jerusalem, for the good news of peace has come. God redeems Jerusalem and gives comfort to all people.

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 “In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways...through the prophets,” but now we have God’s own heir, the Lord who sustains all things. Let all angels worship God’s first-born, God’s heir, God’s son.

**Gospel Verse:** A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.

John 1:1-18 OR 1:1-5, 9-14 “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory...full of grace and truth.” We all have partaken of this fullness: love following love.

**Communion Antiphon:** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (ABC)

Family life is the heart of faith life for so many of us, including Jesus himself. It is the family where we first experience unconditional love. This experience then becomes one image or model upon which we imagine God’s love. For this reason, but not only this reason, the experience of family is sacred.

After the experience in the temple, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph returned home and lived as a family. They did not live in the temple. Instead, it was in the daily routine of living, in a small town away from the activity of Jerusalem, that Jesus grew and became strong with God’s favor upon him.

We are reminded, then, of the sacredness of our own homes and family life. God’s presence and favor is in the caring for children, self-sacrificing for their benefit and well-being. God’s grace is in the relationships we share in which we experience and express unconditional love.

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Abram and Sarah put faith in the Lord, and gave the name Isaac to their son. Your descendants shall be as numerous as the stars in the heavens.

OR Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 The descendants of Abraham and Sarah are “as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.” Abraham’s faith was tested.

OR Colossians 3:12-21 OR 3:12-17

Gospel Verse: Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Luke 2:22-40 Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. Simeon, a holy and pious man, took the child in his arms, and Anna, the prophetess, gave thanks to God.

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.

OTHER

A Living Faith (Faith of Our Fathers)
Angels We Have Heard on High
Awake! Awake, & Greet the New Morn
Canticle of Simeon (O)
Carol at the Manger
Come, Sing a Home & a Family (MOZART) (E/O/S)
Dichosos Los Que Temen a Dios: Sal: 128(127) (E/C)
For the Beauty of the Earth (DIX) (E/O/C/S)
God Made from One Blood
God of Adam, God of Joseph
God of Eve, & God of Mary
Good Christian, Friends, Rejoice (IN DULCI JUBILO)
Hoy a la Tierra (E)
La Virgen y San José (O)
Love One Another (Alonso, King) (O/C)
Noche de Paz (O)
Now Let Your Servant Go
O Light of Gentile Nations
Oh, Pueblo de Belén (E)
Onc in Royal David’s City (IRBY) (E/O/S)
Pastorcitos del Monte, Venid (E/C)
Paz en la Tierra (E/S)
Sing of Mary, Pure & Lowly (PLEADING SAVIOR) (O)
The Aye Carol
The Greatest Gift (Marchionda) (O/C)
The Snow Lay on the Ground (VENITE, ADOREMUS) (E/O/S)
The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy
Ubi Caritas (O/C)
Vamos, Pastocillos (C/S)
Vamos, Pastores, Vamos (O)
Venid, Pastorcillos (O)
We Gather in Love (Angotti) (E/O)
What Child Is This (E/O/C/S)
Where Charity & Love Prevail (Benoit, Hill) (O)
Where Charity Is True (Thatcher) (O/C)
Within the Father’s House
January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (ABC) – still a holy day in 2018 but NOT of obligation

Today’s solemnity is the oldest feast of Mary in the church, honoring her by the theologically sophisticated title, “Mother of God.” Today’s gospel recounts the visit of the shepherds to Jesus’ Bethlehem birthplace. Luke includes this touching detail: “And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Mary, the model of faithful discipleship in her yes to God’s call to give birth to his Christ, is also a model for us on what it means to become a person of discerning prayer and reflection.

Jesus is given the name Yeshua (Joshua), “The Lord saves.”

The rite of circumcision, eight days after his birth, unites Mary’s child with God’s chosen people and makes him an heir to the promises God made to Abraham – promises fulfilled in the Child himself.

**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.

Numbers 6:22-27 “The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!”

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

Galatians 4:4-7 When the time had come, God sent the beloved Son born of a woman so that we might become adopted children. We are no longer slaves but heirs of God whom we call, “Abba, Father!”

