

FIRST READING: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 *I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 80 *“God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.”*

SECOND READING:

1 Cor. 1: 3-9 *“The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Ps. 85: 8 *“Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.”*

GOSPEL: Mk. 13: 33-37

“Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.”

SCRIPTURAL TOPICS: attentiveness; kindness of God; salvation; nearness of the Kingdom; light of God.

FOCUS: “Stay awake for you know not when the master of the house returns.” Death can come suddenly and unexpectedly. Be ready to be in the presence of God.

REFLECTION: “Don’t imagine that if you had a great deal of time you would spend more of it in prayer. Get rid of that idea! Again and again God gives more in a moment than in a long period of time, for his actions are not measured by time at all.”

St. Theresa of Avila

“Your fellow men are marvelously enriched by your contemplation, even if you may not fully understand how; the souls in purgatory are touched, for their suffering is eased by the effects of this work, and, of course, your own spirit is purified and strengthened by contemplative work more than by all others put together.” *Anonymous, The Cloud of Unknowing*

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY: The mood of the liturgy in Advent is one of anticipa-

tion and preparation. We prepare for the anniversary of Our Savior’s birth, we prepare for the Second Coming, and we prepare for our own deaths. We prepare to see God.

Sprinkling rite or

Penitential rite: *Third form with second set of sample invocations*

Sample General Intercessions:

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare for the coming of Christ let us thank God for his mercy. In Jesus, the face of God has illuminated us and we have been saved from death:

- *For the Holy Church of God, may we remain attentive and awake to the needs of all people;*
- *For those who work for peace and mercy, may our vigilance be strengthened;*
- *For those in positions of authority, that the Lord Jesus will guide them to seek good for all humankind;*
- *For all those deprived of freedom because of what they believe or what they are, that our mercy will deliver them from oppression;*
- *For our parish and local community, that Christ will find us watchful and ready at his coming;*
- *For each of us here, may we all be ready for God with a clean soul and a heart full of love.*

By placing emphasis on the memorial acclamation and the Lord’s Prayer we bring to mind the eschatological element in the liturgy.

Memorial acclamation: *2nd or 3rd*

The Lord’s Prayer: *See fourth sample invitation to prayer*

Prayers over the people: *First or sixteenth or*

Solemn Blessing in Advent

R.C.I.A.

To live in the constant light of the gospel, is to be ready to see God. On the day of judgement our money, our intelligence, our social standing will be of no importance, only how we have loved.

Belief in the Second Coming reveals our deep yearnings and aspirations for love and fulfillment, for all to be complete. The Second Coming will be a time when God will be revealed to us completely, and

henceforth, we will be with Him forever and ever.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

· What is it like to wait for something really special, something that you can’t wait to receive?

Waiting is a difficult pastime.

Christmas is something we wait for during Advent. We also wait for Jesus in a different way. We await his return into our lives, into our hearts and into our minds. We wait for him to return in person at the end of time.

· What does the gospel say about how and why we should wait?

YOUTH GROUPS

- Advent Gathering (Cooney) GC
- I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say VAO, W&S, WCH
- In the Day of the Lord (Ridge) BB, JS
- Jerusalem, My Destiny (Cooney)BB,G2, GC
- Jesus, My Everything (Maher) S&S
- Lood to the One VAO, W&S

HISPANIC HYMNS

- Abranse los Cielos CAN, CPD, FYC
- Eres El Camino CEL, CPD, FYC
- Marana Tha! CEL, CPD
- Oh Ven, Oh Ven Emanuel CAN, CEL, CPD
- Preparen el Camino Ti CEL, CPD, FYC
- Ven, Salvador CAN, CPD, FYC
- Ven, Senior CAN, CEL, CPD, FYC
- SALMO: SRyA 217 (Suarez)

SONG SUGGESTIONS

GATHERING SONG:

- A Mighty Fortress BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, GC, GPCOMP, JS2, PMB2, RS, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
- A Season of Light (Lisicky) GC, SM, W&S, WCH
- A Voice Cries Out (Joncas) BB, JS2, RS
- Advent Gathering (Cooney) G2, GC, RS
- Maranatha! Alleluia! (Berthier) GC, GTR, TAIZE, WP
- People, Look East BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, HM, JS2, PMB2, SM, WCH, W&S, WP
- Come Now, Almighty King BB/MI, GC, G2, JS2, WP
- Come to Set Us Free (Farrell) BB/MI, CCH, GC,GTR, JS2
- Come, O Lord (Dameans) BB, GPC, JS
- Come, Thou Savior of Our Race CCH, SS, WP
- God Is Working His Purpose Out SS, W3-50
- Glory and Praise to Our God (Schutte) BB/MI, CCH, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, GC, JS2, W&S
- Let the Heavens Be Glad (Feiten) BB/MI, CCH, GC, GTR, JS2

Let the King of Glory Come (*Joncas*) BB, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S
O Come, Divine Messiah BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, PMB, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GPCOMP, JS2, PMB2, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
On the Day I Called You (*Cooney*) BB/MI, GP2, JS2
Save Us, O Lord (*Dufford*) BB/MI, GP, GPCOMP, JS2, W&S
The King Shall Come (*Joncas*) BB, CCH, GPCOMP, PMB2, SM, W&S, WP
The King Shall Come (*Mattingly*) PMB2, SM, W&S
Wake, Awake CBW III, JS2, PMB2, SM, SS, W&S, WCH

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 80: Vineyard of the Lord (*Keil*) BB, JS2
Psalm 80/85/Luke 1: Lord, make us turn (*Haugen*) G-37
Psalm 80: Lord, make us turn to you (*Guimont*) CCH-478, LP, RS-108
Psalm 80: Lord, make us turn to you (*Smith*) PARM
Psalm 80: Lord, make us turn to you (*Schiavone*) ALP
Psalm 80: Lord, make us turn to you (*Marcus*) MSM 80-721

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

Awake, Awake, Fling Off the Night CBW III, SS, W&S
Canticle of Zechariah (*Quinn/Joncas*) PMB2, SM, W&S, WCH
Center of My Life (*Inwood*) BB/MI, CCH, GC, GTR, JS2
Come, O Long Expected Jesus BB, CCH, SS, W&S, WP
From Thy Throne, O Lord (*Proulx*) G-2404
Herald in the Desert, from *The Advent of our God* (*Hansen*) 9216 OCP
Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates BB, HM, JS2, SS, WP
Maranatha! Alleluia! (*Berthier*) GC, GTR, TAIZE, WP
O Antiphons (*Dameans*) BB, GPC, JS
O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide (*Olien*) G-3192
Prepare the Way of the Lord (*Berthier*) RS, TAIZE II, WP
Proclaim the Joyful Message PMB2, SM, SS, W&S
Psalm 25: I Will Wait For You (*Hansen*) BB, JS2, 9141 OCP
Search for the Lord (*Inwood*) BB, JS2, 9287 STM
Sound the Trumpet (*Englert*) PMB2, W&S, 7947 WS
Stir Up Your Power, O Lord (*MacMillan*) 8611 PPMO
The Coming of Our God BB, CCH, JS2, SS
The Day is Near (*Huijbers*) BB, GC, G2, GTR, JS2
The Steadfast Love (*Foley*) BB, GPCOMP
Wait for the Lord (*Berthier*) CBW III, CCH, GC, G2, GTR, RS, TAIZE

COMMUNION:

Advent Carol (*Powell*) 11-2408
Abba! Father! (*Landry*) BB/MI, GP, GPCOMP, JS2
City of God, Jerusalem (*Idle*) RS
Come, Lord, and Tarry Not WP
Come, O Come (*Cromie*) 312-41077
Dear Maker of the Starry Skies CVH, PMB2, SS, W&S
I Long for You (*Dameans*) BB, GC, GP, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S
Justice Shall Flourish (*Marchionda*) SM, W&S, WCH
Let There Be Peace on Earth BB/MI, GPCOMP, JS2, PMB2, W&S, WCH
Let Us Go to the Altar (*Schutte*) BB/MI, GP2, JS2
Lord, Make Us Turn to You CCH, GC, GTR
Lord of All Hopefulness BB/MI, CVH, CCH, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S, WCH, WP
Lo! He Comes (*Leaf*) 11-2191
Who Has Known (*Foley*) CBW III, JS2
You Are All We Have (*O'Brien*) GC-505
Ye Heavens, Open from Above W&S
We Live a Mystery (*Connelly*) CCH, GC, GTR, W&S

SONG OF PRAISE:

Advent Candle Song (*Clyde*) 11-2408
Canticle of Zechariah (*Mudd*) PMB2, WCH
The Cry of the Poor (*Foley*) BB/MI, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, JS2, S&S, W&S
God of Abraham (*Farrell*) BB/MI, GC, JS2
How Great Thou Art (*Hine*) ACH, BB, CCH, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, JS2, PMB2, RS, S&S, W&S, WCH
The Isaiah Song (*Ward*) SM, WCH, W&S

CLOSING SONG:

City of God (*Schutte*) ACH, BB/MI, CCH, CBW III, GC, GP, GPC, GTR, JS2, RS, W&S
Come, Ever Gracious Son of God (*Handel*) 362-00523
Come, Thou Almighty King RS, WP
Creator Alme Siderum PMB2, SS, W&S, WCH
Isaiah's Song (*Baker*) 11-0357
O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide CVH, SS, W&S
O Come, Divine Messiah BB, CBW III, CVH, JS2, PMB2, SS, W&S, WP
People, Look East BB, CCH, CBW III, CVH, JS2, PMB2, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
Rain Down, Blessings (*Forman*) G-3198
Rejoice, the Lord Is King BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, SS, W&S, WP
Rise Up, You Heirs of Glory (*Leaf*) 11-2541
Stay Awake (*Walker*) BB, JS2
Soon and Very Soon BB, G2, GC, LMGM
Send Dew, O Clouds PMB2, SS, W&S
Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer BB, CCH, SS, WP
Word of God, Come Down on Earth BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, CVH, JS2, PMB2, RS, WP
Yes, I Shall Arise (*Deiss*) BB, PMB2, WCH

Mass Time:

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New Music/Instructions/Prelude:

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Preface Dialogue/Eucharistic Prayer:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

Memorial Acclamation:

Great Amen:

The Lord's Prayer:

Lamb of God:

Communion Song:

Song of Praise:

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal:

Closing Song:

Postlude:

Additional Notes:

FIRST READING: Is. 40: 1-5, 9-11
"Make straight in the desert the way of the Lord."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 85 *"Let us see O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help."*

SECOND READING:

2 Pet. 3: 8-14 *"We wait for new heavens and a new earth."*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Lk. 3: 4, 6 *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all mankind shall see the salvation of God."*

GOSPEL: Mk. 1: 1-8

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

SCRIPTURAL TOPICS: Repentance; salvation of God; kingdom of heaven; justice and peace.

FOCUS: "Make ready the way of the Lord." The herald cries for us to reform our lives and respond to the word of God.

REFLECTION: The message we preach is not the wisdom of this world but the words of life that seem like foolishness to the unspiritual man...

If it is true that sin in a certain sense shuts man off from God, it is likewise true that remorse for sins opens up all the greatness and majesty of God's love, to man's conscience." *Pope John Paul II*

"Your time here is short, very short; take another look at the way in which you spend it . . . Every action of yours, every thought, should be those of a person who expects to die before the day is out . . . Then why not keep clear of sin, instead of running away from death? If you aren't fit to face death today, it's very unlikely you will be by tomorrow, and you have no guarantee that there will be any tomorrow, for you."

St. Thomas à Kempis

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY: Introduce the lit-

urgy by proclaiming that a voice cries out in the wilderness of our lives, calling us to harken to God's love. This is a time of hearing and understanding, of seeking and finding, of sensing and responding to God's presence in our lives. The prayers of the faithful could focus on our need to level the mountains of pride and fill in the valleys of fear from which injustice springs forth.

Penitential rite: *Third form with second set of sample invocations*

Opening Prayer: *See Alternate*

Sample General Intercessions—

My brothers and sisters, we are called to make straight the path to God. Let us abandon pride, which sets us above God, and fear, which doubts God's promise to us (that we can earn eternal life by loving Him and his creation). Let us ask the Lord to guide us on this straight and narrow path to eternal life:

- *For our world leaders, that Jesus the Christ enrich them with spiritual gifts;*
- *For all peoples of the world, that hunger for peace and love motivate us all towards action;*
- *For those who suffer from oppression, that Jesus gather and lead them to the Father;*
- *For the aged and infirm who hunger for consolation, that they receive the joyful message that our God is here among us;*
- *For our families and community who are trying to straighten the highways of our lives, that God will bring us all to a fuller understanding of how to live the way God wants us to live.*

Memorial Acclamation: *2nd or 3rd*

The Lord's Prayer: *4th introduction*

Prayers over the people: *First or Solemn Blessing in Advent*

R.C.I.A

John the Baptist urged people to repent of their sins, to prepare for the coming of the Lord. How can you straighten out your life? What are you engaged in that takes you down a path away from God?

Reflect on the need to level the mountains of pride, arrogance and narrow-mindedness that are within

us all.

God is merciful. Are you merciful? Contemplate the awesome majesty of God's love.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The readings today speak of making straight the crooked path. What does that mean? Well, it means something like this: If you want to be worthy to live in heaven with God forever, then it would be worthwhile to take a straight path to that goal. A crooked path would take longer, and it might not ever get you there. A straight path is living a life of love and mercy, of honesty and beauty. A crooked path is living a life of lies, theft, greed, and hatred.

