

Music selections for Advent-Christmas, Year C

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Note: Since the third edition of the Catholic Book of Worship is now being used by many parishes, selections from CBW III as well as CBW II are included. The number given which is not in parenthesis is from CBW III. The number (and in sometimes a title) given in parenthesis is from CBW II. In some cases there may be a difference in the title — the one given is from CBW III. Also, selections from the second edition of the Glory and Praise hymnal are included; the numbers (and some titles) are listed in parentheses.)

Catholic Book of Worship III (II) Glory and Praise, parish edition (2nd edition)

Pastoral Note: The Glory to God is not used on Sundays during Advent. The season is a time of preparation for the feast of Christmas but does not “anticipate” it; Christmas music, therefore, should not be used during Advent, also for Children’s Liturgy of the Word

December 2: First Sunday of Advent

Awake, awake, fling 304 (445) **Entrance** Awaken, my heart 181
Awake, awake, and greet 303 Glory and praise to our God 17 (671)
Come, O long-expected Jesus 306 (Let the King of glory come 299)

16, 15*, 16* (110, 110*, 111*) **Psalm**

19 (114) **Gospel accl.**

Creator of the stars 307** **Prep. of gifts** Abba, Father 1 (696)
The advent of our God 315 (449) I long for you, O Lord 204 (215)
Listen, my people 309 (Maranatha 295)

Bread of life 507B **Communion** The cry of the poor 93 (203)
My shepherd is the Lord 606 (408) A banquet is prepared 85 (524)
Like a shepherd 490 (692) At all times 179

Come, O long-expected 306 (448) **Final song** Every valley 14 (297)
(People, look east 446) Rise up, Jerusalem 45
O come divine Messiah 310 (441) (People look east 300)

December 9: Second Sunday of Advent

On Jordan’s bank 351 (443) **Entrance** Every valley 14 (297)
Every valley 308 (452) Let the valleys be raised 113
Arise, your light is come 302 (A voice cries out 294)

22, 15*, 16* (117, 110*, 111*) **Psalm**

22 (115) **Gospel accl.**

Wait for the Lord 319 **Prep. of gifts** Exult, you just ones 98
Prepare the way 317 Hosea 262 (471)
Advent antiphon 301 (444) By name I have called you 186 (582)

Like a shepherd 490 (692) **Communion** A banquet is prepared 85 (509)
Bread of life 597B Remember your love 134 (474)
O come, divine Messiah 310 (441) (Bread for the world 528)

Awake, awake and greet 303 **Final song** All the ends of the 174 (683)
Awake, awake, fling off the night 304 (445) Go up to the mountains 259
Come, O long-expected Jesus 306 (448) (Let the King of glory come 299)

December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

On Jordan’s bank 351 (443) **Entrance** He has anointed me 197 (555)
Every valley 308 (452) Rise up, Jerusalem 45
Awake, awake, and greet the new morn 303 (The King shall Come 307)

25, 15*, 16* (120, 110*, 111*) **Psalm**

25 (118) **Gospel accl.**

Be light for our eyes 305 **Prep. of gifts** By name I have called 186 (582)
The voice of God 433 (639) (A voice cries out 294)
Listen my people 309 The cry of the poor 93 (203)

O come, O come 312 (440) **Communion** A banquet is prepared 85 (509)
Bread of life 597B Something which is known 267
Now in this banquet 608 (Bread for the world 528)

Maier (1939-2012) was a lifelong church musician who had a master of arts in liturgical studies from St. John’s University, Collegeville, Minn.

(People, look east 446) **Final song** Let heaven rejoice 33 (392)
City of God 345 Every valley 14 (297)
Let heaven rejoice 557 (666) (People look east 300)

December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Come, O long-expected 306 (448) **Entrance** The kingdom of God 211
Awake, awake, fling off the night 304 (445) (O come, O come Emmanuel 293)
Awake, awake and greet the new morn 303 Every valley 14 (297)

28, 15*, 16* (113, 110*, 111*) **Psalm**

28 (122) **Gospel accl.**

The angel Gabriel 316 (450) **Prep. of gifts** He has anointed me 197 (555)
Advent antiphon 301 (444) Emmanuel 97
Joseph, be our guide and pattern 456 (The angel Gabriel 441)