**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 On the eighth day, Mary’s child was circumcised and was given the name Jesus, that is, “God saves.” Mary “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

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

**OTHER**

Angels We Have Heard on Hight
Ave Maria (Kantor)
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
God of Eve & God of Mary
Greet Now the Swiftly Changing Year
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
Love Has Come
Mary, First among Believers
May God Bless & Keep You
Of the Father’s Love Begotten
Once in Royal David’s City
Sing of Mary, Pure & Lowly
The Aye Carol
The God of All Eternity
The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy
Virgin-born, We Bow before You
January 7: Epiphany of the Lord (ABC)

It's likely been some time since we've put away our Christmas decorations. Or if we are purists, our decorations have remained up until today. The very timing of the Epiphany, or the visit of the magi, tells us that we've moved on from the Christmas event. We are no longer in the manger. Our lives have begun to go in other directions. The infant is growing up to be a child and is walking. Ordinary Time quickly approaches. And now we have a visit from strangers who have come to see the cause of our celebration. We call to mind that time, and perhaps we relive some of its joy. But as with the magi, danger unfortunately lurks. They go home another way, aware of skulking peril. This too, along with Herod's massacre of the innocents, foreshadows the violent end that Jesus will ultimately face.

And so, living the paschal mystery is a combination of joy in new life with an awareness of death. But death will be overcome by life. How many of us might prefer to dwell with the baby Jesus in a manger, or sit with the Holy Family when all is calm and peaceful. But that is not the life we lead. Though these periods of calm, serenity, and joy punctuate our lives, we are aware of the pressing journey. We navigate our paths aware of danger and peril. We rely on God and our own sense to steer us toward safety, all the while aware of a specter of malevolence. For we, like the Gentile magi, worship a child who will face a violent end, only to be raised to new life. It is the paschal mystery.

Entrance Antiphon: (Vigil) Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

(Isaiah 60:1-6) Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs of the family fortune and co-sharers in the saving promise.

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

(Matthew 2:1-12) The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did him homage.

Communion Antiphon: (Vigil) The brightness of God illumined the holy city, Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

January 8 (Monday): The Baptism of the Lord (ABC)

Del Oriente Somos (E/C/S)
Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Hail to the Lord's Anointed (ELLACOMBE) (E/O/S)
How Brightly Beams the Morning Star
(I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light)
Jesus Christ, the Long-Awaited (CORDE NATUS) (E/O/S)
Joy to the World (E/O/S)
Lord, Today
Los Magos Que Llegaron a Belén (O)
Oh, Pueblecito de Belén (E)
Pan de Cielo (C)
Pastores, a Belén (E/S)
Paz en la Tierra (E/S)
¿Qué Niño Es Éste? (O/C)
Rise Up, Shepherd, & Follow
Songs of Thankfulness & Praise (SALZBURG) (E/O/S)
The First Nowell (O/C)
The People Who Walked in Darkness
Vamos, Pastores, Vamos (O)
Veni, Fieles Todos (E)
We Bring Our Gifts (Flynn) (O)
We Three Kings of Orient Are (E/O/C/S)
What Child Is This (O/C)
What Star Is This (E/O/S)
Wonderful & Great (Deiss) (O/C)
Wood of the Cradle
Ya Viene la Vieja (O)

OTHER:

Angels from the Realms of Glory (E/O/C/S)
As with Gladness Men of Old (E/O/S)
Brightest & Best
Child of Mercy
January 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
The gospel story about Peter reminds us that Jesus takes the initiative with us, his disciples. He sees who we truly are and calls us by name, even to the point of giving us a new name! once we are known by Jesus, there is no need to “perform” or “meet targets.” We may rest in the knowledge that we are known by him. Like Simon Peter, we each have a destiny, a purpose, and meaning. Like Andrew, we also have a mission, and that is to proclaim Jesus to others. Only by Andres’ proclamation did Simon learn about Jesus. And Andrew learned about Jesus only by John the Baptist’s testimony. In our own lives, we recognize that we learned about Jesus from someone else, whether a parent, grandparent, teacher, or friend. We too tell another about Jesus. In this Christian faith is passed from one generation to the next. Evangelization is a hallmark of Christian identity from the beginning as we see in today’s gospel. May we have zeal for evangelization that comes from the surety that we are known personally by Jesus.