YOUTH GROUPS

Advent Gathering (Cooney) GC
I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say VAO, W&S, WCH
In the Day of the Lord (Ridge) BB, JS
Jerusalem, My Destiny (Cooney) BB,G2, GC
Jesus, My Everything (Maher) S&S
Lood to the One VAO, W&S

HISPANIC HYMNS

Abranse los Cielos CAN, CPD, FYC
Eres El Camino CEL, CPD, FYC
Marana Tha! CEL, CPD
Oh Ven, Oh Ven Emanuel CAN, CEL, CPD
Preparen el Camino Ti CEL, CPD, FYC
Ven, Salvador CAN, CPD, FYC
Ven, Senor CAN, CEL, CPD, FYC
SALMO: SRyA 217 (Suarez)

SONG SUGGESTIONS

GATHERING SONG:

A Voice Cries Out (Joncas) BB, JS2, S&S
Advent Gathering (Cooney) CCH, G2, GC
Await the Lord with Hope (Hurd) BB, JS
Awake, Awake and Greet the Morn RS, WP
Awaken, My Heart (Deiss) BB, GP, S&S
Behold, the Lord Comes W&S, WCH
Christ Is Coming, Prepare the WayLMGM
City of God (Schutte) BB, CCH, GP
 GC, GTR, JS2, S&S, W&S
Come, O Long-awaited Savior CBW III, PMB2, SM, WCH, W&S
Come to Set Us Free (Farrell) BB, CCH, GC, GTR, JS2, S&S
Come, O Lord (Dameans) BB/MI, CCH, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S
Come, Thou Savior of Our Race GC, WP
Justice Shall Flourish (Marchionda) SM, WCH, W&S
Let the King of Glory Come (Joncas) BB, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S
O Come, Divine Messiah BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, PMB2, SM, SS, WP
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel BB, CCH,

CBW III, CVH, GPCOMP, PMB2, SS, WP
On Jordan's Bank BB, CBW III, CCH,
 CVH, PMB2, JS2, SM, S&S, SS, W&S, WP
Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord LMGM
Prepare! The Lord is Near BB, JS2, S&S
Prepare the Way of the Lord (*Berthier*) RS,
 W3-369
Ready the Way (*Hurd*) BB, JS2, S&S
Sing a New Song (*Schutte*) BB/MI, CCH,
 CBW III, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, JS2,
 RS, S&S
Sing a New Song to the Lord (*Dudley-*
Smith) CBW III, CCH, GC, GTR, RS, WP
The Dawn of Day (*Deiss*) BB/MI, GP,
 S&S, WCH, W&S
They Who Do Justice BB/MI, JS2
Wake, Awake CBW III, PMB2, SM, W&S

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

(*Peloquin*) G-2596

Psalm 85: Let Us See Your Kindness

(*MacAller*) BB, JS2

Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness GC, GTR

Psalm 85: Let Us See Your Kindness

(*Hurd*) BB, JS2, S&S

Psalm 80/85/Luke 1: Lord, make us turn

(*Haugen*) CCH-31, GC-75

Psalm 85: Lord, let us see your kindness

(*Guimont*) CCH-481, RS-107, LP

Psalm 80: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

(*Keil*) BB, JS

Psalm 85: Lord, let us see your kindness

(*Carroll*) RS, WP

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

Await the Lord with Hope (*Hurd*) BB, JS2

Awake, Awake, Fling Off the Night

CBW III, SS, W&S

By Name I Have Called You (*Landry*) BB/

MI, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S

Come, O Long Expected Jesus CCH, WP

Comfort My People CVH, SS

Comfort, Comfort, O My People BB, CCH,

GC, JS2, S&S, TM, WP

Creator of the Stars of Night BB, CCH,

CBW III, CVH, RS, SS, W&S, WP

In the Day of the Lord (*Ridge*) BB, OCP

Let the Valleys Be Raised (*Schutte*) BB,

GP, GPCOMP, JS2

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

BB, CCH, SS, WP

Maranatha! Alleluia! (*Berthier*) GC, GTR,

TAIZE, RS, WP

O Antiphons (*Dameans*) BB, GPCOMP

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

(*Monteverdi*) G-2834

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (*Moore*)

G-2880

Rorate Caeli 8742 WLP

The Cry of the Poor (*Foley*) BB/MI, CCH,

CBW III, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, JS2,

SM, S&S, W&S

The Day is Near (*Huijbers*) GC, GTR, JS2

Wait for the Lord (*Berthier*) CBW III,

CCH, GTR, GC, RS, TAIZE, W&S

COMMUNION:

Behold a Virgin Bearing Him PMB2, SS

Come to the Water (*Foley*) BB/MI, CBW

III, GC, GPCOMP, GP, GTR, JS2

Harvest of Justice GC, GTR

I Will Praise You, Lord (*Inwood*) BB/MI,
 GC, GTR, JS2

Let There Be Peace on Earth BB/MI,

CCH, GPCOMP, JS2, PMB2, S&S, W&S,

WCH

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming BB, CCH,

CVH, GPCOMP, PMB2, S&S, W&S, WP

People of the Night (*Haas*) CCH, GC, GTR

Prepare the Way of the Lord (*Berthier*)

CCH, TAIZE II, SS, WP

Proclaim the Joyful Message PMB2, SM,

W&S, WCH

Rise Up, Jerusalem (*Foley*) BB, GP, S&S

Savior of the Nations, Come BB, CCH,

CVH, JS2, SS, WP

Suo-Gan (*Guest*) 8602 PPMO

Take Comfort, God's People PMB2, SM,

WCH, W&S, WP

Take Comfort, My People (*Warner*) SM,

W&S, WCH 8653 WLP

The Coming of Our God BB, PMB2, S&S

The River Will Rise (*Conry*) BB, GTR, GC,

JS2

Walk in the Reign (*Cooney*) BB, G2, GC

Who Has Known (*Foley*) CBW III, GP2, JS2

SONG OF PRAISE:

Canticle of Zechariah (*Mudd*) PMB2, SM

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

(*Goudimel*) G-2893

Herald In the Desert, from *The Advent of*

our God (*Hansen*) 9216 OCP, S&S

Like a Shepherd (*Dufford*) BB, CCH, CBW

III, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, JS2, S&S

Lover Us All (*Schutte*) ACH, BB, JS2

My Soul in Stillness Waits (*Haugen*) GC,

GTR, SS

The Isaiah Song (*Ward*) SM, WCH, W&S

CLOSING SONG:

Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord Is Near BB, JS2

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, GC, GPC, JS2,

PMB2, RS, SM, S&S, SS, W&S, WCH, WP

All the Ends of the Earth (*Dufford*)

BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPCOMP,

GTR, JS2

Be Light for Our Eyes (*Haas*) CCH, GC,

GTR, G2

Come, Promised One (*Becker*) BB, JS2,

8978 OCP

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus BB,

CCH, SM, WP

Every Valley (*Dufford*) BB, CBW III,

GP, GPCOMP, JS2

God Is Working His Purpose Out RS, W3

Make Straight the Way (*Conry*) BB, JS

O Sun of Justice CCH, SS, WP

Out of Darkness (*Walker*) BB/MI, GC, JS2

People, Look East BB, CBW III, CCH,

CVH, JS2, PMB2, SM, S&S, W&S, WP

Prepare the Way of the Lord CCH, SS,

W&S, WP

Prepare the Royal Highway CVH, SS

Rain Down, Blessings (*Forman*) G-3198

Send Dew, O Clouds PMB2, W&S

Sing Out, Earth and Skies (*Haugen*) CCH,

GTR, GC, WCH, W&S

Sing to the Lord (*Dameans*) BB, GP, JS2

When John Baptized by Jordan's River

(*Dudley-Smith*) CCH, SS, WP

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Postlude:

Additional Notes:

FIRST READING: Gen. 3:9-15, 20
"I will put enmity between your offspring and her offspring."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 98 *"Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders."*

SECOND READING: Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12
"God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Lk. 1:28, 42 *"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women."*

GOSPEL: Lk. 1:26-38 *"Rejoice, favored one, the Lord is with you." The angel Gabriel comes to Mary telling her to rejoice for she has found favor with God. She will bear the Son of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

SCRIPTURAL TOPICS: Mary; Rejoicing; Favor with God; Blessings; **Miracles; Wonders.**

FOCUS: "Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you."

REFLECTION: "He who wrote on the tablets of stone without iron made Mary with child of the Holy Ghost; and He who produced bread in the desert without ploughing, impregnated the Virgin without corruption; and He who made the rod to bud without rain made the daughter of David without seed." *St. Augustine*

"I remember your writing to tell me that you get a headache when you try to hold fast your attention. Yes, if you work only with the head, that is what will happen; but when you descend into the heart there will be no strain at all. The head will become empty and there will be an end to thoughts. They are always in the head, chasing one another, and it is not possible to control them. But if you enter the heart, and are able to remain in it, then every time thoughts begin to confuse you, you have only to descend into the heart and the thoughts will flee. It will be a com-

forting and safe haven. Do not be lazy about descending. In the heart is life, and you must live there. Do not think that this is something to be attempted only by the perfect. No, it is for everyone who has begun to seek the Lord." *Theophane the Recluse*

"Miracles happen, not in opposition to nature, but in opposition to what we know of nature." *St. Augustine*

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY: The word of God has special significance in today's readings. Mary, bearer of the "Living Word," responds to the word of God spoken through the angel Gabriel. A bold displaying and incensing of the Holy Books at the gathering rite would be one way to demonstrate reverence for the word of God. Litanies to Mary as well as appropriate periods of silence will help to inspire. Introduce the profession of faith by citing Mary as an example of the power of faith in one's life.

R.C.I.A.

Mary is a role model for Christians because of her faith and acceptance of God's will for her. We go through times of confusion and doubt. At times we may feel we are plunging into the unknown and even into darkness itself. This is why Mary is so important to us. Through faith she was able to attain extraordinary stature. This is the case with many of the church's saints. They were ordinary people called by God to live extraordinary lives.

Say the Hail Mary frequently. You'll find it helps. A favorite prayer of Catholics for centuries, it is a gift from Christ Himself, through the gospels.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

What do you suppose it was like being the child of the woman who was most blessed among women? She must have been a gentle, loving mother. What must it have been like for her, being the mother of such an awesome child?

Jesus had a large family. His grandparents were St. Anne and St. Joaquin. He had an uncle and aunt, St. Zachary and St. Elizabeth, and a cousin, St. John the Baptist. And many others are mentioned in the New Testament, and in other historical books. They lived 2,000 years ago in what is now Israel. Then it was a Roman colony. Do a little research and talk about life in the days of Christ's childhood.

YOUTH GROUPS

Holy is His Name VAO, W&S

I Am for You (Cooney) G-3967, RS

Song of Mary (Booth) S&S

My Soul Rejoices (Dameans) BB, GP, GPC

Sing to the Lord (Eggert) CCH, G-3252

Song of Judith VAO, WCH, W&S

PSALM: Sing a New Song (Howard) 7150 WLP

HISPANIC HYMNS

Adios, Oh Virgen de Guadalupe CAN, CPD, FYC

Buenos Dias, Paloma Blanca CEL, CPD, FYC

Canto de Maria CEL, CPD

Elevamos Nuestros Cantos CAN, CEL, CPD

Mi Virgen Ranchera Ti CEL, CPD, FYC

Oh Maria, Madre Mia CAN, CPD, FYC

Oh Santisima CAN, CEL, CPD, FYC

SALMO: SRyA 242 (Trevino)

SONG SUGGESTIONS

GATHERING SONG:

A Season of Light (Lisicky) GC, RS, SM, PMB, WCH, W&S

All That is Hidden (Farrell) BB, JS, MI

All the Ends of the Earth (Dufford)

BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPC, GTR, JS

All the Ends of the Earth (Murray) PMB, W&S

All Who Claim the Faith of Jesus G2, GC

Behold a Virgin Bearing Him PMB, SM, WCH, W&S

Cantai ao Senhor (Bell) G2, GC

Glory and Praise to Our God (Schutte)

BB, CCH, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, JS, RS, S&S, WCH, W&S

Hail, Blessed Lady PMB, W&S

Immaculate Mary BB, GC, PMB, SM, WCH

I Am for You (Cooney) G-3967, RS

I Sing a Maid CCH, GC, G2, GTR

In the Day of the Lord (Ridge) 9889 OCP

In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful

(Berthier) CCH, GTR, G2, GC, RS

Let Us Go to the Altar (Schutte) BB/MI, GP2, JS2, S&S

Mary's Song (Joncas, Oosterhuis) BB/MI, GPCOMP, S&S, W&S

Mary, Full of Grace BB/MI, HM

Mary, How Lovely the Light of Your Glory CVH, SM, SS, WP

Save Us, O Lord (Dufford) BB, CCH, GP, GPC, JS2, WCH

CODE EXPLANATION ON INSIDE BACK COVER

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Savior of the Nations, Come BB, CVH, CCH, GC, SS, WP
Sing a New Song (*Schutte*) BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, JS, RS, SM, WCH, W&S
Sing of Mary BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, JS, PMB, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
Sing Praise to Our Creator PMB, SM, WCH
Sing to the Lord (*Eggert*) CCH, G-3252
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came ACH, CBW III, CCH, SS, WP
You Are God's Work of Art (*Haas*) G-331, G2-582, GC-810

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Cantai ao Senhor Traditional Brazilian;
arr. by John L. Bell G2-365, GC-526, RS-671
Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth
(Guimont) CCH-492, LP
Psalm 98: Sing to the Lord (*Guimont*) CCH-773, RS-136, LP
Psalm 98: Sing to the Lord a new song -
(Carroll) RS-137 2
Psalm 98: (Kreutz)10 PSALMS
Psalm 98: The Lord Has Revealed (*Smith*)
 BB, JS2, S&S
Psalm 98 (*Schiavone*) ALP
Psalm 98 (*Isele*) 3 PFCY

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

Ave Maria (*Arcadelt*) CCH, G-1528
Ave Maria (*Stafford*) 8695 WLP
Hail, Holy Queen (*Deiss*) BB, GP, PMB
Hail, Holy Queen CBW III, CVH, GC, GPC, PMB, SM, S&S, W&S, WCH
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman BB, GC, GP, GPC, JS
Litany of Loretto (*Hughes*) WLP
Mary's Song (*Rieth*) BB/MI, GP2, JS
Mary's Song of Praise PMB, SM, WCH
My Soul Magnifies the Lord CVH, GPCOMP, HM, SS, W&S
My Soul Rejoices (*Alstott*) BB, JS, MI
O God, Hear Us (*Hurd*) BB/MI, JS, S&S
O Mary of Promise (*Warner*) 7851 WLP
O Queen of Heaven BB/MI, GC, PMB, WCH, WP
Remember Your Mercy, Lord (*Inwood*)
 BB/MI, CCH, GC, GTR, JS2, RS
She Will Show Us the Promised One
(Jabusch) PMB, WCH, W&S
Sing to Mary, Mother Most Merciful PMB
Song of Judith PMB, VAO, W&S, WCH
Tell Out, My Soul BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, SS, WCH, WP
The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky
 BB, CCH
Within the Vale of Eden (*Clemens*) 8715 WLP

COMMUNION:

Ave Verum CCH, SS, WP
Be Not Afraid (*Dufford*) ACH, BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GC, GTR, JS, SM, RS, WCH, W&S
Blest Are They (*Haas*) ACH, BB, CCH, CBW III, GC, GPC, GTR, JS, RS, W&S
Creator of the Stars of Night BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, SS, WP

Dwelling Place (*Foley*) CBW III, GC, G2, GP, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S
How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place
(Joncas) BB/MI, CCH, GC, GPC, GTR
How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place
(Walker) BB/MI, JS
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming BB, CCH, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, G2, JS2, PMB, SS, W&S, WP
Maranatha—Veni Domine (*Berthier*)
 CCH, RS, TAIZE II
My Soul in Stillness Waits (*Haugen*) GC, GTR, RS
My Soul Is At Rest (*Berthier*) CCH, TAIZE
Something Which Is Known (*Norbet*) BB, GP, JS
Song of Judith PMB, SM, W&S, WCH

SONG OF PRAISE:

Faithful Love (*Dameans*) BB, GPC, JS
How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place
 CCH, CVH, GC, PMB, WCH, W&S
In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful (*Taize*)
 G2, GC, RS
In the Lord, I Will Be Thankful GTR, GC
Lo, How a Rose GC, MSM-50-1034
Mary Then Said to the Angel (*Thompson*)
 5791 WLP
Our Lady's Song of Praise PMB, WCH
We Are God's Work of Art (*Haugen*) CCH,
 G-3597

CLOSING SONG:

All the Ends of the Earth (*Haas/Haugen*)
 BB, GC, GTR, RS, S&S
All the Ends of the Earth (*Hurd*) BB
Ave Maria, God is With You (*Chepponis*)
 G-3752
Ave Regina Caelorum (*Fisher*) 312-41433
Come to Set Us Free (*Farrrell*) BB, G2, GC, CCH, GTR, JS
Great Is the Lord (*Inwood*) BB/MI, GC, GP2, JS
Hail, Maiden Mary PMB, SM, WCH
Hail, Queen of Heaven CBW III, CCH, GC, SM, W&S, WCH, WP, WP3
I Say "Yes," Lord / Digo "Si," *Senor* CCH, GC
Immaculate Mary BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, HM, PMB2, SM, S&S, W&S, WCH, WP
Let Heaven Rejoice (*Dufford*) BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, GP, GPCOMP, GP2, JS
Mighty Lord (*Foley*) BB, GP, GPC
My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord (*Baksa*)
 352-00398
My Soul Magnifies the Lord CCH, CVH, GPC, SS
O Sanctissima CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, PMB2, JS2, WCH, WP, WP3
Praise the Lord (*Handel, Haberen*)
 362-03262
Salamu Maria LMGM, SS
Sing a New Song to the Lord (*Dudley-Smith*)
 CBW III, CCH, GC, GTR, WCH, W&S, WP, WP3
Sing We of the Blessed Mother GC, SS, WP
Stainless the Maiden PMB2, SM, SS, W&S, WCH

Mass Time:

Presider:

Rehearsal date and time:

New Music/Instructions/Prelude:

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Responsorial Psalm:

Second Reading:

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Gospel:

Homily:

General Intercessions:

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts:

Preface Dialogue/Eucharistic Prayer:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

Memorial Acclamation:

Great Amen:

The Lord's Prayer:

Lamb of God:

Communion Song:

Song of Praise:

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal:

Closing Song:

Postlude:

Additional Notes:

FIRST READING: Is. 61:1-2, 10-11
"I exult for joy in the Lord."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
 Lk. 2 *"My soul rejoices in my God."*

SECOND READING:
 1 Thess. 5: 16-24 *"May you all be kept blameless, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
 Is. 61:1 (Lk. 4:18) *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor."*

GOSPEL: Jn. 1: 6-8, 19-28
"There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me."

