

Music Resources for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas

Sundays of Advent

The following selections for the Sundays of Advent have connections with the Responsorial Psalm and the readings of the day.

First Sunday of Advent, Year C

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24. CWB 168, 592/GA 26/AOV 108 (response only)

Awake, O Sleeper (Balhoff/Daigle/Ducote) [G&P3 180]

Awaken, My Heart (Deiss) [G&P3 181]

City of God (Schutte) [AOV 57/GA 498/G&P3 187/S&S1 106]

Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free (Balhoff/Daigle/Ducote) [AOVNG 31]

Come to Set Us Free (Farrell) [AOV 39/GA 277]

Find Us Ready (Booth) [S&S1 109]

Let Heaven Rejoice (Dufford) [AOV 124]

Open the heavens (Boniwell) [AOV2 163]

To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul (Hurd) [AOV2 14/S&S1 60]

To You, O Lord (Smith) [S&S2 251]

Wait for the Lord (Berthier) [GA 283]

Wake, Awake! For Night is Flying (SLEEPERS, WAKE) [CWB 853]

Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer (WACHET AUF) [GA 282]

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125. CWB 177/GA 74

A Voice Cries Out (Joncas) [GA 278]

A Voice in the Wilderness (Robinson) [AOV 62]

Advent Song (Browne) [GA 281]

Comfort, Comfort All My People (Mann) [AOV2 12]

I Thank My God (Andersen) [Eagle's Wings]

Let the Valleys Be Raised (Schutte) [G&P2 113]

Like a Shepherd (Dufford) [AOV 160/GA 467]

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (WINCHESTER NEW) [CWB 780]

Prepare the Way (Boniwell) [GA 284]

Ready the Way (Stephan) [S&S2 293]

Wait for the Lord (Berthier) [GA 283]

We Shall Prepare (Vogt) [S&S2 294]

Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12. CWB 180

Comfort, Comfort All My People (Mann) [AOV2 12]

Cry Out With Joy (Blakesley) [S&S2 289]

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Berthier) [AOV2 109/GA 429]

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (WINCHESTER NEW) [CWB 780]

Rejoice (Consiglio) [G&PIV 351]

Rejoice With Joyful Song (Ault/Daigle/Ducote) [G&PIV 352]

Rejoice, the Lord is King! (DARWALL'S 148th) [CWB 799]

Take Comfort, God's People (FIDDLERS GREEN) [CWB 813]

We are Called (Haas) [AOV2 60/GA 514]

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 79. CWB 173/GA 47

Come to Set Us Free (Farrell) [AOV 39/GA 277]

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (Landry) [GA 544/S&S2 336]

Lift Up Your Hearts (O'Connor) [GA 416/G&P3 214]

Lord, Come And Save Us (Kendzia) [G&PIV 324]

Open the heavens (Boniwell) [AOV2 163]

Save Us, O Lord (Dufford) [G&P3 234]

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came (GABRIEL'S MESSAGE) [CWB 815]

Music for the Season of Advent

Other songs that are appropriate for the season of Advent are:

Advent Chant (Porter) [AOV2 123]

Advent Litany (Farrell) [GA 279]

Advent Song (Browne) [GA 281]

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light (Smith) [S&S2 286, verses 4-7]

Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell) [AOV2 3/GA 404]

Come, O Jesus, Come O Lord (NEWTOWN) [CWB 658]

Come, O Long Expected Jesus (STUTTGART) [CWB 657]

Come, O Lord (Rubalcava) [S&S2 287]

Emmanuel (Angrisano) [S&S2 290]

Exult, You Just Ones (O'Connor) [G&P2 98]

Go Up to the Mountain (Norbet) [G&P3 259]

God Has Chosen Me (Farrell) [AOV 21/GA 497]

God of Abraham (Farrell) [AOV 137/GA 306]

Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness (Hillebrand) [S&S1 71]

Lord, Show Us Your Mercy and Love (Sullivan Whitaker) [S&S2 265]

My Soul in Stillness Waits (Haugen) [GA 280]

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Traditional) [AOV 174/CWB 763/GA 285]

Show Us, O Lord (Cortez) [S&S2 264]

The Coming of Our Lord (FRANCONIA) [CWB 816]

The Voice of God (WOODLANDS) [CWB 835/GA 476]

Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem (Hurd) [S&S2 295]

The Christmas Season

The Christmas season extends from Christmas to the Feast of the Epiphany. There are a number of Christmas carols in AOV, AOV2, CWB and GA. These may be used during this time. (Christmas carols should not be sung during Advent.)