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

Communion Song:
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.

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
All Hail the Power of Jesus’s Name (CORONATION)
Anthem (Conry)
Bearers of Peace (Farrell)
Behold the Lamb of God (Dufford)
Con la Cruz
For the Healing (ST. THOMAS/TANTUM ERGO)
From All That Dwell below the Skies (DUKE STREET)
I Send You Out (Angotti)
Id y Enseñad
In Christ There Is No East or West (MCKEE)
Lead Me, Guide Me (Akers)
Now Let Us from This Table Rise (DUKE STREET)
The Church’s One Foundation (AURELIA)

OTHER:
Bread of Life from Heaven/Pan de Vida Eterna
Come & Journey with a Savior
God Has Chosen Me
Here Am I
I Say Yes, Lord/Digo Si, Señor
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior
Seek Ye First
Take, O Take Me as I Am
The Baptist Bore Witness
Those Who Love & Those Who Labor
You Walk along Our Shoreline

Preparation of Gifts:
Come, Follow Me (Berberick)
Dime, Señor
Down to the River to Pray (American Folk Song)
January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Think back to the first time you fell in love, not a crush, but a true love. The emotional, spiritual, intellectual connection was undoubtedly strong and probably seemed like it would last forever. That's also the way the love songs often sing of it. Yet, those initial stages inevitably recede and the grand of daily life looms larger. At that point the love may have developed into something deeper, stronger. Or perhaps it died out altogether and is now only a happy memory.

Something similar often happens with a faith life, and the disciples were not immune to this. Today we hear the story about how they started out strong, abandoning everything to follow Jesus. We know that Simon Peter will eventually confess Jesus as the Christ. And later, Peter will deny three times that he even knows him. The relationship that starts out with such promise, even reaching soaring heights, can truly crash and burn. This happened with the disciples; it can happen with us.

Our faith life might start out strong. It might need to be rekindled from time to time. We might need to go to the well of inspiration. And yet, there may be times when we effectively hang it up or abandon it, as Peter did. In those times, we know that Jesus still sought Peter. Peter was forgiven and brought back into the fold. There will be another example later in this gospel of a disciple who abandoned Jesus and did not seek forgiveness. His end was not like Peter’s. Our living relationship with Christ is not a one-time exhilarating moment, but, like all relationships, it is a lifelong give and take, wax and wane, love and be loved.

Gathering Song:
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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) (Redman)
All Creatures of Our God & King (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)
All the Earth (Deiss)
All the Ends of the Earth (Dufford)
Arise, O Church, Arise (ARISE)
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (O/S)
Christ before Us (Whitaker)
God Has Spoken by the Prophets (IN BABILONE) (O/S)
Hoy Nos Reunimos (C)
Journey of Faith (LOBE DEN HERREN) (O/S)
Laudate, Laudate Dominum (C. Walker)
Laudato Si! Be Praised, O God! (Manalo)
Let Us Stand (Villalobos/Leon/Leon)
Pescador de Hombres/Lord, You Have Come (Gabarain) (O/C/S)
Pueblo de Reyes (C)
Sing a New Song (Schutte – revised) (O/S)
Sing a New Song to the Lord (ON SLOW SQUARE) (O/S)
Song of Good News (YSRAEL V’ORAITA) (O/C)
Table of Plenty (Schutte)
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy (IN BABILONE) (O/S)
To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul (B. Hurd)
You Walk along Our Shoreline (O/S)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Jonah told the Ninevites that God would destroy Nineveh because of their wickedness. They repented. God relented and did not destroy their city.

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Paul warned the Corinthians of the shortness of time because the world is passing away. They should, therefore, conduct themselves accordingly.