SCRIPTURAL TOPICS: The Spirit of God; Good News; Salvation; Patience.

FOCUS: "Rejoice, for the Lord is near!" We, like John the Baptist and the prophets, are called through the Holy Spirit to proclaim God's saving presence in our lives.

REFLECTION: "So, brethren, "rejoice in the Lord," not in the world. That is, rejoice in the truth, not in the wickedness; rejoice in the hope of eternity, not in the fading flower of vanity. That is the way to rejoice. Wherever you are on earth, however long you remain on earth, "the Lord is near," do not be anxious about anything."

St. Anthony of Egypt

"I am so washed in the tide of His measureless love that I seem to be below the surface of a sea and cannot touch or see or feel anything around me except its water."

St. Catherine of Genoa

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY: If the sprinkling rite is used, an introduction could emphasize our need for renewal in order to rediscover Christ in our lives.

Penitential rite: *Third form with third set of sample invocations*

Introduce the opening prayer by

proclaiming that a voice cries out in the wilderness to be attentive to the word and actions of God. We too are commissioned by Christ to bring light to the people in our lives.

Sample General Intercessions—Introduction: *My brothers and sisters, the Lord is near. Let us rejoice:*

- *For the Holy Church of God and for her leaders, that through the Holy Spirit, we, the church, may move towards a renewal of living in and for Christ;*
- *For all people in all cultures, that the Lord bless us all with peace and love;*
- *For all those deprived of freedom to worship, and all who are oppressed because of their holiness, may the message of Christ, the Good News of God's love, comfort them;*
- *For our families and local community, through the Holy Spirit, may we bring the Good News of God's presence to those around us.*

Introduce the Lord's Prayer: God "fills the starving with good things." *or*

The Lord's Prayer: *See fourth sample invitation*

Solemn Blessing in Advent or Prayers over the People: *1st or 5th*

R.C.I.A.

John the Baptist went beyond preaching a repentance of sins—he proclaimed the coming of a new era, the coming of the Lamb of God, the mediator. In this mediator we find a link between us and the eternal. Advent and Christmas are about this link. We are commissioned in baptism to become prophets, that is to learn how to read the signs of the times. In "seeing" we learn to discern our connectedness with God and what we should do about it.

Jesus came to "heal the broken hearted." And how can he do that? By his infinite love for us, that's how. Jesus loves us! Jesus is near! Yes, Lord! My God, how I love you!

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Christmas is a great celebration, with lots of good food, presents for

everyone, singing and dancing and having a good time. And there is nothing wrong with that. It is a time of rejoicing, and God wants us to rejoice. But we must never forget what it is we are celebrating. We are celebrating the birth of Jesus, the bringing of the Good News to earth, to us, the Good News that God loves us and wants us to love him and all his children. The birth of Jesus brought a new kind of love to earth, merciful love, love of God in his creation.

YOUTH GROUPS

- Find Us Ready** (*Booth*) S&S
- Gather Us In** (*Haugen*) BB/MI, CCH, CVH, GPC, GTR, G2, GC, S&S, RS, WCH, WP
- God Has Chosen Me** (*Farrell*) BB, GP2,S&S
- Look to the One** VAO, W&S
- Song of Good News** (*Jabusch*) BB, CBW III, CVH, PMB, SS, W&S, WCH
- Three Rounds for Advent** (*Inwood*) 5794 WLP
- We Wait For You** (*Booth*) S&S

HISPANIC HYMNS

- Abranse los Cielos** CAN, CPD, FYC
- Canten a Dios con Alegria** CAN., CPD, FYC
- Canto de Maria** CCAH, CEL, CPD
- Oh Ven, Oh Ven Emanuel** CAN, CEL, CPD
- Preparen el Camino Ti** CEL., CPD, FYC
- Ven, Salvador** CAN, CPD, FYC
- Ven, Senor** CAN, CEL, CPD, FYC

SONG SUGGESTIONS

- GATHERING SONG:**
- A Voice Cries Out** (*Joncas*) BB, JS2, S&S
- Advent Gathering** (*Cooney*) G2, GC
- Be Light for Our Eyes** (*Haas*) GC, G2, GTR
- Bless the Feast** (*Hansen*) BB, CCH, G2, GC, JS2
- Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus** BB, CCH, SS, WP
- Every Valley** (*Dufford*) BB, CBW III, GP, GPC, JS
- Gather Us In** (*Haugen*) BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, CCH, GC, GPCOMP, GTR, RS, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
- Great Is the Lord** (*Toolan*) BB, CCH, JS2
- In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful** (*Berthier*) G-325, G2-396, RS-703
- Lord, Come and Save Us** (*Kendzia*) BB, GPCOMP, JS2
- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GPCOMP, PMB2, W&S, WP
- Come, O Lord** (*Dameans*) BB, GPCOMP, JS2
- Enter in the Wilderness** SM, W&S
- Rain Down, Blessings** (*Forman*) G-3198
- Save Us, O Lord** (*Dufford*) BB/MI, CCH, GP, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S
- Search for the Lord** (*Inwood*) BB, 9287 STM
- Song of Good News** (*Jabusch*) ACH, CBW III, CVH, PMB, WCH

BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, JS2, PMB2, S&S, WCH, WP
The King of Glory (*Jabusch*) ACH, BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, JS2, PMB2, RS, S&S, WCH, W&S, WP
The Spirit of God (*Deiss*) PMB2, WCH

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My Soul Rejoices (*Alstott*) BB
Luke 1: My Soul Proclaims (*Toolan*) BB, JS2
Luke 1: Magnificat (*Jones*) BB, S&S
Luke 1: Magnificat (*Rubalcava*) BB, JS2
Magnificat (*Farrell*) BB, JS
Magnificat/Canticle of Mary (*Joncas*) CCH, G2, GC
Magnificat / Luke 1: My Soul Rejoices (*Guimont*) CCH, LP
Magnificat/Canticle of Mary/Luke 1:46-55 (*Chepponis*) G2, GC
Magnificat/Canticle of the Turning (*Cooney*) G2, GC, RS
Magnificat: Holy Is Your Name/Luke 1:46-55 (*Haas*) GC

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

Canticle of Zechariah (*Quinn/Joncas*) PMB2, SM, SS, WCH
Let There Be Peace on Earth BB, CCH, GPC, JS, PMB, SM, W&S, WCH
Mary's Song (*Joncas, Oosterhuis*) BB/MI, GPCOMP, JS2, SM, S&S, W&S
Mary's Song (*Rieth*) BB/MI, JS
My Soul Rejoices (*Alstott*) BB/MI, JS2
My Soul Rejoices (*Dameans*) BB, GP, GPCOMP, JS2
My Soul Magnifies the Lord CCH, CVH, GPCOMP, SS, W&S
Come, Promised One (*Becker*) BB, JS2, 8978 OCP
Herald In the Desert, from *The Advent of our God* (*Hansen*) 9216 OCP
Hold Us in Your Mercy: Penitential Litany G2
Lord, Come and Save Us CCH, GC, GTR
On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry (*Monteverdi*) G-2834
Patience, People (*Foley*) BB, GP, GPC, JS
Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (*Moore*) G-2880
The Cry of the Poor (*Foley*) BB/MI, CCH, GC, GP, GPC, GTR, JS, WCH, W&S
The Day is Near (*Huijbers*) CCH, GC, GTR
Wait for the Lord (*Berthier*) CBW III, CCH, GC, GTR, RS, TAIZE, W&S
We Have Been Told (*Haas*) ACH, BB, CCH, GC, GPC, GTR, RS, W&S, WCH
When the King Shall Come Again SS, WP
Word of God, Come Down on Earth BB, CBW III, CVH, JS2, PMB2, RS, WP

COMMUNION:

Be Not Afraid (*Dufford*) ACH, BB/MI, CCH, CBW III, GC, GP, GPCOMP, G2, GTR, JS2, RS, WCH, W&S
Blest Are They (*Haas*) ACH, BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, GC, GPCOMP, GTR, RS
God In Our Faith (*Lisicky*) GC, 8537 WS
God of Day and God of Darkness (*Haugen*) BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, GC,

GTR, RS, WCH
Good News LMG, SM
Hold Me in Life (*Huijbers, Oosterhuis*) BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, GC, GTR, JS2, S&S
Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates BB, CCH, SS, WP
Maranatha! Alleluia! (*Berthier*) CCH, GTR, SS, TAIZE, WP
May We Praise You (*Foley*) BB/MI, GC, GPCOMP, GP, GTR, JS
O Antiphons (*Dameans*) BB, GPC
O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide (*Olien*) G-3192
Open Our Hearts (*Ward*) SM, W&S, 7674 WS
Prepare the Way of the Lord (*Berthier*) CCH, SS, TAIZE II, WP
Savior of the Nations, Come BB, CCH, CVH, JS2, SM, SS, WP
Suo-Gan (*Guest*) 8602 PPMO
When the King Shall Come Again CCH, GC, WP

SONG OF PRAISE:

Canticle of Zechariah (*Mudd*) PMB2, SM, W&S
Canticle of Zechariah (*Quinn*) CVH, SS, WCH
Go Up to the Mountain (*Norbet*) BB, GP, JS
Long is Our Winter (*Ferris*) 5853 WLP
Lord, Come and Show Us the Path of Life GC, GTR, G2
Mary's Song of Praise PMB2, W&S
My Soul in Stillness Waits (*Haugen*) GC, GTR, G2
Take Comfort, God's People CCH, PMB2, SS, W&S, WP

CLOSING SONG:

A Season of Light (*Lisicky*) CCH, GC, SM, W&S, 7988 WS, WCH
All the Ends of the Earth (*Dufford*) BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPCOMP, G2, GTR, JS2
And the Father Will Dance (*Landry*) BB/MI, GP, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S
Awake, Awake and Greet BB, CCH, GC, WCH, W&S
City of God (*Schutte*) ACH, BB/MI, CCH, CBW III, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, G2, JS2, RS, S&S, SS, W&S, WCH
Come to Set Us Free (*Farrell*) BB/MI, CCH, GC, GTR, G2, JS2, S&S
Lord, Come and Save Us PMB2, W&S
O Come, Divine Messiah BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, JS2, PMB2, SS, WP
O Heavens, Send Your Rain Upon Us CVH, SS
On Jordan's Bank BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, CVH, JS2, PMB2, SM, SS, S&S, W&S, WCH, WP
People, Look East BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, CVH, JS2, PMB, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
Prepare! The Lord is Near BB, JS2
Ready the Way (*Hurd*) BB, S&S
The Voice of God Goes Out CBW III, CCH, SS, WP
Send Dew, O Clouds PMB2, SM, W&S
Wait for the Lord (*Berthier*) CBW III, CCH, GC, GTR, RS, TAIZE, W&S

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Additional Notes:

FIRST READING: 2 Sam. 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 *"The Lord will make the house of David secure for ever."*
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 89 *"I will sing forever of your love, O Lord."*
SECOND READING: Rom. 16: 25-27 *"The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now made clear."*
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Lk. 1: 38 *"I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done."*
GOSPEL: Lk. 1: 26-38
"You will conceive and bear a son."

SCRIPTURAL TOPICS: Mary, Immaculate Conception; Spirit of God; Good News.

FOCUS: "You shall conceive and bear a son, and he shall be called Jesus." Mary's awesome role as mother of the Son of God is revealed as well as the coming of the Son of the Most High.

REFLECTION: "Glory of virgins, the joy of mothers, the support of the faithful, the diadem of the Church, the model of the true Faith, the seat of piety, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit."
Proclus of Constantinople

"So you have begun to realize what real peace means. Glory be to God! Then what is the matter? Now you must advance into the realm where this peace is to be found. Seek Paradise lost, in order to sing the praise of Paradise regained. That is all that matters. Everything outside and apart from this peace is emptiness. And this peace is not far, it is almost within your grasp, although you must desire it, and to desire is not so easy. May the Mother of God and your Guardian Angel help you!"
Theophane the Recluse

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY: **Introduce the liturgy:** The birth of Jesus brings the new creation that bridges the distance between God and human-kind. The birth of Jesus enables us

all to live forever with God.
Opening Prayer: Alternate **Introduce the profession of faith** with the idea that with faith like that of Mary anything is possible.
Sample General Intercessions—
 An appropriate response to the general intercession today is "The Lord is with you."

- Introduction:** *My brothers and sisters, rejoice, for nothing is impossible with God. Let us offer our prayers to God who has done great things among people:*
- *For people everywhere, that the Holy Spirit impregnate our souls with his love;*
 - *For those who work with the poor and suffering, may we be strengthened in our efforts to be among them;*
 - *For those suffering from loneliness and for those who are dying (that is, all of us), that we recognize God's presence in our lives;*
 - *For our community and our families who welcome Christ into their lives, that we may learn to receive God in the poor and suffering of the world;*
 - *For each of us, may God's love for us inspire us to reach for greater heights of love of God.*

Preface: Second for Advent
Memorial Acclamation: 2nd or 3rd
The Lord's Prayer: See 4th sample invitation
Prayers over the people: 3rd or
Solemn Blessing in Advent

R.C.I.A.

The Old Testament books of Samuel are included in the books of Kings in older bibles; they concern King David and the settling of the tribes in what is now Israel, and the building of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem.

Today's readings deal with the mystery of the incarnation: Why was it necessary for God to become a human being? Not only to show us how to live, and love, but to be a sacrifice to God, a human sacrifice, to make humans sacred.

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Jesus coming to earth through Mary shows us once again that God

works through people. In some people it is easy to see God at work, for instance Mother Teresa of Calcutta. In others it may be harder to see God, but he is there.