O come, divine 310 (441) **Communion** Be not afraid 8 (602)
(I will celebrate your love 644) Here I am, Lord 198 (625)
Bread of life 597B (Bread for the world 528)

Let heaven rejoice 557 (666) **Final song** Rise up, Jerusalem 45
The king shall come 318 Go up to the mountain 259
O come, O come Emmanuel 312 (440) Let the valleys be raised 113 (310)

Pastoral Note: Using well-known Christmas carols that are appropriate for the liturgy is a gesture of welcome toward those who do not participate regularly in the Sunday eucharist. Also, it is helpful to use one familiar musical setting for the Glory to God, the gospel acclamation, the eucharistic acclamations (Holy, holy; memorial acclamation, and the great Amen) and the Lamb of God from Christmas to the feast of the Epiphany.

December 25: Christmas, during the night

O come all ye faithful 329 (458) **Entrance** O come all ye faithful p. 410 (311)
Angels we have heard 320 (463) Angels we have heard p. 404 (313)
Good Christian friends 322 (465) (Good Christian friends 319)

30, 29A*, 29B*, 548* (126, 125*) **Psalm**

30 (126) **Gospel accl.**

Silent night 332 (455) **Prep. of gifts** Silent night p. 411 (312)
The people who in darkness 335 The people that walk 133
In midnight’s stillness 327 Wake from your sleep 153 (328)

Bread of life 597C **Communion** A child is born 255 (330)
What child is this 338 (461) The goodness of God 260
The first Nowell 344 (460) What child is this p. 412 (337)

Joy to the world 328 (454) **Final song** Joy to the world p. 409 (318)
The people who in darkness walked 335 Hark, the herald angels p. 408 (317)
Hark, the herald angels sing 323 (462) City of God 187 (548)

December 25: Christmas Day

Angels we heard 320 (463) **Entrance** Angels we have heard p. 404 (313)
O come all ye faithful 329 (458) O come all ye faithful p. 410 (311)
Joy to the world 328 (454) Sing a new song 47 (670)

32, 29A*, 29B*, 548* (125) **Psalm**

32 (128) **Gospel accl.**

Good Christian friends 322 (465) **Prep. of gifts** The people that walk 133
See, to us a child is born 331 Wake from your sleep 153 (328)
In the darkness shines 346 (473) (Lord, today 338)

Bread of life 597C **Communion** (Bread for the world 528)
Let heaven rejoice 557 (666) A child is born 255 (330)
The first Nowell 344 (460) The first Nowell p. 406 (334)

The people who in darkness 335 **Final song** Joy to the world p. 409 (318)
Awake, awake and greet the morn 303 (Angels, from the realms 335)
Hark, the herald angels sing 323 (462) City of God 187 (548)

December 30: Feast of the Holy Family

Good Christian friends 322 (454) **Entrance** City of God 187 (548)
In the darkness shines 346 (473) (Angels form the realms 335)
O come all ye faithful 329 (458) Joy to the world, p. 409 (318)

35, 29A*, 29B*, 548* (129) **Psalm**

35 (129) **Gospel accl.**

Child of gladness 326 **Prep. of gifts** Abba, Father 1 (696)
Of the Father’s love begotten 330 (470) Father of peace 99
What child is this 338 (461) (Child of the poor 336)

Something which is known 393 **Communion** Sing to the Lord 141
Bread of life 597 What child is this p. 412 (337)
Let heaven rejoice 557 (666) Something which is known 267

Joseph, be our guide 456 **Final song** All the ends of the 174 (683)
Hark, the herald angels sing 323 (462) Lord of glory 37 (707)
Joy to the world 328 (454) (Children, run joyfully 331)

January 1: Mary, the Mother of God

Angels we have heard 320 (463) **Entrance** All the ends of the 174 (683)
Tell out, my soul 575 (638) O come all ye faithful p. 410 (311)
The people who in darkness walked 335 child is born 255 (330)

36, 29A*, 29B* (130, 125*) **Psalm**

36 (130) **Gospel accl.**

Of the Father’s love 330 (470) **Prep. of gifts** What child is this p. 412 (337)
Mary, woman of the promise 465 (Sing of Mary 432)
Holy Mary, full of grace 461 (Lo, how a rose 320)