Gospel Verse: The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Mark 1:14-20 Jesus appeared in Galilee preaching the good news and instructing the people: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Preparation of Gifts:
All That Is Hidden (Farrell)
Be Not Afraid (Dufford) (C)
Come, Follow Me (Berberick)
Digo Si, Señor! I Say Yes, My Lord (C)
El Señor Es Mi Luz: Sal 27(26) (C)
Fish with Me (Canedo)
Here I Am, Lord (Schutte)
Pan de Vida (C)
Por Tu Misericordia (S)
Servant Song (McCargill)
The Summons (KELVINGROVE)
Un Mandamiento Nuevo (C)

Communion Song:
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.

Al Partir el Pan
All the Ends of the Earth (Haas)
Behold the Lamb (Willett)
Estamos Reunidos
Gift of Finest Wheat (Kreutz)
I Received the Living God (Ballard)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Thomerson)
Like a Child Rests (C. Walker)
Remember Your Love (Ducote)
The Supper of the Lord (Rosania)
To You, O Lord (Joncas, Soper)
Yo Soy el Pan de Vida

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
Can We Love? (Booth)
Change Our Hearts (Cooney)
Con la Cruz
God Has Chosen Me (Farrell)
I Send You Out (Angotti)
I Sing the Mighty Power of God (ELLACOMBE)
Lord of the Dance (Carter)
Sing of the Lord’s Goodness (Sands)
Take Christ to the World (Inwood)
Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord (Cheri/Robertson)
Tell the Good News (GEOBGT SEI GOTT)
Un Pueblo Que Camina

OTHER:
Come & Journey with a Savior
I Will Choose Christ
Jesus, Lead the Way
Seek Ye First
Take, O Take Me as I Am
The Kingdom of God
Two Fishermen
January 28: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Perhaps we do not like to hear it, but the Christian life (and, in fact, any life) is riddled by encounters with evil. We learn in today’s gospel that Jesus is more powerful than that. Jesus has authority and by that authority he can dispel what is oppositional and troublesome. Once we become followers of Jesus we will still encounter challenges and hostility. Some might wish to think that becoming Christian inoculates one from having those encounters. But the gospel (and our own lived experience) tells a different story. Even though we will continue to face such encounters, we are comforted knowing that Jesus has authority over all. A preacher once phrased it this way: “Rest assured in your baptism.” By that he meant that our baptism configures us to Christ, who will be with us. Of course, this doesn’t mean that we disregard precautions, or that we walk around in a state of naïveté. Remember that Jesus himself was killed. It does mean that we have an ally, the author of life. Once we know this, we can rest assured. Even death itself is not the final word.

Gathering Song:

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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) (Redman)
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (EIN FESTE BURG) (O/S)
Alabemos a Dios (S)
Alaben Todos: Sal 148
All Are Welcome (Haugen)
Alleluia! Give the Glory (Canedo)
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)
At the Name of Jesus
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (O/C)
Caminaré: Sal 116(114) (O/C/S)
Come, Christians, Join to Sing (MADRID)
God with Us (Hart)
How Firm a Foundation (FOUNDATION)
Hoy Nos Reunimos (C)
Jesus Christ, by Faith Revealed (DIX) (O)
Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion (PLEADING SAVIOR) (O/S)
Let All Things Now Living (ASH GROVE) (O/S)
Let Us Go to the Altar (Schutte)
Love Has Come (Maher)
Morning Hymn (Joncas)
Sing Praise to God (MIT FREUDEN ZART) (O/S)
Song of Good News (YSRAEL V’ORAITA) (O/C/S)
The King of Glory (KING OF GLORY) (O/C/S)
The Spirit of God (Deiss) (O/C)
Word of God, Come Down on Earth (LEIBSTER JESU) (O)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Moses told all the people that the Lord would raise up a prophet among them and put words into his mouth. Whoever does not listen must answer to the Lord.

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Paul encouraged the Corinthians, in view of the times, to remain free of worry and devoted to God. A virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.

Gospel Verse: The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

Mark 1:21-28 Jesus entered the synagogue to teach. All were amazed because he spoke with such great authority. When unclean spirits obeyed Jesus, the crows stood in awe.