YOUTH GROUPS

- At the Name of Jesus S&S, VAO
 Find Us Ready (Booth) S&S
 God Has Chosen Me (Farrell) BB, GP2,S&S
 God It Was (Bell) G2, GC, RS
 Look to the One VAO, W&S
 Sing Out, Earth and Skies (Haugen) BB / MI, GTR, GC, WCH, W&S
 We Wait For You (Booth) S&S
PSALM: Let Heaven Your Wonders
 Proclaim (Bell) G2-385, GC-538

HISPANIC HYMNS

- Atiendeme Hija CAN, CPD, FYC
 Canto de Maria CCAH, CEL, CPD
 Elevamos Nuestros Cantos CEL, CPD, FYC
 Oh Ven, Oh Ven Emanuel CAN, CEL, CPD
 Preparen el Camino Ti CEL, CPD, FYC
 Te Esperamos, Oh Senor CAN, CEL, CPD
 Ven, Salvador CAN, CPD, FYC
 Venga Tu Reino CAN, CEL, CPD, FYC
SALMO: SRyA 222 (Rubalcava)

SONG SUGGESTIONS

- GATHERING SONG:**
 Advent Candle Song (Clyde) 11-2408
 Come, Lord of Life (Miffleton) SM, WCH, W&S
 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus BB, CCH, CBW II, JS2, SS, WP
 Creator Alme Siderum PMB2, SM
 I Am for You (Cooney) G2, GC
 I Say "Yes," Lord / Digo "Si," Senor (Pena) CCH, G2, GC, RS
 Immaculate Mary BB, CCH, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GPCOMP, PMB2, SM, SS, S&S, WCH, W&S, WP
 Mary's Song (Joncas, Oosterhuis) BB / MI, GPCOMP, JS2, W&S
 O Come, Divine Messiah BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, JS2, PMB2, W&S, WP
 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel BB, CCH, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GPCOMP, PMB2, SM, SS, S&S, WCH, W&S, WP
 Praise We the Lord This Day BFW, SS, WP
 Save Us, O Lord (Dufford) BB / MI, CCH, GC, GP, GPCOMP, JS2
 Savior of the Nations, Come BB, BFW, CCH, CVH, SS, TM, WP
 Sing of Mary BB / MI, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GPCOMP, JS2, PMB2, RS, SM, SS, S&S, W&S, WCH, WP
 Song of God Among Us (Huijbers) BB / MI, GC, GTR, JS2
 Song of Good News (Jabusch) BB, CBW III, CVH, JS2, PMB2, S&S, SS, W&S, WCH
 The Advent of Our God CBW III, CVH, SS
 The King of Glory (Jabusch) ACH, BB / MI, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, JS2, PMB2, RS, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
 The Lord Is My Light LMGM, SS
 The Coming of Our God BB, JS2, PMB2

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The King Shall Come BB, CCH, GPCOMP, GC, JS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 89: Forever I Will Sing

(Schoenbachler) BB, JS2

Psalm 89: Forever I Will Sing (Ridge) BB, JS

Psalm 89: For ever I will sing (Guimont)

ALP, CCH-487, RS-117

Psalm 89: For ever I will sing (Schiaivone)

BB, LP

Psalm 89: The son of David (Guimont)

ALP, CCH-740

Psalm 89: For ever I will sing (Haugen)

GTR, G2-76, GC-82

Psalm 89: The Son of David (Currie) RS

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

All That is Hidden (Farrell) BB/MI, JS2

All the Ends of the Earth (Kreutz) BB, JS2

All Who Claim the Faith of Jesus (Haugen)

GTR, GC

An Angel Came to Nazareth ACH, BFW, SS

Be It Done Unto Me (Hurd) BB, JS2

Great Is the Lord (Inwood) BB/MI, JS2

Canticle of Mary (Joncas) CCH, CVH, GTR,

RS

Canticle of Mary (Marchionda) PMB2,

SM, W&S, WCH

Canticle of Our Lady (Vermulst) PMB, W&S

Canticle of Zechariah (Quinn/Joncas)

PMB2, W&S, WCH

Creator of the Stars of Nights (Praetorius)

G-2903

Dear Maker of the Starry Skies PMB2, SM

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (Landry) BB,

CCH-416, G2-564, GC-782, JS2

King of Glory (Tamblyn) BB, JS2, 7121 STM

Litany of Loretto (Hughes) 7985 WS

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus (Warner)

7221 WLP

O Mary, of All Women PMB2, WCH

O Queen of Heaven BB/MI, JS2, PMB2,

RS, WCH, WP

Psalm 25: I Will Wait For You (Hansen)

JS2, 9141 OCP

She Will Show Us the Promised One

(Jabuschi) PMB2, WCH

The Day is Near (Huijbers) BB, GC, GTR, RS

The King Shall Come (Jones) SM, W&S, WCH

COMMUNION:

At the Name of Jesus AF-33-99-163,

BB/MI, CCH, CBW III, CVH, JS2, W&S,

WCH, WP

Ave Verum (Mozart) HL-28903

Ave Verum CVH, SS, WP

Creator of the Stars of Night BB, BFW,

CCH, CBW III, CVH, SS, W&S, WP

Gabriel's Message (Jackson) 8803 PPMO

God In Our Faith (Lisicky) SM, WCH,

8537 WS

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

(Joncas) BB/MI, GPCOMP, GC, GTR

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

(Walker) BB/MI, GP2, JS2

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming BB, CCH,

CVH, GPCOMP, JS2, PMB2, WP

Lord, Receive Your Servant SM, WCH

Magnificat / Luke 1: My Soul Rejoices

(Guimont) CCH

Magnificat / Canticle of Mary / Luke 1:46-

55 (Chepponis) G2, GC

Magnificat / Canticle of the Turning

(Cooney) G2, GC, RS

My Soul Gives Glory GTR, SS, WP

My Soul Magnifies the Lord BB, CVH,

BFW, GPC, SS

My Soul in Stillness Waits (Haugen)

CCH, GTR, RS

My Soul Is At Rest (Berthier) TAIZE II

Ostende Nobis Domine (Berthier) TAIZE

Sion, Sing (Deiss) RS

Something Which Is Known (Norbet)

BB, GP, JS2

The Lord Is My Light (Berthier) TAIZE II

The Lord Is My Light (Kreutz) PSALMS

When Came in Flesh th'Incarnate Word

(Guest) 8602 PPMO

SONG OF PRAISE:

Gabriel's Message MSM-55-9825

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

CVH, PMB2, SS

I Sing of a Maiden (MacMillan) 8804 PPMO

Jesu, Son Most Sweet and Dear (Spearing)

8805 PPMO

Lo, a Virgin Shall Be with Child

(Morales) 1635 WS

Take, Lord, Receive (Foley) BB/MI, GP,

GPCOMP, GP2, JS2

CLOSING SONG:

A Season of Light (Lisicky) GC, SM, W&S,

WCH, 7988 WS

All the Ends of the Earth (Dufford)

BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPCOMP,

GTR, JS2

All the Ends of the Earth (Haas/Haugen)

BB/MI, CCH, GC, GTR, RS

All the Ends of the Earth (Hurd) BB/MI, JS

Behold a Virgin Bearing Him PMB2, SM

O Jesus, Bless Us (Franck) 11-2432

Hills of the North, Rejoice SS, WP

Canticle of Zechariah (Mudd) PMB2

Come to Set Us Free (Farrell) BB/MI, GC,

CCH, GTR, JS2

Creator of the Human Race SM, W&S

Creator of the Stars of Night BB, CBW III,

CVH, SS, W&S, WP

Great Is the Lord (Toolan) BB/MI, CBW III,

GP2, JS2

Hail, O Favored One (Schalk) 11-2565

Let Heaven Rejoice (Dufford) BB/MI,

CBW III, GP, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S

Let Heaven Your Wonders Proclaim (Bell)

G2-385, GC-538

O Come, Divine Messiah BB, CBW III,

CVH, PMB, WP

People, Look East BB, CBW III, CCH,

CVH, PMB2, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP

Send Dew, O Clouds PMB2, SM

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

ACH, CBW III, SS, WP

Tota Pulchra Es Maria (Palestrina) 312-

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We Have Been Told (Haas) ACH, BB/MI,

CCH, GC, G2, GPCOMP, GTR, RS, SM,

SS, W&S, WCH

Mass Time:

Presider:

Rehearsal date and time:

New Music/Instructions/Prelude:

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

Penitential Rite:

Glory to God:

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Responsorial Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel:

Homily:

General Intercessions:

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts:

Preface Dialogue/Eucharistic Prayer:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

Memorial Acclamation:

Great Amen:

The Lord's Prayer:

Lamb of God:

Communion Song:

Song of Praise:

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal:

Closing Song:

Postlude:

Additional Notes:

FIRST READING: Is. 62: 1-5 "The Lord takes delight in you." No longer will your name be forsaken, but you shall be called "My Delight."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 89
I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

SECOND READING:
Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25 "Paul spoke of Christ, the son of David."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
"Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Savior of the world will be our king."

GOSPEL: Mt. 1: 1-25 "A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David."

SCRIPTURAL TOPICS: Emmanuel; Son of David; love of God; Savior of the World.

FOCUS: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel.

REFLECTION: "It is a mistake for a religion to reduce itself to history and science. Religion is mystical knowledge of the divine, it is seeking to lead the spiritual life. It is beyond history and science." Sr. M. Agnita

SUGGESTED PREFACE/PRAAYER SELECTIONS:

Opening Prayer: See alternate
Preface: See second preface for Christmas
Eucharistic Prayer: Roman Canon with the proper commemorations for Christmas
The Lord's Prayer: See first introduction
Prayers over the people : Fourteenth or Solemn Blessing for Christmas

YOUTH GROUPS

A Baby was Born (Tremper) 5706 WLP
A New Song (Howard) 7150 WLP
All the Ends of the Earth (Fisher) S&S
Angels Come in Celebration (Smith) S&S
Before the World Began: I Am for You (Bell) CCH, G-4381
God It Was (Bell) G2, GC, RS
Of the Father's Love Begotten (Connolly) 8679 WLP, VAO
Rise Up Shepherd and Follow WCH, W&S
PSALM: Ps. 89: Forever I Will Sing (Schoenbachler) BB/MI, GP2, JS2

HISPANIC HYMNS

Hoy a la Tierra CAN, CPD, FYC
Noche de Paz CEL, CPD, FYC
Nunca Suenan las Campanas CPD, FYC
Oh Pueblecito de Belen CAN, CEL, CPD
Pastorcitos del Monte CEL, CPD, FYC
CAN, CEL, CPD
Paz a la Tierra CAN, CPD, FYC
Venid, Fieles Todos CAN, CEL, CPD, FYC
SALMO: Sal. 89 SRyA5 (Florian)

SONG SUGGESTIONS

GATHERING SONG:

A Christmas Gloria (Gibson) BB, JS
A Child Is Born (Norbet) BB, GP, CBW III, CVH, PMB2, S&S, W&S, WCH
A Stable Lamp Is Lighted (Haugen) GC, GTR, G-3805
Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn (Haugen) G2, GC
City of God (Schutte) ACH, BB, CCH, CBW III, GC, GP, GPC, GTR, JS, RS, W&S, WCH
Come, Holy Babe (Nichols) G-2641, GC
Come Weal, Come Woe (Foley) G-5229
Cry Out with You and Gladness BB, PMB2, JS2, SM, WCH, W&S
Gathering Rite: O Come All Ye Faithful (Haugen) G-4555, RS
God of Adam, God of Joseph G2, RS
Hearken, Hearken, Mother Dear (Proulx) 5758 WLP
Jesus, Son of God (Bock) CCH, G-3749
Joy to the World BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPC, JS, MI, PMB, SM, SS, WCH, W&S, WP
Led by the Spirit (Hurd) BB, GP2
Let the Heavens Be Glad (Feiten) BB, CCH, G2, GC, JS
Like a Whisper in the Heart (Janco) CCH, G-4614
Lord of Glory (Manion) BB/MI, GP, GP2, GPC, GC, GTR
Mary's Lullaby (Bock) G-3757
O Come, All Ye Faithful BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPC, HM, PMB2, SM, WCH, W&S, WP
People, Look East BB, BFW, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, JS, PMB, SM, SS, WCH, WP
Praise We the Lord This Day GC, SS, WP
The Age of Expectation (Fisher) G2, GC, RS
The Lord of Glory (O'Brien) G-3778, RS
The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy G2, GC

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 89: (Schoenbachler) BB, GP2, JS
Psalm 89: (Inwood) BB, JS
Psalm 89: (Guimont) CCH, LP, RS
Psalm 89: (Schiaone) ALP
Psalm 89: (della Picca) PARM C5
Psalm 89: (Haugen) GTR, GC, RS

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

A Babe Was Born on Winter's Night (Bock) G-3758, GC
Awake, Awake, Fling Off the Night CBW III, CCH, SS, W&S
Before the World Began: I Am for You (Bell) CCH, G-4381
Carol at the Manger (Haugen) G-3572, RS
Child of My Heart (Haugen) G2, G-3804
Come, O Long Expected Jesus BB, CCH, GC, CBW III, PMB, SM, SS, WCH, WP
Creator of the Stars of Night BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, SS, WP, WP3
Enduring Love (Connolly) CCH, G-3846
God It Was (Bell) G2, GC, RS
He Came Down A West African Christmas Carol (Haugen) GC, G-3808
In Deepest Night (Huijbers) BB, GP2, JS
Let Heaven Your Wonders Proclaim (Bell)

G2, GC
Night of Silence CCH, GTR, G2
Patience, People (Foley) BB, GP, GP2, GPC, JS,
Sing We Now of Christmas 8751 WLP
The Aye Carol (Bell) GC
The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy (Kodner) G2, GC
What Child Is This BB, BFW, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPC, PMB, SM, SS, WCH, WP

COMMUNION:

A Christmas Carol (Joncas) BB, GP, JS
Child of Light (Kantor) GC, G-3350
God's Surprise (Bell) G2, GC
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly PMB, SM, W&S, WCH
Maranatha—Veni Domine (Berthier) TAIZE II
Night of Silence (Kantor) GTR, G-2760, GC
Peace Is Only a Starry Night (Haugen) G-2656
Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow PMB, WCH
Silent Night: Communion Rite (Daigle) RS, G-4967
The Birds Praise the Advent of the Saviour (15th C. Catalan Carol) 332-40113
When Blossoms Flowered 'Mid the Snows PMB, WCH

SONG OF PRAISE:

A Stable Lamp is Lighted (Haugen) G-3805, GC, SS, WP
Hush You, My Baby (Tate) 8652 WLP
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming BB, CCH, CVH, GC, GPC, JS, PMB, SS, WP
Silent Night BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, GTR, PMB, SM, W&S, WP
There is no Rose (Tremper) 5706 WLP
Take Comfort, God's People PMB, WP
What Child Is This (Isele) G2, G-3547

CLOSING SONG:

A Season of Light (Lisicky) CCH, GC, SM, W&S, WCH
All the Ends of the Earth (Haas/Haugen) BB/MI, CCH, GTR, GC, G2, RS
All the Ends of the Earth (Hurd) BB, JS
Angels We Have Heard On High BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPC, GP, PMB, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
Gloria in excelsis Deo (Dewey) G-3895
Good News Carol (Furlong) CCH, G-3917
Joy to the World BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPC, JS, MI, PMB, SM, SS, WCH, W&S, WP
Let Heaven Rejoice (Dufford) BB/MI, CBW III, GP, GPC, JS
Nativity Carol (O'Brien) G2, RS
Sing a New Song to the Lord (Bell) G-4380
Those Who Walked in Darkness (Breedlove) CCH, G-4100
Sleep of the Infant Jesus (Fix) G-3624, G2
'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (Fix) GC, G-3623
Thanksgiving Hymn from Ephesus (Hansen) CCH, G-4636
O Sleep Now, My Dear One (Haugen) G-3813
What Shall We Bring? (Hughes) G2, G-4502
Wonderful Counselor (Talbot) BB, S&S, VAO

Mass at midnight

Solemn Blessing- Christmas season.