What child is this 338 (461) **Communion** My soul rejoices 123
Bread of life 597C Something which is known 267
Let heaven rejoice 557 (666) (Lord, today 338)

Good Christian friends 322 (465) **Final song** (Good Christian friends 318)
Awake, awake and greet 303 Joy to the world p. 409 (318)
Joy to the world 328 (460) Angels we have heard p. 404 (313)

January 6: Epiphany of the Lord

As with gladness men 343 (487) **Entrance** Sing a new song 47 (670)
Songs of thankfulness 348 (579) (As with gladness 339)
Arise, your light is come 302 City of God 187 (548)

37, 29A* (131, 125*) **Psalm**

37 (131) **Gospel accl.**

What star is this 349 (477) **Prep. of gifts** The people that walk 133
In the darkness shines 346 (473) Earthen vessels 13 (584)
O star of Christ’s appearing 347 (Lord, today 338)

What child is this 338 (461) **Communion** All the ends of the 174 (683)
The first Nowell 344 (460) A child is born 255 (330)
Bread of life 597C Something which is known 267

Good Christian friends 322 (465) **Final song** Joy to the world p. 409 (318)
Joy to the world 328 (454) (We three kings 333)
Awake, awake, and greet the new morn 303 Sing alleluia, sing 236

January 13: Baptism of the Lord

When Jesus comes 350 (480) **Entrance** Come to the water 92
On Jordan’s bank 351 (443) Everyone moved by the Spirit 15
Songs of thankfulness and joy 348 (479) The goodness of God 260

40, 29A*, 29B*, 548* (132, 125*) **Psalm**

40 (132) **Gospel accl.**

The voice of God 433 (639) **Prep. of gifts** By name I have called 186 (582)
Every valley 308 (452) Abba, Father 1 (696)
When John baptized by Jordan’s river 325 Beginning today 183 (463)

Like a shepherd 490 (692) **Communion** You are near 59 (619)
No greater love 599 Here I am, Lord 198 (625)
The light of Christ 394 (505) Something which is known 267

Good Christian friends 322 (465) **Final song** Jesus is life 31
Father, Lord of heaven and earth 466 Let heaven rejoice 33 (392)
Joy to the world 328 (454) And the Father will dance 4

*A seasonal Responsorial Psalm is suggested if those in the assembly (and the cantor) have difficulty learning a new psalm each week.

**This text can be sung to any LM melody, such as “On Jordan’s bank” or “All people that on earth.”

‘We will leave a windmill, but return with more than we brought’

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lack of knowledge on how to build a windmill. Dungen reassured everyone that no previous experience is needed. Onsite experts will direct the digging, piping and construction of the windmill.

“What is needed,” he said, “is the willingness, the harmony and the responsible interaction of group work with a one-heart spirit.”

Smaller groups were formed to discuss plans for the next two years, sharing similar hopes that

most want a missionary experience. Personal growth in faith, understanding and sharing a new culture will be ongoing challenges throughout the preparations and during the mission experience.

Céline Grimard of Prince Albert shared, “When you help someone your heart leaps for joy. This opportunity will expand my horizon while being able to do good things with a great team of young people.”

Jamie Johnston of Hudson Bay feels this will give her meaning and balance in her life. She said

she is looking forward to be “serving people who have so little and yet are so happy. I want to bring some of that back with me.”

Jamie’s mother Deanna Johnston, the owner of Hudson Bay Vet Service, is excited to participate in this mission. She feels called to serve alongside her daughter, perhaps being able to use her veterinarian skills. Others are looking forward to using their skills such as nursing, singing, dancing, being a handyman and simply sharing friendships.

Trevor Miller from Shellbrook,

a teacher at St. Mary High School, would like to take his entire family on such a life-changing experience. He said, “People there seem so happy with so little. In our society, our worth is determined by our possessions. There, we will realize there is so much more than owning things. We will leave a windmill, but return with a lot more than we brought.”

During the two year preparation time, the team anticipates four meetings a year. Within schools and parishes involved, small groups plan on meeting

monthly for spiritual and missionary formation as well as setting up their group publicity and fundraising events.

Dungen sees this mission as a response to the cry of the poor, an awareness of the global body of Christ. He said, “Adults also need to go. Both youth and young adults will be called beyond their comfort zone into a place of dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Through true concern for others, authentic generosity and self-giving, we will help people to help themselves.”