Preparation of Gifts:

All Is Well with My Soul (Landry/VILLE DU HA VRE)
Alle, Alle, Alleluia (Ho Lung)
Anémonos de Corazón (C)
Bendigamos al Señor
Cantemos al Amor de los Amores
Gusten y Vean: Sal 34(33) (C)
Healer of Our Every Ill (C)
How Great Thou Art (Hine)
O How Blessed (Schutte)
Prayer of St. Francis/Oxación de San Francisco (Temple)
Tomo de la Mano
We Will Rise Again (Haas)
You Are the Healing (Soper)
Your Words Are Spirit & Life (Farrell)

Communion Song:

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.

Al Partir el Pan
Be Not Afraid (Dufford)
Blest Are They (Haas)
Bread That Was Sown (Norbet)
I Am the Bread of Life (Come & Follow Me) (Angrisano/Booth)
If Today You Hear God’s Voice (Haas)
If Today You Hear His Voice (Psalm 95) (Soper)
Look Beyond (Ducote)
Take & Eat (Joncas)
Venimos ante Ti
We Are the Light of the World (Greif)
We Remember (Haugen)
You Alone (Hart)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:

Beautiful Savior (ST. ELIZABETH)
Beatitudes (Ducote)
Blest Be the Lord (Schutte)
Christ before Us (Whitaker)
Con la Cruz
He Is the Lord (Haas)
In Christ Alone (Getty)
Lead Me, Lord (Becker)
Now Is the Time (Kendzia)
O Bless the Lord (Michaels)
Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (ASH GROVE)
We Ever Will Praise You (McDonell)
February 4: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

At times our busied lives can seem frenetic, simply moving from one activity to the next with barely a moment in between. We imagine “the good old days” when things weren’t so harried. It’s true that technology has perhaps increased our attention (or lack thereof) to many details, but time marches along at the same pace it always has for us. Years, months, days, and even hours and minutes may seem to move more quickly than before, but in reality, it’s been moving at a constant pace for many centuries. Most of us feel the pressure of time because we are driven by a purpose. There are things we need to do. And today we hear of Jesus driven by the same. He has something to accomplish. He has a purpose. Though he wakes before dawn to have some time to himself, even that sacred moment quickly vanishes in the midst of the day’s activities. Simply being busy or having things to accomplish is not a bad thing. In fact, it can be the opposite. Today we have a chance to reflect on what motivates us. For what purpose are we driven? Are we taking time to pray, brief as it may be? Even when we do find a moment of solitude, the needs of others come before our own needs.

Gathering Song:

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

Acudamos Jubilosos
Alabado Sea el Señor: Sal 29(28) (O/C)
All Are Welcome (Haugen)
All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name (CORONATION)
As We Gather at Your Table (NETTLETON)
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (O/C)
Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell) (O/C)
Estamos Reunidos
God, We Praise You (NETTLETON)
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed One (ELLACOMBE) (O/S)
Hoy Nos Reunimos (C)
Jesus Christ, be Faith Revealed (DIX) (O)
Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion (PLEADING SAVIOR) (O/S)
Lead Me, Guide Me (Akers)
Lord of All Hopefulness (SLANE)
Many & One (Angrisano)
O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come (ERHALT UNS, HERR) (O)
Our God Is Here (Muglia)
The King of Kings, Christ Jesus Reigns (Farrell)
The Spirit of God (Deiss) (O/C)
Venimos ante Ti (O/C)

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Job lamented his “months of misery and troubled nights.” Could human life on earth be no more than drudgery? Shall he never see happiness again?

Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 By preaching the good news, Paul said, he willingly made himself a slave to all in order to win them over. He did everything for the sake of the good news.