FIRST READING:

Is. 9: 1-3, 5-6 "A son is given to us." Those who walked in darkness have seen a great light. A child is born and he will be called Mighty God and Prince of Peace."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 96 "Today a Savior has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord."

SECOND READING:

Tit. 2: 11-14 "God's grace has been revealed to all people."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Lk. 2: 10-11 "Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord."

GOSPEL: Lk. 2: 1-14 "Today a savior has been born for you." The birth of Jesus is recounted.

FOCUS: "Good News and great joy to all the world!"

REFLECTION: "...let there be goodwill without measure between all beings. Let good will without measure prevail in the whole world, above, below, around, unstinted, unmixed with any feeling of differing or opposing interests. If a man remain steadfastly in this state of mind all the time, then is come to pass the saying, "Even in this world holiness has been found." Metta Sutta

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY:

This is a night of mystical paradox. To create an appropriate atmosphere, search for a balance of dynamic, joyful expression and contemplative silence. Consider moving directly from the caroling service to the Gloria as the introductory rite. This means omitting the penitential rite. (See General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours, nos. 94-96.) The use of incense, candles and Holy Book in procession, together with a dramatic proclamation of the Coming of the Word, will help to express the depth of this night of wonder.

Sprinkling rite or **Penitential rite:** Third form with third set of sample invocations.

Preface: See second Christmas preface
Eucharistic Prayer: Roman Canon with proper commemorations for the Christmas season.

O all ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.
O all ye waters that be above the heaven,
O ye sun and moon,
O ye stars of heaven,
O all ye winds,
O ye fire and heat,
Bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.
O ye winter and summer,
O ye dews and storms of snow,
O ye light and darkness,
O ye ice and cold,
O ye lightnings and clouds,
Bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.
O ye mountains and little hills,
O all ye things that grow on the earth,
O ye seas and rivers,
O ye whales and all that move in the waters,
O all ye fowls of the air,
O all ye beasts and cattle
Bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him for ever.
O ye children of men,
O ye spirits and souls of the righteous,
O ye holy and humble men of heart
Bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him for ever.

Daniel 3: 57-88

Mass during the day

FIRST READING:

Is. 52: 7-10 "All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." The Lord comes bringing happiness and heralding peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 98 "All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God."

SECOND READING:

Heb. 1: 1-6 "In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth."

GOSPEL: Jn. 1: 1-18 "The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory."

FOCUS: "Today a great light has come upon the earth."

REFLECTION: "She brought forth her Son, from Whom such ineffable light and splendour radiated that the sun could not be compared to it. ...And then I heard the wonderful singing of angels." Bridget of Sweden

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY:

Songs, litanies and invitations to prayer should focus on the living Word of God. A procession with and incensing of the Holy Books would demonstrate our devotion to the Word and its significance in our lives. The use of handbells during the Gloria and memorial acclamation echo the sound of a universe rejoicing.

Sprinkling rite or **Penitential rite:** 3rd form with 3rd set of sample invocations.

Preface: See second Christmas preface.

Eucharistic Prayer: Roman Canon with proper commemorations for the Christmas season.

Solemn Blessing for Christmas.

Mass at midnight and Mass during the day:

YOUTH GROUPS

- A New Song (Howard) 7150 WLP
- All the Ends of the Earth (Fisher) S&S
- Angels Come in Celebration (Smith) S&S
- Before the World Began: I Am for You (Bell) CCH, G-4381
- Christmas Lullaby VAO2
- God It Was (Bell) G2, GC, RS
- Glory to God (Petty) 1217 WLP
- Let Me Be Your Bethlehem VAO2
- Of the Father's Love Begotten (Connolly) 8679 WLP, VAO
- Rise Up Shepherd and Follow WCH, W&S

HISPANIC HYMNS

- Hoy a la Tierra CAN, CPD, FYC
- Los Peces en el Rio CPD, FYC
- Noche de Paz CEL, CPD, FYC
- Nunca Suenan las Campanas CPD, FYC
- Oh Pueblecito de Belen CAN, CEL, CPD
- Pastorcitos del Monte CEL, CPD, FYC
- CAN, CEL, CPD
- Paz a la Tierra CAN, CPD, FYC
- Venid, Fieles Todos CAN, CEL, CPD, FYC
- Vamos, Pastores, Vamos CEL, CPD

Song Suggestions for Christmas 2008

Mass at Midnight

GATHERING SONG:

Angels We Have Heard On High BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, GP, JS, PMB, WP
Chant Style Gloria (Hughes) WCH, W&S
Christmastime Alleluia (Chepponis) CCH, G2, G-4453
Gathering Rite: O Come All Ye Faithful (Haugen) GC, G-4555
Gloria from Sing Praise and Thanksgiving (Joncas) SM, W&S, WLP
Gloria, Gloria III (Berthier) GC, GTR, RS, SS, TAIZE, WP
Gloria - Taize CCH, GC, RS
God's Surprise (Bell) G2, GC
Good Christians All, Rejoice BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GTR, PMB, WP
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPC, PMB, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP3
O Come, All Ye Faithful BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, HM, PMB, SM, WCH, WS, WP
Procession for Christmas GC, G-3711
Rise Up in Splendor (Dameans) BB/MI, GPC, JS
Sing a New Song (Bell) GC, G-4672
Star-Light (Ellis) BB, GP
Wake from Your Sleep (Schutte) BB, CBW III, GP, GPC
While Shepherds Watched BB, CVH, WP

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 96: Today a Savior Is Born (Farrell) BB
Ps 96: (Smith) BB, JS2
Psalm 96: (Cortez) BB, JS2
Psalm 96: (Inwood) BB
Psalm 96: (Schiaivone) ALP
Psalm 96: (Ferris) PARM
Psalm 96: (Guimont) CCH, LP, RS
Psalm 96: (Hughes) GC, RS
Psalm 96: (Haugen) GC
Psalm 96: (Kreutz) 77 PSALMS
Sanctus Dominus II (Berthier) TAIZE II

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

A Babe Was Born on Winter's Night (Bock) CCH, G-3758
A Child Is Born (Norbet) BB, GP, HM, CBW III, CVH, PMB, W&S
A Child Is Born in Bethlehem SS, WP
A Radiant Light (Proulx) G-4351
African Noel (Kauffmann) 362-03288
Before the Paling of the Stars (Lisicky) G-3679
Canticle of Isaiah (Joncas) BB, GP
Hush You, My Baby (Tate) 8652 WLP
It Came upon the Midnight Clear BB, CVH, GC, GC, GPCOMP, PMB, WP
Night of Silence (Ferguson) GC, G-4466
O Little Town of Bethlehem BB, CVH, GC, SS, WP
Oh Bethlehem (Basque Christmas Carol) 362-01181
Rejoice, Rejoice, O Christians (Schrotter) CCH, G-2899
She Will Show Us the Promised One (Jabusch) PMB, SM, WCH
Sleep of the Infant Jesus (Fix) GC, G-3624
Song of An Indian Child 332-40084

Stars Lead Us Ever On (Sioux Tribal Carol) 332-14320
The Aye Carol (Bell) G2, GC
The Storke (Jewell) 5852 WLP
Today Is Born a Savior (Haugen) G-2948
Unto Us a Boy Is Born SS, WP, WP3

COMMUNION:

A Radiant Light (Proulx) CCH, G-4351
Carol at the Manger (Haugen) GTR, G-3572, RS
Christ is Born in a Manger Bed (Van Koert) WLP, W&S
Gentle Night (Manion) BB, CBW III, RS
He Came Down A West African Christmas Carol (Haugen) GC, G-3808
Huron Carol CBW III, CVH, SS
Night of Silence (Kantor) GC, GTR, G2
O Radiant Light (Storey/Proulx) CVH, GC, SS, WP
O Sleep Now, My Dear One (Haugen) G-3813, GC
Once in Royal David's City BFW, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GTR, PMB, WP
See amid the Winter's Snow (Keil) BB, JS
Silent Night BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, GTR, PMB2, SM, S&S, WP
Silent Night: Communion Rite (Daigle) GC, G-4967
The Age of Expectation (Fisher) G2, GC, RS
The First Noel BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PM2, WP
To Us a Child Is Born (Schutz) 312-41365
What Child Is This BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB2, SM, WP
What Shall We Bring? (Hughes) GC, G2, G-4502
What Child Is This (Isele) G-3547, RS

SONG OF PRAISE:

A Babe Is Born SM, W&S
A Manger Carol MSM-50-1300
Babe of Bethlehem, The (Connolly) G2, GC, G-3605
Before the World Began: I Am for You (Bell) CCH, GC, G-4381
For Unto Us a Child Is Born (non Papa) CCH, G-2979
From Heaven Above CCH, CVH, SS, WP
Gaudate (Berthier) TAIZE II
Nativity Carol (O'Brien) G2, RS
O Holy Night (Adam) 332-01196
Ring Out Your Joy (Inwood) BB, JS
Song of the Stable (Haas) GTR, G2, GC
The People That Walk In Darkness (Dufford) BB, GP, JS2, S&S

CLOSING SONG:

A Season of Light (Lisicky) GC, SM, W&S, WCH
Adoramus Te Domine II Gloria (Berthier) GTR, GC, TAIZE II
All the Ends of the Earth (Dufford) BB/MI, GC, GP, GPC, JS2
Angels from the Realm of Glory BB, CCH, CVH, GC, WP
Born Today (Proulx) G-2069, RS
City of God (Schutte) ACH, BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPC, GTR, JS, RS, W&S, WCH

From Heaven Above RS, WP
Gloria and Recessional PMB2, WS
Go, Tell It on the Mountain BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, PMB2, WP
Good Christians All, Rejoice BB, CCH, CBW III, CVH, GTR, PMB, SM, W&S, WP
Gloria in excelsis Deo (Dewey) G-3895
Good News Carol (Furlong) GC, G-3917
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing BB, BFW, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB2, SM, W&S, WP
Hodie Christus Natus Est (Sweelinck) 312-40155
Joy to the World BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB, SM, WCH, W&S, WP
Let Heaven Rejoice (Dufford) BB/MI, CBW III, GP, GPC, JS
On Christmas Night (Pelz) 11-2145
Sing a New Song to the Lord (Bell) CCH, G-4380
The Goodness of God Cries Out (Norbet) BB/MI, GP, PMB, W&S
Twain in the Moon of Wintertime (Fix) GC, G-3623, RS
While Shepherds in Meadows PMB2, SM, W&S, WCH
Wonderful Counselor (Talbot) BB, S&S, VAO

Mass during the Day

GATHERING SONG:

A Child Is Born (Norbet) BB, GP, CBW III, CVH, PMB, SM, WCH, W&S
Angels We Have Heard On High BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, GP, PMB, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
Carol of the Stranger (Cooney) GC, G-4118
Christmastime Alleluia (Chepponis) CCH, G-4453
Come to the Manger (Waddell) WLP-5864
Good Christians All, Rejoice BB, CBW III, CVH, GTR, JS2, PMB2, SS, WP
Gloria in excelsis Deo (Dewey) G-3895
Gathering Rite: O Come All Ye Faithful (Haugen) GC, G-4555, RS
God's Surprise (Bell) G2, GC
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
He Came Down (Bell) CCH, G2, GC, RS
Holy Day, Christmas Day (Marchionda) SM, W&S, WCH
Hush You, My Baby (Tate) 8652 WLP
Mexican Christmas Procession (Christiansen) 11-0503
O Come, All Ye Faithful BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, JS2, PMB, SM, W&S, WCH, WP
O Come, Little Children PMB2, SM, W&S, WCH
Procession for Christmas (Hirten) G-3711
Three Christmas Carols (Praetorius) G-1944
See amid the Winter's Snow (Keil) BB, JS2
Sing a New Song (Schutte) BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, JS2, RS, SM, SS, S&S, WCH, W&S
Sing a New Song to the Lord (Bell) G-4380, GC
Wake from Your Sleep (Schutte) BB, CBW III, GP, GPC

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 98 (Kreutz) 10 PSALMS
 All the Ends of the Earth (Isele) 3 PFCY
 Psalm 98 (Chepponis) SM, W&S
 All the Ends of the Earth (Haas/Haugen)
 BB/MI, GC, GTR, RS
 Psalm 98 (Guimont) CCH, GC, LP
 All the Ends of the Earth (Schiavone) ALP
 All the Ends of the Earth (Hurd) BB, JS
 Psallite Domino (Berthier) TAIZE II

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

A Child Is Born in Bethlehem SS, WP
 A Dulcimer Carol (Willett) GTR, GC, RS
 A Fair Babe Lies Aborning (Nichols)
 G-4797
 Christmas according to St. John (Lovelace)
 CCH, G-2697
 He Came Down A West African
 Christmas Carol (Haugen) GC, G-3808, RS
 Like a Whisper in the Heart (Janco) CCH,
 G-4614
 Jesus, Son of God (Bock) G2, G-3749
 Mary's Lullaby (Bock) G-3757, RS
 Little Town of Bethlehem BB, CCH,
 CVH, GC, SM, WP, WP3
 O Lovely Christmas Rose (Caldwell)
 312-41143
 O Poverty (Berthier) RS, TAIZE II
 Oh Bethlehem (Basque Christmas Carol)
 362-01181
 Once In Royal David's City (Proulx)
 11-1754, GC, CBW III, CVH
 Shout for Joy (Peloquin) G-1624, GC
 Sing a New Song to the Lord (Dudley-
 Smith) CBW III, CCH, GC, G2, GTR,
 SM, WCH, WP, W&S
 Sing We Now of Christmas (Clemens)
 8751 WLP
 Song of the Stable (Haas) GTR, G2, GC
 The Age of Expectation (Fisher) G-3735,
 G2, GC, RS
 Today Is Born a Savior (Haugen) G-2948
 Trust What You See (Tamblyn) JS2, OCP,
 S&S
 Unto Us a Boy Is Born CCH, SS, WP

COMMUNION:

A Carol for Christmas Pilgrims (Wyton)
 PPMO
 A Christmas Carol (Joncas) BB, GPC, RS
 Andalusian Carol WLP, W&S
 As Silently as Moonlight (Roff) G-3177
 At the Name of Jesus (Walker) BB, GP2,
 JS2, S&S
 Carol of the Italian Pipers (Zgodava)
 11-2413
 Children, Run Joyfully (Dufford) BB,
 CBW III, JS
 Christ is Born in a Manger Bed
 (Van Koert) WS, WCH
 Fum, Fum, Fum (Spanish Carol) 312-40281
 Gesu Bambino PMB, W&S
 Good News Carol (Furlong) G-3917
 How Beautiful Are the Feet (from The
 Messiah, Handel) 312-41064
 Huron Carol CBW III, CVH, SS
 How Beautiful upon the Mountains
 (Haugen) GC, G-2655, RS
 Song of God among Us (Huijbers) BB,