Christmas: Vigil Mass

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 88. CWB 385/GA 50

Christmas: Midnight Mass

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95. CWB 189, 597/GA 56/AOV2 71

Christmas: Dawn Mass

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96. CWB 190

Christmas: Mass During the Day

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97. CWB 185/GA 57/AOV 14 (response only)

The Holy Family

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127. CWB 192/GA 75

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly (PLEADING SAVIOUR) [CWB 808]

Once in Royal David's City (IRBY) [CWB 782/GA 297]

There is Nothing Told (BENEDICTA ES) [GA 548]

Mary, the Mother of God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66 CWB 195

Carol Of The Mother (Cooney) [G&PIV 286]

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (Landry) [GA 544/S&S2 336]

Hail Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star (STELLA) [CWB 702/GA 547]

Holy Virgin, by God's Decree (Decha) [CWB 714]

Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you (LOURDES) [CWB 723/GA 549]

Lady Mary (Sears) [AOV 117]

O Chosen One (Landry) [G&PIV 334]

O Mary of Graces and Mother of God (O MARY OF GRACES) [CWB 769]

Salve, Regina (Gregorian chant) [CWB 801]

Salve, Regina/Hail, Queen of Heaven (SALVE REGINA) [GA 546]

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly (PLEADING SAVIOUR) [CWB 808]

There is Nothing Told (BENEDICTA ES) [GA 548]

The Epiphany

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71. CWB 196

City of God (Schutte) [AOV 57/GA 498/G&P3 187/S&S1 106]

Earth Has Many a Noble City (STUTTGART) [CWB 669]

Lord, Every Nation (Manibusan) [S&S1 70]

Lord, Every Nation (Blakesley) [S&S2 262]

Song for Epiphany (Willcock) [GA 300]

We Three Kings of Orient Are (KINGS OF ORIENT) [GA 299]

Music for the Christmas Season

Other songs that are appropriate for the season of Christmas are:

A Child Is Born (Norbet) [G&P3 255]
A Child is Born in Bethlehem (PUER NATUS IN BETHLEHEM) [CWB 612]
All the Ends of the Earth (Canedo) [S&S2 270]
All the Ends of the Earth (Dufford) [AOV 76/GA 420/G&P3 174]
All the Ends of the Earth (Fisher) [AOVNG 5/S&S1 75]
All the Ends of the Earth (Haugen) [AOV2 143]
All the Ends of the Earth (Hurd) [AOV 4/S&S2 271]
Born in the Night (Ainger) [AOV2 101]
Born This Day (Canedo) [S&S2 296]
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light (Smith) [S&S2 286, verses 1-3]
Emmanuel (Badham) [AOVNG 40]
Gloria (Berthier) [GA 291]
Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Spiritual) [S&S1 114]
He Came Down (Cameroon Traditional) [GA 293]
In The Stillness Of The Night (Daigle/Ducote) [G&PIV 315]
Let the Season Shine (Bailey) [AOVNG 87]
Light In The Darkness (Balhoff/Daigle/Ducote) [G&PIV 320]
My Heart is a Stable (Sears) [AOV 147]
Of the Father's Love Begotten (CORDE NATUS) [CWB 779]
Sing to the Lord a New Song (McDonell) [S&S2 272]
Sing We, Sing We Noel (Poelker) [AOV2 124]
The People That Walk in Darkness (Dufford) [G&P2 133]
Unto Us a Boy is Born (PUER NOBIS) [CWB 849]
Wake From Your Sleep (Schutte) [G&P2 153]

Seasonal Psalms and Responses

Among the chants between the readings, the psalm after the first reading is very important. As a rule the psalm to be used is the one assigned to the reading. ... But to make it easier for the people to join in the response to the psalm, the Order of Readings lists certain other psalms and responses that have been chosen according to the various seasons or classes of saints. Whenever the psalm is sung, these texts may replace the text corresponding to the reading. (Lectionary for Mass: Introduction 89; see also General Instruction of the Roman Missal 61. The full list of responses and psalms can be found in Common Texts for Sung Responsorial Psalms in the Lectionary.)

A seasonal psalm may replace the psalm in the **Lectionary** at any celebration during the season. Alternatively, the verses of the psalm in the Lectionary may be proclaimed with the response in the Lectionary replaces with a seasonal response.

Advent

Psalm 24	Response: <i>To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.</i>	
	CWB 168	GA 26
Psalm 84	Response: <i>Lord, show us your mercy and love.</i>	
	CWB 169	GA 49
Seasonal Response:	<i>Come, O Lord, and set us free.</i>	CWB 170, 171

Christmas

Psalm 97	Response: <i>All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.</i>	
	CWB 185, 598	GA 57
Seasonal Response:	<i>Lord, today we have seen your glory.</i>	CWB 186, 187

Epiphany

Psalm 71	Response: <i>Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.</i>	
	CWB 196	

Abbreviations

AOV	As One Voice
AOV2	As One Voice Volume 2
AOVNG	As One Voice The Next Generation
CWB	Catholic Worship Book
GA	Gather Australia
G&P2	Glory & Praise Vol. 2
G&P3	Glory & Praise vol. 3
G&PIV	Glory & Praise volume IV
S&S1	Spirit & Song 1
S&S2	Spirit & Song 2