Gospel Verse: Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

Mark 1:29-39 Jesus healed ill people and exorcised possessed people. So many sought him that he had to seek out deserted places for prayer and rest.
Preparation of Gifts:
- Be Still & Know That I Am God (C. Walker)
- El Señor Es Compasivo: Sal 103(102) (C)
- Eye Has Not Seen (C)
- For the Sake of Christ (Canedo)
- Here I Am (Booth)
- Holy Darkness (Schutte)
- Love Goes On (Farrell)
- Pan de Vida (C)
- Partners in the Mission (BEAMS OF LOVE) (S)
- This Alone (Manion)
- Tomado de la Mano
- We Are the Light of the World (Greif)
- You Are the Healing (Soper)

Communion Song:
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.
- Al Partir el Pan
- Be with Me, Lord (Joncas)
- I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Thomerson)
- On the Day I Called (Cooney)
- Only a Shadow (Landry)
- Shelter Me, O God (B. Hurd)
- Spirit & Grace (Manalo)
- Take & Eat (Joncas)
- The Cry of the Poor (Foley)
- There Is a Longing (Quigley)
- We Are the Light of the World (Greif)

Song of Praise or Sending Forth:
- A Rightful Place (Angrisano)
- Alleluia! Love Is Alive (Angrisano)
- Alleluia! Raise the Gospel (Farrell)
- Con la Cruz
- For the Healing (ST. THOMAS/TANTUM ERGO)
- Go (Patillo)
- Go Now in Peace (Keil)
- How Can I Keep from Singing (ENDLESS SONG)
- Id y Enseñad
- Lead Me, Lord (Becker)
- Out of Darkness (C. Walker)
- Sound of Hope (Ndolo)
- Stand by Me (Kendzia)
- You Never Let Go (Redman)

OTHER:
- Come to the Feast
- God Has Chosen Me
- Good News (Belihu)
- Healer of Our Every Ill
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus
- Jesus, Heal Us
- Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace
- O Christ, the Healer
- O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate
- O God, Why Are You Silent?
- Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior
- Silence! Frenzied Unclean Spirit
- The King of Glory
- There Is a Balm in Gilead
- There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy
- We Cannot Measure How You Heal
- When Jesus Came Preaching
- Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old
February 11: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sometimes the news is so good we can’t keep it to ourselves. This might happen when someone is getting married, or having a baby, or is out of the hospital after a long illness. Our joy cannot be contained and so it was with the man afflicted with a skin disease. Even though Jesus himself told him to keep it quiet, that was simply not possible. He told everyone! The news spread throughout the region, and Jesus was left to live with the consequences. What was the cured man so joyful? Not only because the affliction was cured, but now he was able to be restored to the community. No longer would he have to shout “unclean, unclean” before approaching anyone. Now he was whole and an integral part of the people.

Whom do we see excluded today? What is today’s equivalent of an ancient skin condition? Are there groups or individuals who are effectively preceded with shouts of “unclean!”? Jesus’ desire is not merely to heal the man’s skin, but to restore him to the group. In effect, the healing of the leper was a much for the community as it was for the leper. The community had rejected this person and would not accept him with that condition. If we want to be like Jesus we can find those on the margins and bring them into the fold. We may not have the power to heal physical ailments, but we can certainly reach out to the marginalized and draw them close.

Gathering Song:
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.

         A Mighty Fortress (EIN’ FESTE BURG)
         All Are Welcome (Haugen)
         Amazing Grace (NEW BRITAIN) (O/S)
         Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (O/C)
         Gather Us In (Haugen)
         Gather Your People (B. Hurd)
         Healer of Our Every Ill (O/C)
         Hoy Nos Reunimos (C)
         Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion (PLEADING SAVIOR) (O/S)
         Lead Me, Guide Me (Akers) (O/S)
         Let Us Go to the Altar (Schutte)
         Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (HYFRYDOL)
         O Bless the Lord (Michaels)
         Our God Is Here (Muglia)
         Rain Down (Cortez)
         Sing Praise to God Above (MIT FREUDE ZART) (O/S)
         The Kingdom of God (Deiss) (O/S)
         This Day God Gives Me (BUNESSION)
         Vamos a la Casa del Señor (S)
         Venga Tu Reino (S)
         Word of God, Come Down on Earth (LIEBSTER JESU) (O)

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 According to the law of Moses, people with leprosy had to live alone, outside the camp. Aaron or another priest declared them unclean as long as they had a disease.

Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11 I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Gospel Verse: A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.
Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior
Psalm of Hope
The King of Glory
The Kingdom of God
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
We Cannot Measure How You Heal
We Remember
Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old