GC, GTR, JS
 The Aye Carol (Bell) G2, GC
 The First Noel BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH,
 GPCOMP, PMB2, W&S, WP
 The Word Who Is Life (Landry) BB, GP
 There Is No Rose (Betteridge) PPMO
 Those Who Walked in Darkness
 (Breedlove) CCH, G-4100
 To Us a Child Is Born (Schutz) 312-41365
 What Child Is This BB, CBW III, CVH,
 CCH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB2, SM, WP
 What Shall We Bring?(Hughes) G2, G-4502
 What Child Is This (Isele) G-3547, RS
 When Blossoms Flowered 'Mid the
 Snows PMB, SM, W&S, WCH

SONG OF PRAISE:

A Christmas Prayer (Van) 11-2312
 Enduring Love (Connolly) G2, G-3846
 For Unto Us a Child Is Born (non Papa)
 CCH, G-2979
 Gaudate (Berthier) CCH, TAIZE II
 Jesus is Born (arr. Goemanne) WCH, W&S
 Iona (Walters) PPMO
 O Word Incarnate (Gibbons) PMB, W&S
 Of Woman Born (O'Brien) G-5916
 Once in Royal David's City CBW III,
 CVH, CCH, GC, GTR, PMB, WP
 Nativity Carol (O'Brien) G2, RS
 The Lord Said to Me (Ferris) G-1389
 The Storke (Jewell) 5852 WLP

CLOSING SONG:

A Child Is Born in Bethlehem (Pooler)
 11-0915, CCH, CVH, SS, WP
 A Season of Light (Lisicky) GC, SM,
 WCH, W&S
 All the Ends of the Earth (Dufford)
 BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPCOMP,
 GTR, JS2, S&S
 Angels We Have Heard On High BB,
 CBW III, CCH, CVH, GPCOMP, GP,
 PMB2, SM, S&S, WCH, WP
 Babe of Bethlehem, The (Connolly)
 G-3605, RS
 Before the World Began: I Am for You
 (Bell) CCH, G-4381
 Cloth for the Cradle (Bell) G-5495
 Cry Out with Joy and Gladness PMB2,
 SM, WCH
 Gloria and Recessional WS, WLP
 Go, Tell It on the Mountain BB, CBW III,
 CCH, CVH, GC, PMB2, SM, SS, S&S,
 WCH, W&S, WP
 Good Christians All, Rejoice BB, CBW
 III, CCH, CVH, GTR, PMB, SM, SS, WCH,
 W&S, WP
 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing BB,
 CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB2,
 SM, WP
 Joy to the World BB, CBW III, CVH,
 GC, GPCOMP, PMB2, SM, SS, W&S,
 WCH, WP
 Let Heaven Rejoice (Dufford) BB/MI,
 CBW III, GP, GPCOMP, JS2, S&S
 Of the Father's Love Begotten BB, GC,
 CVH, SS, WP
 Sing to the Lord on Christmas Morn
 MSM-50-1027
 Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (Fix)
 G-3623, RS

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New Music/Instructions/Prelude:

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CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal:

Closing Song:

Postlude:

Additional Notes:

FIRST READING:

Sir 3:3-7, 14-17a *"He who honors his father atones for sins; he stores up riches who reveres his mother."*

or opt:

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 *"Some time after these events, this word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: 'Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.'"*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 128 *"O Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."*

or opt:

Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 *"How lovely your dwelling, O LORD of hosts."*

SECOND READING:

Col. 3: 12-21 *"Bear with one another and forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins."* or opt: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 *"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go."*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Col. 3: 15, 16 *"May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; and the fullness of his message live within you."*

GOSPEL: Lk. 2: 22-40 *"The child grew up to maturity and he was filled with wisdom."*

SCRIPTURAL TOPICS:

Emmanuel; message of Christ; love of God; Savior of the World.

FOCUS: "O Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

REFLECTION: "You say that you have no humility or love. So long as these are absent, everything spiritual is absent. What is spiritual is born when they are born and grows as they grow. Humility is acquired by acts of humility, love by acts of love."

Theophane the Recluse

"Watch your own step; be slow to criticize the doings of other people. When we criticize others, we get nothing for our pains; and how of-

ten we make mistakes! How carelessly it can lead us into sin! ... Again and again our judgement about an issue depends on the way our sympathies are engaged; a personal preference can easily rob us of the power to see straight. This obstinacy in our own opinions would have less power to disturb our judgements if all the desire of our hearts found its only scope in God.

People are influenced in their actions by undercurrents of self-seeking. ... All seems to go well with them as long as everything turns out in accordance with their wishes, their plans; but when their wills are thwarted, they lose their balance and get angry ... Let awareness of our own self-seeking lead us to live a humble life following the teachings of Christ." *St. Thomas à Kempis*

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY:

Families can play a significant role in the celebration of today's liturgy as lectors, servers, ushers, bearers of the gifts, and musicians. Keep in mind a broad sense of what constitutes a family. Many families consist of a single parent with one child, or one homeless person, or even two friends.

An introduction to the sprinkling rite: All those who are baptized in Christ are part of the Christian family. An introduction to the Lord's Prayer could mention kindness and dedication as building blocks in the structure of family life.

SUGGESTED PREFACE/PRAYER SELECTIONS:

Sprinkling rite or

Penitential rite: *Third form with third set of sample invocations.*

Preface: *See Christmas Prefaces*

Eucharistic Prayer: *Roman Canon with the proper commemorations for Christmas.*

Prayers Over the People: 2, 6, or 7 *Solemn Blessing for Christmas*

R.C.I.A.

How can we strengthen family ties? Are you willing to change to meet family needs? Do you demand

that others in your family change to suit you? Must we all change to accommodate each other? Can you **make** another person change?

There is really only one person you can change and that is yourself. You can't change what others do, you can only change the way you react to what they do.

Discuss the elements involved in strengthening family ties.

- What are the qualities of a strong family?
- What can we learn from the family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus?
- In what ways do you see the church as an extended family?

Reflect on a concept of family that goes beyond the nuclear family. The words of Jesus encourage us to seek the Lord in all types of people and to recognize others as members of God's family.

YOUTH GROUPS

- A New Song (*Howard*) 7150 WLP
- All the Ends of the Earth (*Fisher*) S&S
- Angels Come in Celebration (*Smith*) S&S
- Before the World Began: I Am for You (*Bell*) CCH, G-4381
- God It Was (*Bell*) G2, GC, RS
- Glorify to God (*Petty*) 1217 WLP
- Of the Father's Love Begotten (*Connolly*) 8679 WLP, VAO
- Rise Up Shepherd and Follow WCH, W&S

HISPANIC HYMNS

- Hoy a la Tierra CAN, CPD, FYC
- Los Peces en el Rio CPD, FYC
- Noche de Paz CEL, CPD, FYC
- Nunca Suenan las Campanas CPD, FYC
- Oh Pueblecito de Belen CAN, CEL, CPD
- Pastorcitos del Monte CEL, CPD, FYC
- CAN, CEL, CPD
- Paz a la Tierra CAN, CPD, FYC
- Venid, Fieles Todos CAN, CEL, CPD, FYC

GATHERING SONG:

- A Child Is Born (*Norbet*) BB, GP, CBW III, CVH, PMB, SM
- A Child Is Born in Bethlehem WP, WP3
- All the Ends of the Earth (*Haas/Haugen*) BB/MI, CCH, GC, GTR
- Angels from the Realm of Glory BB, CVH, GC, WP
- Angels We Have Heard On High BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, GP, PMB, SM, WP
- Born Today (*Proulx*) G-2069
- Christmastime Alleluia (*Chepponis*) CCH, G- 4453
- Gloria in excelsis Deo (*Dewey*) G-3895, RS
- City of God (*Schutte*) BB/MI, GC, G2 GP, GPC, GTR, WCH, W&S

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How Happy You Who Fear the Lord*(Jenkins)* W&S, WS**Lord of Glory** *(Manion)* BB/MI, CCH, GP, GPC, GTR, JS**O Come, All Ye Faithful** BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPC, PMB, SM, WCH, WP**O Most Holy One** WCH, W&S**Rejoice, Rejoice, O Christians** *(Schrotter)* G-2899**Sing a New Song** *(Bell)* CCH, G2, G-4672**This Is the Day** *(Huijbers)* BB, GC**Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

BB/MI, CBW II, CBW III, CVH, JS, PMB, RS, SM, TM, W&S, WP

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**Psalm 84: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling**Place PARM vol. 1 *(Duncan VI)***Psalm 84: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling**Place:68 PSALMS *(Kreutz)***Psalm 84: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling**Place *(Walker)* BB, JS**Psalm 84: How lovely is your dwelling place** *(Joncas)* BB**Psalm 84: Blessed are they who dwell** *(Guimont)* CCH, GTR, LP**Psalm 84: Happy are they** *(Porter)* GTR**Psalm 84: How lovely is your dwelling place** *(Schiavone)* ALP, BB**How Lovely Is Your Dwelling** *(Foley)* GC**Psalm 84: How lovely is your dwelling place** *(Murray)* GC, RS**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:****Adoramus Te Domine II Gloria** *(Berthier)* GTR, TAIZE II**All the Ends of the Earth** *(Chepponis)* WS**All the Ends of the Earth** *(Hurd)* BB, JS**Faithful Family** *(Cooney)* BB, GC, G2, GPC**Gentle Mary** *(Kent)* WCH, WLP**Good News Carol**, *(Furlong)* CCH, G-3917**Help Us Accept Each Other** RS, WP**Lover of Us All** *(Schutte)* ACH, BB, GC, JS**O Little Town of Bethlehem** BB, CVH, CCH, GC, WP**O Poverty** *(Berthier)* TAIZE II**Oh Bethlehem** *(Basque Christmas Carol)* 362-01181**Play Before the Lord** *(Dufford)* BB, GP, GPC**Saint Joseph Was a Just Man** PMB, WCH**Shout for Joy** *(Peloquin)* G-1624, GC**The Aye Carol** *(Bell)* GC**The Goodness of God Cries Out** *(Norbet)*

BB/MI, GP, PMB, WCH, W&S

Trust What You See *(Tamblyn)* BB, JS**Walk in His Ways** *(Hughes)* G-5624**What Shall We Bring?** *(Hughes)* G-4502, GC**What Child Is This** *(Isele)* CCH, G-3547**COMMUNION:****All So Stille** *(Hommerding)* 5707 WLP**Abba! Father!** *(Landry)* BB, GP, GPC, JS**Bread of Life** *(Farrell)* BB/MI, CBW III, GC, JS**Carol at the Manger** *(Haugen)* GTR, GC, G-3572**Child of My Heart** *(Haugen)* CCH, G-3804**Children, Run Joyfully** *(Dufford)* BB, CBW III, YPGP**Christ is Born in a Manger Bed***(Van Koert)* WLP**Enduring Love** *(Connolly)* G2, G-3846**Faith Hope and Love** *(Walker)* BB/MI, CCH, GC, JS**How Beautiful upon the Mountains***(Haugen)* GC, G-2655**How Happy You Who Fear the Lord**

PMB, WCH, W&S, WLP

Once in Royal David's City CBW III,

CVH, GC, GTR, HM, PMB, SM, WP, WP3

Rosa Mystica *(Waddell)* 7222 WLP**Silent Night: Communion Rite** *(Daigle)* CCH, G-4967**Song of God among Us** *(Huijbers)* BB, G2**The First Noel** BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPC, PMB, WP**The Snow Lay on the Ground** BB**There Is No Rose** G--3127, G-6030, PPMO**Where Charity and Love Prevail**

AF-11-10120, BB/MI, CVH, GC, GTR, PMB, RS, WCH, WP

Who Has Known *(Foley)* BB, CBW III, JS**SONG OF PRAISE:****A Hymn for the Days After Christmas** G-4028**Gaudate** *(Berthier)* TAIZE II**Huron Carol** CBW III, CVH, SS**Sing Out the Tidings** *(Palestrina)* WS**Thanksgiving Hymn from Ephesus***(Hansen)* CCH, G-4636**The Lord Said to Me** *(Ferris)* G2, G-1389**CLOSING SONG:****A Season of Light** *(Lisicky)* CCH, GC, SM, W&S, WCH**All the Ends of the Earth** *(Dufford)*

BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPC, GTR, JS

Angels We Have Heard On High BB,

BFW, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPC, GP, PMB, WP

Babe of Bethlehem, The *(Connolly)* G2, G-3605**Before the World Began: I Am for You***(Bell)* GC, G-4381**Carol of the Stranger** *(Cooney)* CCH,

G-4118

Cry Out with Joy and Gladness PMB,

WCS, W&S

Gloria and Recessional WLP**Good Christians All, Rejoice** BB, CBW II,

CVH, GTR, PMB, SM, WOV, WP

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing BB, BFW,

CBW III, CVH, GC, GPC, PMB, SM, WP

Joy to the World BB, BFW, CBW III,

CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB, WOV, WP

Jesus, Son of God *(Bock)* CCH, G-3749**Let Heaven Rejoice** *(Dufford)* BB/MI,

CBW III, GC, GP, GPC, JS

Of the Father's Love Begotten BB, CVH,

GC, WP

There Is Nothing Told *(Willcock)* BB, JS**Those Who Walked in Darkness***(Breedlove)* CCH, G-4100**With Drums and Dancing** *(Schutte)*

BB/MI, GPC, GTR, GC, JS

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CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal:

Closing Song:

Postlude:

Additional Notes:

FIRST READING: Num. 6: 22-27
"They will call down my name on the sons of Israel and I will bless them." The Lord tells Moses how to bless Aaron and his sons.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
 Ps. 67 *"O God, be gracious and bless us."*

SECOND READING: Gal. 4: 4-7
"When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
 Heb. 1: 1-2 *"In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son."*

GOSPEL: Lk. 2: 16-21
"The shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a crib. When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus."

SCRIPTURAL TOPICS: The Name of Jesus; Shepherds, Jesus in the Manger; Messiah; Prophets.

FOCUS: "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law." God became human.

REFLECTION: "The Father of all has no name given him since he is unbegotten. For a being who has a name imposed on him has an elder to give him that name. "Father" and "God," "Creator," "Lord," "Master," are not names but appellations derived from his benefits and works." *St. Justin Martyr*

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY: Introduce the liturgy by stating that Mary, a model of faith and love, pondered the wonder of God in her presence. An introduction to the general intercessions could include a desire for greater intimacy between God and the world.

SUGGESTED PREFACE/ PRAYER SELECTIONS:
 Sprinkling rite *or*

Penitential rite: *Third form with third set of sample invocations.*

Sample General Intercessions— Introduction: My brothers and sisters, through his blessed mother, let us pray to God for one another:

- *May the Lord bless and keep you!*
- *May the Lord let his face shine upon you!*
- *May the Lord be gracious to you!*
- *May the Lord look upon you kindly!*
- *May the Lord give you peace!*

Prayers over the people: *Blessing in the name of Jesus. or*

Solemn Blessing for Christmas *or*
 Blessing on feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*no. 15*) *or*
 Solemn Blessing for the beginning of the new year. *or*
 Solemn Blessing in O.T.: *First.*

R.C.I.A.

- How can we intensify our love for Jesus? Attend daily mass? You don't want to intensify your love that much? Well, then, how about saying one extra Hail Mary every day for the salvation of all children of God.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Do you ask Mary to pray for you? She will, you know. Ask her to help you love like she did.

YOUTH GROUPS

Holy is His Name VAO, W&S
 I Am for You (Cooney) G-3967, RS
 Song of Mary (Booth) S&S
 My Soul Rejoices (Dameans) BB, GP, GPC
 Sing to the Lord (Eggert) CCH, G-3252
 Song of Judith VAO, WCH, W&S
 Psalm 67: The Earth Has Yielded Its Fruit (Palmer) 6255 WLP
 Psallite Domino (Berthier) TAIZE II
 We Fall Down S&S

HISPANIC HYMNS

Ave de Lourdes CPD, FYC
 Canto de Maria CPD, CHCA
 Oh Maria, Madre Mia CEL, CPD, FYC
 Santa Maria del Camino CAN, CPD, FYC
 Elevamos Nuestros Cantos CAN, CEL, CPD
 Mi Virgen Ranchera Ti CEL, CPD, FYC
 Oh Maria, Madre Mia CAN, CPD, FYC
 Oh Santisima CAN, CEL, CPD, FYC

SONG SUGGESTIONS

GATHERING SONG:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ACH, BB/MI, CCH, CVH, GC, GPC, JS, PMB, RS, WCH, WP
 Another Year of Grace MSM-50-1975
 At the Name of Jesus (Walker) BB, GP2, JS
 Before the World Began: I Am for You (Bell) G-4381
 Behold a Virgin Bearing Him PMB, SM, WCH, W&S
 Carol of the Stranger (Cooney) G-4118
 Christmastime Alleluia (Chepponis) G-4453
 Emmanuel PMB, SM, WCH, WS
 Go, Tell It on the Mountain BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, PMB, SS, WP
 God Rest You Merry BB, CVH, GC, PMB, SS, WP
 Good Christians All, Rejoice BB, CBW III, CVH, GTR, PMB, WOV, WP
 Great Is the Lord (Inwood) BB/MI, GC
 Gloria in excelsis Deo (Dewey) G-3895
 Gathering Rite: O Come All Ye Faithful (Haugen) CCH, G-4555
 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB, WOV, WP
 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming BB, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB, WP
 Mary the Dawn CVH, PMB
 Mary's Joy BB, JS
 May God Bless and Keep You (Walker) BB, GP2, JS
 Mexican Christmas Procession (Christiansen) 11-0503
 More Lovely Than a Rose (Kreutz) 3TR
 O Come, All Ye Faithful BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPC, PMB, SS, SM, W&S, WCH, WP
 O Mary of Graces CVH, GPCOMP, PMB, WCH, WP
 Savior of the Nations Come BB, PMB, SM, W&S, SS, WCH
 Sing a New Song (Schutte) BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, GC, GP, GPC, GTR, JS, RS, W&S
 Sing a New Song to the Lord (Bell) G2, G-4380
 The Aye Carol (Bell) G2, GC
 The Maid and Her Child (Lawton) G-5293
 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (Fix) G-3623

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
 Psallite Domino (Berthier) TAIZE II
 Psalm 67: O God, Let All the Nations (Smith) BB
 Psalm 67: The Earth Has Yielded Its Fruit (Palmer) 6255 WLP
 Psalm 67: May God bless us in his mercy (Schiaivone) ALP
 Psalm 67: May God bless us in his mercy (Kraehenbuehl) C12 PARM
 Psalm 67: May God bless us in his mercy (Guimont) CCH, G2, GC, RS
 Psalm 67: The earth has yielded (Proulx) WP3
 Psalm 67: O God, Let the Nations Praise You (Proulx) 6238 WLP

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

Be Light for Our Eyes (*Haas*) GC, GTR
Bwana Awabariki / May God Grant You a Blessing G2, GC, RS
Hail, Holy Queen BFW, PMB, SM, WCH, WS
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly CCH, GC, RS
Jina La Bwana (*Warner*) 7228 WLP
Laud to a Virgin (*Wagner*) G-2208
Jesus, Son of God (*Bock*) G-3749
Like a Whisper in the Heart (*Moore*) CCH, G-4614
Mary's Lullaby (*Bock*) G-3757
Magnificat BFW, CVH, GC, WP
Magnificat (*Walker*) BB, JS
My Soul Magnifies the Lord BFW, CVH, GPCOMP, SM
O Mary Blest, the Chosen Shrine MSM-50-0007
O Poverty (*Berthier*) TAIZE II
Patapan (*Christiansen*) 11-0502
Peace is Only a Starry Night (*Haugen*) GC, G-2626, RS
Salamu Maria LMGM
She Will Show Us the Promised One (*Jabuschi*) PMB2, WCH
Sing of Mary BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB, WCH, WS, WP
The Age of Expectation (*Fisher*) G2, GC, RS
The Cry of the Poor (*Foley*) BB/MI, CCH, GP, GPC, GTR, G2, GC, JS, SM, WCH, W&S
The Goodness of God Cries Out (*Norbet*) BB/MI, GP, PMB
The Maiden Song (*White*) PPMO
The Queen's Song (*Kreutz*) WS, W&S
Two Neo-Gothic Carols G-4741
What Child Is This BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB, SM, WCH, WP

COMMUNION:

A Blessing (*Marchionda*) PMB, SM, WCH
Abba! Father! (*Landry*) BB, GP, GPCOMP, JS, MI
All Who Claim the Faith of Jesus GC, GTR, G2
Change Our Hearts (*Cooney*) BB/MI, GPC, JS, MI
Child of My Heart (*Haugen*) G-3804
Earthen Vessels (*Foley*) BB/MI, GP, GPCOMP, JS, MI
Enduring Love (*Connolly*) G-3846
God's Surprise (*Bell*) G2, GC
Good News Carol (*Furlong*) G-3917
He Came Down A West African Christmas Carol (*Haugen*) G2, G-3808
Huron Carol CBW III, CVH, SS
May the Lord, Mighty God G2, GC, RS
O Lovely Christmas Rose (*Caldwell*) 312-41143
O Mary Blest, the Chosen Shrine MSM-50-0007
O Poverty (*Berthier*) TAIZE II
Oh Bethlehem (*Basque Christmas Carol*) 362-01181
Once in Royal David's City CBW III, BFW, CVH, GC, GTR, PMB2, SS, WP
Song of God among Us (*Huijbers*) GTR, GC, JS2

The God of All Eternity (*Bell*) CCH, GC, RS
The Holly Bears a Berry MSM-50-1037
The Snow Lay on the Ground BB, HM, JS
The Symbols of Christmas (*Lovelace*) 11-2437
There Is No Rose (*Betteridge*) PPMO
What Shall We Bring? (*Hughes*) G-4502
Who Has Known (*Foley*) BB, CBW III, GP2

SONG OF PRAISE:

A Season of Light (*Lisicky*) CCH, GC, SM, WCH, WS
Babe of Bethlehem, The (*Connolly*) G-3605
Gaudate (*Berthier*) TAIZE II
God, Beyond All Names BB/MI, GC, JS, RS
God of Abraham (*Farrell*) BB/MI, GC, JS2
Our Lady's Song of Praise PMB, WCH
Song of Thankfulness and Praise BB, CCH, PMB, SM, W&S, WCH
Thanksgiving Hymn from Ephesus (*Hansen*) G-4636
Virgin Born- We Bow Before You (*Chepponis*) G-3296
What Child Is This (*Isele*) G-3547

CLOSING SONG:

All the Ends of the Earth (*Dufford*) BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, JS, W&S
Cry Out with Joy and Gladness PMB, SM, WS, WCH
From Heaven Above CVH, WP
Good Christians All, Rejoice BB, CBW III, CVH, GTR, PMB2, WP
Hodie Christus Natus Est (*Sweelinck*) 312-40155
Immaculate Mary BB, GC, PMB, SM, WCH
In the Bleak Midwinter PMB, WCH
Joy to the World BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPC, JS, PMB2, SS, W&S, WP
Let Heaven and Earth Exult (*Pasquet*) 362-01234
Lover Us All (*Schutte*) ACH, BB/MI, JS
Mary's Song (*Joncas, Oosterhuis*) BB/MI, GPCOMP, SM, WCH
Mary's Song of Praise PMB, WCH
May the Lord Bless You (*Brown*) BB, HM
My Soul Rejoices (*Dameans*) BB, GP, GPCOMP, JS2
Nativity Carol (*O'Brien*) G2, RS
O Mary, of All Women PMB2, WCH
O Sanctissima BFW, CBW III, CVH, GC, PMB, SM, WCH, WP
Sing We Noel 11-0362
Sing to the Lord God MSM-50-9451
Stainless the Maiden PMB, SM, WCH
Take Christ to the World BB/MI, JS
The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky BB/MI, BFW, CVH, HM, SM, WP
Those Who Walked in Darkness (*Breedlove*) G-4100
Within Our Hearts Be Born (*Joncas*) G-4272

Mass Time: _____

Presider: _____

Rehearsal date and time: _____

New Music/Instructions/Prelude: _____

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: _____

Penitential Rite: _____

Glory to God: _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Second Reading: _____

Gospel Acclamation: _____

Gospel: _____

Homily: _____

General Intercessions: _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts: _____

Preface Dialogue/Eucharistic Prayer: _____

Holy, Holy, Holy: _____

Memorial Acclamation: _____

Great Amen: _____

The Lord's Prayer: _____

Lamb of God: _____

Communion Song: _____

Song of Praise: _____

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal: _____

Closing Song: _____

Postlude: _____

Additional Notes: _____

FIRST READING:

Is. 60: 1-6 *"The glory of the Lord shines upon you."*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 72 *"All nations shall prostrate before you, O Lord."*

SECOND READING:

Eph. 3: 2-3, 5-6 *"The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body."*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Mt. 2: 2 *"We have seen his star in the east; and have come to adore the Lord."*

GOSPEL:

Mt. 2: 1-12 *"We have come from the East to worship the king."*

SCRIPTURAL TOPICS: The Incarnation; adoration; revelation.

FOCUS: "We have seen his star and have come to do him homage." Filled with awe and wonder, we come to the one who is God's manifestation of love.

REFLECTION: "Since he is the Sun of Justice, he fittingly calls his disciples the light of the world. The reason for this is that through them, as through shining rays, he has poured out the light of the knowledge of himself upon the entire world. For by manifesting the light of truth, they have dispelled the darkness of error from the hearts of men."

Chromatius of Aquile

"You seek the Lord? Seek, but only within yourself. He is not far from anyone. The Lord is near all those who truly call on Him. Find a place in your heart, and speak there with the Lord. It is the Lord's reception room. Everyone who meets the Lord, meets Him there; He has fixed no other place for meeting souls." *Theophane the Recluse*

"Born of a virgin, he came forth from the womb as the light of the whole world in order to shine on all people. His light is received by those who long for the splendor of

perpetual light that night can never destroy. The sun of our daily experience is succeeded by darkness of night, but the sun of holiness never sets, because wisdom cannot give place to evil." *St. Ambrose*

You are love,
 You are wisdom,
 You are humility,
 You are endurance,
 You are rest,
 You are peace.
 You are joy and gladness,
 You are justice and moderation
 You are all our riches,
 And you suffice for us.
 You are beauty,
 You are gentleness.
 You are our protector,
 You are our guardian and defender.
 You are our courage.
 You are our haven and our hope.
 You are our faith,
 Our great consolation,
 You are our eternal life,
 Great and wonderful Lord,
 God almighty,
 Merciful Saviour
St. Francis of Assisi

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY:

Today we celebrate the revelation of Jesus to the world beyond his family. In Jesus we are one body, called from all peoples to be united with him. Gestures and prayer invitations that break down the walls between us are appropriate, for today we celebrate mighty kings together with lowly shepherds, gentile together with Jew. We come to unite in one Lord.

SUGGESTED PREFACE/PRAYER SELECTIONS:

- Sprinkling rite** *or*
- Penitential rite:** *Third form with third set of sample invocations.*
- Eucharistic Prayer:** *Roman Canon with the proper commemorations for Christmas*
- Prayers over the people:** *Seventh Solemn Blessing for Christmas*

R.C.I.A.

The Epiphany is the feast of Christ revealed. Holy men in distant lands had heard of the Divine Birth and came to worship him. They recognized what they saw and prostrated themselves to him, the Son of God.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Holy men from the east were led to Jesus, the Son of God, by a star, and by their faith. If we try to live a good life we will be guided towards God.

YOUTH GROUPS

- A New Song** (*Howard*) 7150 WLP
- All the Ends of the Earth** (*Fisher*) S&S
- Angels Come in Celebration** (*Smith*) S&S
- Before the World Began: I Am for You** (*Bell*) CCH, G-4381
- God It Was** (*Bell*) G2, GC, RS
- Glory to God** (*Petty*) 1217 WLP
- In Praise of His Name** (*O'Connor*) BB/ML, GP, GTR, S&S
- Rise Up Shepherd and Follow** WCH, W&S

HISPANIC HYMNS

- Hoy a la Tierra** CAN, CPD, FYC
- Los Peces en el Rio** CPD, FYC
- Noche de Paz** CEL, CPD, FYC
- Nunca Suenan las Campanas** CPD, FYC
- Oh Pueblcito de Belen** CAN, CEL, CPD
- Pastorcitos del Monte** CEL, CPD, FYC
- CAN, CEL, CPD
- Paz a la Tierra** CAN, CPD, FYC
- Venid, Fieles Todos** CAN, CEL, CPD, FYC

SONG SUGGESTIONS

GATHERING SONG:

- Angels from the Realm of Glory** BB, CCH, CVH, GC, SS, WP
- Arise, Shine Out** (*Haas*) G-4848
- Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky** CVH, 11-1818, SS
- Christmastime Alleluia** (*Chepponis*) G-4453, W&S
- Earth Has Many a Noble City** BB, CVH
- Gathering Rite: O Come All Ye Faithful** (*Haugen*) CCH, G-4555
- Gloria in excelsis Deo** (*Dewey*) G-3895
- Go, Tell It on the Mountain** BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, JS, PMB, SM, WP
- How Bright Appears the Morning Star** BFW, CVH, SS
- How Brightly Beams the Morning Star** WP
- Justice Will Flourish in His Time** PMB, SM, WCH
- Lord, Today** (*Dameans*) BB, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, GC, JS
- Lord, Your Almighty Word** CVH, PMB2, SS, W&S
- O Come, All Ye Faithful** BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, JS, PMB, SM, WCH, WS, WP
- Sing a New Song to the Lord** (*Bell*) CCH, G-4380

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Sing to the Mountains (*Dufford*) ACH, BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPC, JS, RS
Song of God among Us (*Huijbers*) GTR, GC
The First Noel BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB2, SM, SS, W&S, WCH, WP
The Word of Life (*Bell*) G2, GC
We Three Kings BB, CVH, GC, CCH GPCOMP, PMB, SM, WCH, WP, WS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 72: C14 PARM (*Kasbohm*)
Psalm 72: 312-40958 (*Weisgall*)
Psalm 72: Justice Shall Flourish (*Cooney*) BB, GC
Psalm 72: Justice shall flourish (*Guimont*) CCH, LP, RS
Psalm 72: Ev'ry nation on earth (*Joncas*) GTR, RS
Psalm 72: Ev'ry nation on earth (*Schiavone*) ALP

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

A Carol for Epiphany (*Pfautsch*) 11-10014
A Dulcimer Carol (*Willitt*) CCH, GTR
A Stable Lamp Is Lighted CVH, GC
African Noel (*Kauffmann*) 362-03288
Before the World Began: I Am for You (*Bell*) GC, G-4381
Brightest and Best (*Heber*) GTR, GC, RS
Children, Run Joyfully (*Dufford*) BB, CBW III, JS,
Child of My Heart (*Haugen*) G2, G-3804
Good News Carol (*Furlong*) CCH, G-3917
Humble Service (*Flemming*) 11-2294
Is It Far to Bethlehem CCH, G2, G-2908
Jesus, Son of God (*Bock*) GC, G-3749
Joyful Is the Dark (*Wren*) G2, GC
O Little Town of Bethlehem BB, CVH, GC, WP
Only In God (*Talbot*) BB/MI, GC, W&S
Rise Up, Jerusalem (*Foley*) GP, JS
Say, Where Is He Born? (*Mendelssohn*) 312-41393
The Journey of the Magi MSM-55-9825
What Star Is This BB, GC, CBW III, PMB, WCH, WP
What Shall We Bring? (*Hughes*) CCH, G2, G-4502
What Child Is This (*Isele*) G-3547, RS
Where There Are Prophecies (*Giechen*) 11-2499
Who Has Known (*Foley*) CBW III, GP2
Wood is For the Manger (*Janco*) 8707 WLP
Word of God, Come Down on Earth BB/MI, CBW III, CCH, CVH, JS, PMB, RS, WP

COMMUNION:

A Christmas Star (*Constantine*) 312-40767
A Stable Lamp Is Lighted (*Wilbur*) G2, GC
Carol of the Wise Men (*Hopson*) 11-2081
Epiphany (*Running*) 11-2546
God's Surprise (*Bell*) G2
Now Shine, Bright Glow Majesty MSM-50-2000
O Come, All Ye Faithful BB, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP, HM, PMB, SM, WCH, WS, WP

O Poverty (*Berthier*) TAIZE II
One Bread, One Body (*Foley*) BB/MI, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, G2, S&S
Sion, Sing (*Diess*) RS
Sleeping Jesus (*Bullard*) G-5058
Stars Lead Us Ever On (*Sioux Tribal Carol, Baily, H. Gaul*) 332-14130
Sleep of the Infant Jesus (*Fix*) G-3624
Thanksgiving Hymn from Ephesus (*Hansen*) G-4636
The Adoration of the Shepherds (*Medieval Catalanian, Molzer*) 332-40112
The Word of Life (*Bell*) CCH, G2
Three Kings, The (*Cornelius*) G-3124
While By the Sheep G-5047

SONG OF PRAISE:

A Star (*Smith*) G-3468
All the Ends of the Earth (*Chepponis*) SM, WCH, WS
All the Ends of the Earth (*Kreutz*) BB/MI, PSALMS
All the Ends of the Earth (*Hurd*) BB/MI, JS
Carol of the Stranger (*Cooney*) G-4118
Ever Since the Savior Came MSM-50-1038
Mary's Lullaby (*Bock*) CCH, G-3757
O Lovely Christmas Rose (*Caldwell*) 312-41143
Only In God (*Foley*) BB, CBW III, GC, GP, GPC
Shout for Joy (*Peloquin*) G-1624, GC
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise BB, CBW III, GC, WP
Star of the East MSM-50-2100
The Encounter (*Bell*) G-5219
The Kings (*Cornelius, Hopson*) 11-2439

CLOSING SONG:

All the Ends of the Earth (*Dufford*) BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPCOMP, GTR, JS
Arise, Shine! (*Haugen*) GTR, GC
Arise, Shine MSM-50-9803
As With Gladness Men of Old BB, CBW III, CCH, CVH, GC, GPC, SS, WP
Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning MSM-50-2004
City of God (*Schutte*) BB/MI, GC, GP, GPC, GTR, W&S, WCH
Cry Out with Joy and Gladness PMB, SM, WCH, WS
Good Christians All, Rejoice BB, CBW III, CVH, GTR, PMB, SS, WP
He Came Down A West African Christmas Carol (*Haugen*) G2, G-3808
I Am the Light of the World (*Hayakawa*) BB/MI, GC, GTR, JS
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise CCH, CVH, GC, PMB, WCH, WP
In Christ There Is No East or West BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, GPCOMP, WP, PMB2, WCH, W&S
Joy to the World BB, CBW III, CVH, CCH, GC, GPCOMP, PMB, WCH WP
Sing a New Song (*Bell*) G-4672
Sing Praise to Our Creator PMB, WCH
Take Christ to the World BB/MI, JS2
Those Who Walked in Darkness (*Breedlove*) GC, G-4100

Mass Time:

Presider:

Rehearsal date and time:

New Music/Instructions/Prelude:

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

Penitential Rite:

Glory to God:

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Responsorial Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel:

Homily:

General Intercessions:

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts:

Preface Dialogue/Eucharistic Prayer:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

Memorial Acclamation:

Great Amen:

The Lord's Prayer:

Lamb of God:

Communion Song:

Song of Praise:

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal:

Closing Song:

Postlude:

Additional Notes:

FIRST READING: Is. 42: 1-4, 6-7
"Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom my soul delights." or (new) opt: Isa 55:1-11 "All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
 Ps. 29 *"The Lord will bless his people with peace." or (new) opt: Isa 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 "With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation."*

SECOND READING: Acts 10: 34-38 *"God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power." or (new) opt: 1 John 5:1-9 "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the father loves (also) the one begotten by him."*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
 Mk. 9: 6 *"The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son; hear him."*

GOSPEL: (new) Mark 1:7-11
"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the holy Spirit."

SCRIPTURAL TOPICS: Son of God; Baptism; New Live: God is with Us; the King of Glory.

FOCUS: *"This is my beloved Son; on him my favor rests."* Jesus is inaugurated into his earthly ministry.

REFLECTION: "Through Christ we see as in a mirror the spotless and excellent face of God."
St. Clement of Rome

"Life is the strength to act. Spiritual life is the strength to act spiritually, according to the will of God. Man has lost this strength; therefore until it is restored to him, he cannot live spiritually, no matter how much he intends to. That is why the flow of grace into the soul of a

believer is essential for a true Christian life. True Christian life is the life of grace. A man makes some religious resolution: but in order to be able to act according to it, it is necessary that grace be united with his spirit. When this union is present, moral strength, hitherto evident only temporarily in his first enthusiasm, is impressed on his spirit and remains there always. This re-establishment of the moral strength of the spirit is effected by the regenerating action of baptism, through which man is granted justification and the strength to act 'after God in righteousness and true holiness'."

Theophane the Recluse

APPLYING THE READINGS TO THE LITURGY: The placement of this celebration at the end of the Christmas season should be noted. This is another manifestation of the incarnation. God made flesh is revealed to the world through baptism into his mission on earth. Today's gospel reading can be interpreted to signify our own need to go forth into the world with the Good News of God's salvation through Jesus Christ. This can be an appropriate time to call for lay ministers and to reflect how individuals can bring the light of Christ to others. Current lay ministers could contribute some piece in the bulletin or as part of the homily on the function and value of their ministry.

Sprinkling rite or
Penitential rite: *Third form with third set of invocations.*

Prayers over the people: *Ninth*
Solemn Blessing for Christmas or
Solemn Blessing for Epiphany

R.C.I.A.

In the Eastern Church there is a practice known as the "Poustinia" which is Russian for desert. It involves the practice of going into seclusion to pray. The object is to leave the distractions of the world temporarily so that peace and the awareness of God may be internalized and give one strength to live in the world.

To interiorize solitude is to be able to draw from that well of strength even in the clamor of daily life.

- How can we keep some of the wonder associated with Christmas alive throughout the entire year?
- What are some of the memories of this season you would like to hold and draw strength from at other times?

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Recount, with the children's help, the various activities and preparations that made this Christmas memorable. Perhaps some of the memories are negative ones. That's all right, life is made up of positive and negative memories. Ask the children to think about what they can learn from their experiences of this season. What can they do to remember the joys as well as the disappointments that make up this season?

YOUTH GROUPS

- A New Song (Howard) 7150 WLP
- All the Ends of the Earth (Fisher) S&S
- Before the World Began: I Am for You (Bell) CCH, G-4381
- God It Was (Bell) G2, GC, RS
- Glorify to God (Petty) 1217 WLP
- In Praise of His Name (O'Connor) BB/MI, GP, GTR, S&S
- Rise Up Shepherd and Follow WCH, W&S

HISPANIC HYMNS

- Hoy a la Tierra CAN, CPD, FYC
- Los Peces en el Rio CPD, FYC
- Noche de Paz CEL, CPD, FYC
- Nunca Suenan las Campanas CPD, FYC
- Pastorcitos del Monte CEL, CPD, FYC
- CAN, CEL, CPD
- Paz a la Tierra CAN, CPD, FYC
- Venid, Fieles Todos CAN, CEL, CPD, FYC

SONG SUGGESTIONS

GATHERING SONG:

- At the Name of Jesus AF-33-99-163, BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, GC, JS, VAO, WCH, WP
- Baptized in Living Water BFW, PMB, SM, WCH, WS
- Before the World Began: I Am for You (Bell) G-4381, GC
- Beginning Today (Dameans) BB, GP, JS
- City of God (Schutte) ACH, BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPC, GTR, JS, RS, W&S
- Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, GC, JS, RS, WCH, WOV, WP

CODE EXPLANATION ON INSIDE BACK COVER

Come to Me, All You Weary GC, GTR
Down to Earth as a Dove (*Lovelace*) G-5273
Every Nation on Earth (*Joncas*) G-3440
Gathering Rite: O Come All Ye Faithful
(*Haugen*) G-4555
Gathered as One PMB, SM, WCH, W&S
God, Our Fountain of Salvation BB/MI
He Has Anointed Me (*Dameans*) GP,
GPC, GTR
On Jordan's Bank BB, CBW III, CVH,
GC, PMB, SM, WCH, WS, WP
Praise to You, O Christ Our Savior
(*Farrell*) BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GTR, JS, RS
Prepare the Way of the Lord (*Berthier*) G2,
GC
Ready the Way (*Hurd*) BB, JS
The Goodness of God Cries Out (*Norbet*)
BB/MI, GP, PMB, S&S
The Light of Christ (*Fishel*) BB/MI,
CBW III, JS
The King of Glory (*Jabusch*) BB/MI,
BFW, CBW III, CVH, GPC, PMB,
WCH, W&S, WP
When John Baptized by Jordan's River
CBW III, SM, WCH, WP

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Ps. 29: The Lord will bless his people
with peace.** (*Kreutz*) PARM vol. 1
**Ps. 29: The Lord will bless his people
with peace.** (*Guimont*) CCH, LP, RS
Ps. 29: The Lord will bless his people
(*Schiavone*) ALP
The Voice of the Lord, Psalm 29 (*Schaefer*)
6236 WLP

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Baptized in Water GC, GTR, SM, TWC,
WP, WCH, WS
Before the Sun Burned Bright (*Schutte*)
BB, GP, GPC, JS
Carol of the Baptism MSM-50-2002
Center of My Life (*Inwood*) BB/MI, GC,
GTR, JS
Come to Me (*Norbet*) BB/MI, CBW II
Come to Me, All Who Are Weary
(*Schutte*) BB, GP, GPC, JS
Jesus, the Lord (*O'Connor*) BB, GC, GP,
GPC, JS
Let the Valleys Be Raised (*Schutte*) BB
O Healing River BFW, GC, GTR
Send Us Flowing Water, Lord VAO, WS,
WCH
Thanksgiving Hymn from Ephesus
(*Hansen*) CCH, G-4636
The Baptism of Christ (*Hallock*) G-2331
The Lord Descended from Heaven Above
(*Billings*) 312-41152
The Voice of God Goes Out CBW III, GC,
RS, WP
This Is My Beloved Son (*Uhl*) 11-2416
We Shall Draw Water (*Inwood*) BB/MI, JS
When Jesus Came to Jordan WP
You Are Near (*Schutte*) BB/MI, CBW III,
GC, GP, GPC, W&S

COMMUNION:

Abba! Father! (*Landry*) BB, GP, GPC, JS
Bread of Life (*Farrell*) BB/MI, GC, JS, RS

By Name I Have Called You BB, GPC
Come to the Water (*Foley*) BB/MI, GC,
GPC, GP, GTR, W&S
Flow River Flow (*Hurd*) BB/MI, JS
God Is Working His Purpose Out
CVH, WP
He Came Down A West African
Christmas Carol (*Haugen*) G-3808, GC
I Am the Bread of Life (*Toolan*) ACH,
BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GPCOMP, GTR,
JS, S&S, W&S, WCH, WP
I Am the Voice of God (*Haas*) G-3701, RS
Jesus, Son of God (*Bock*) G-3749
Psallite Domino (*Berthier*) TAIZE II
Springs of Water BB, CVH, SS, WP
The Baptism of Jesus (*Wallace*) G-3382
There Is a Fountain (*American Folksong*)
312-41398
Walk in the Reign (*Cooney*) G2, GC
What Child Is This (*Isele*) G-3547

SONG OF PRAISE:

Hail the Lord's Anointed (*Teimpidis*)
G-3182
The Baptism of Jesus (*Lovelace*) 11-2568
The Baptism of the Lord MSM-50-2003
This Is My Son, My Beloved (*Powell*)
G-3527
With Water Most Pure (*Kreutz*) OCP
World without End (*Bell*) G2, GC

CLOSING SONG:

All Glory, Praise, and Honor BB, CBW III,
CVH, GPCOMP, PMB, SS, WCH, WP
All the Ends of the Earth (*Dufford*)
BB/MI, CBW III, GC, GP, GPC, GTR, JS
Great Is the Lord (*Toolan*) BB/MI,
CBW III, GC, JS
I Am the Light of the World (*Hayakawa*)
BB/MI, CCH, GC, GTR, JS
In Christ There Is No East or West
BB/MI, BFW, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPC,
JS, RS, PMB, WCH, WOV, WP
In Praise of His Name (*O'Connor*) BB/MI,
CCH, GC, GP, GTR, W&S
Make Straight the Way (*Conry*) BB, HM
Mighty Lord (*Foley*) BB, GP, GPCOMP
On Our Journey to the Kingdom (*Colgan*)
BB/MI, HM
People of Israel (*Toolan*) BB, S&S
Send Forth Your Spirit, O Lord (*Guimont*)
G-3684, GC
Sing a New Song to the Lord (*Bell*)
G-4380, G2
Sing Praise to Our Creator PMB, W&S,
WCH
Sing to the World (*Sands*) BB/MI, S&S
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise BB,
CBW III, CCH, GC, WP
Take Christ to the World BB/MI
The Spirit of God (*Deiss*) PMB, W&S,
WCH
To Jesus Christ, Our Sov'reign King
BB/MI, CBW III, CVH, GC, GPCOMP,
JS, PMB, RS, WCH
Waters of Life SM, VAO, WS, WCH

Mass Time:

Presider:

Rehearsal date and time:

New Music/Instructions/Prelude:

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

Penitential Rite:

Glory to God:

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Responsorial Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel:

Homily:

General Intercessions:

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts:

Preface Dialogue/Eucharistic Prayer:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

Memorial Acclamation:

Great Amen:

The Lord's Prayer:

Lamb of God:

Communion Song:

Song of Praise:

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal:

Closing Song:

Postlude:

Additional Notes: