



# The Musician's Monthly

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## INTRODUCTION

We are fast moving towards the end of the year. I find that this time of year moves at a much faster pace than the rest of the year. Not only are we moving towards the end of a calendar year, but we are also moving towards the end of the liturgical year. On Sunday 26 November we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, which is the last Sunday of the current liturgical year. The current liturgical year will end on Saturday morning – 2 December - with the Saturday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time. The new liturgical year will begin with the First Sunday of Advent – Year B at the Saturday evening Masses on that same day (Anticipated Masses for the Sunday). We have one more month of green as the seasonal liturgical colour before we change over to violet during Advent.

In this Newsletter, I have included resources for Advent and Christmas for people to use in the liturgy and at home.

It is customary to bless the Advent Wreath on the First Sunday of Advent and so a blessing from the Book of Blessings is included in this Newsletter in the Additional Resources section on page 4.

There are three Proclamations which can be chanted or recited in the Roman Rite:

- The Christmas Proclamation,
- The Announcement of Easter and the Movable Feasts (on the Epiphany) and
- The Easter Proclamation (at the Easter Vigil).

We should all be familiar with the Easter Proclamation (*The Exsultet*) but may be less so with the Christmas Proclamation and the Epiphany Proclamation. I have included the text of the Christmas Proclamation (and a link to the music score) in the Additional Resources section on pages 5 and 6 of this Newsletter. There is also some background information on the Christmas Proclamation and where and how it should be used in the Christmas liturgy. I will include the text and some information on The Epiphany Proclamation in the December Newsletter.

In the section on hymn suggestions for the Sundays of November and December, there are suggestions for the Solemnity of Christ the King (the last Sunday of the liturgical year) and then for each of the four Sundays of Advent. I have republished (from last month's Newsletter) the hymn for each of the Sundays of Advent which Chris and I

wrote. (See pages 35-46 of this Newsletter.) We offer that hymn as a possible suggestion for you to include in your Advent repertoire. In the December section, there are suggestions for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Friday 8 December) and the Feast of the Holy Family which this year will be celebrated on Sunday 31 December. I haven't given any suggestions for the Masses of Christmas Day (Vigil, Midnight, Dawn and Day). I think the hymnals adequately cover suggestions here, in particular CWB II.

Just jumping ahead to next year, Lent begins on Wednesday 14 February. I know in the previous paragraphs I mentioned about Advent and Christmas and now I am mentioning Lent. I mention it because Lent will begin soon after school and choir return for 2023. Just as Chris and I have offered an Advent hymn, we are offering a hymn for Ash Wednesday and the Sundays of Lent, which you may like to use. (See pages 47-70 of this Newsletter.)

We have one more music workshop to present for this year. That workshop will be a repeat on the topic of Church Music and Copyright. Copyright is not the most interesting of topics, but it is one which we need to do our best to understand so that we can fulfill our obligations under copyright law. I am hoping that we can publish a draft schedule of our workshops for 2024 in the December Newsletter.

For the reflections from *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, I am continuing my examination on how Gregorian Chant can be used in a parish setting. This month is last in the series of three reflections on that topic.

If you would like Chris and myself to assist you and your musicians in a specific aspect of liturgical music, please contact us via email (see the last page of this Newsletter) and we will be happy to assist you in that regard in whatever way we can.

Wishing you a very fruitful month of music making!

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## NEWS

On Thursdays 5 and 12 October we ran a repeat of the Voice Production Course. We had participants from four parishes who attended. The singing that they produced was very uplifting. During the two-week course, participants learned how to use their diaphragm correctly to maximize the air flow to produce the best quality of sound when they are singing.

Some of the singing exercises (vocal warm-ups) they learned including how to sustain long notes and also how to produce short, sharp sounds when required.

Well done to everyone who attended the course.



Participants at the Voice Production Course

We held a very successful workshop on Music for Advent and Christmas on Monday 23 October, when we taught music for both these Seasons in the liturgical calendar including settings of the Gospel Acclamation for each Sunday in Advent and Christmas, as well as hymns for both Seasons and the Christmas and Epiphany Proclamations.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.*

*When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.*

Lord our God,  
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:  
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,  
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
he is the Saviour of every nation.

Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light  
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
May he come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-advent-wreath>

## CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

The announcement of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord from the *Roman Martyrology* draws upon Sacred Scripture to declare in a formal way the birth of Christ. It begins with creation and relates the birth of the Lord to the major events and personages of sacred and secular history. The particular events contained in the announcement help pastorally to situate the birth of Jesus in the context of salvation history.

This text, *The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ*, may be chanted or recited, most appropriately on December 24, during the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. It may also be chanted or recited before the beginning of Christmas Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass). It may not replace any part of the Mass.

If it is going to be sung before Midnight Mass, it should follow the last Carol in the Carols before Mass and as soon as it finishes the Processional Hymn for Midnight Mass should begin. There should be no gaps between the chanting of the Christmas Proclamation and the Processional Hymn for Mass.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/christmas/christmas-proclamation>

The music score for the Christmas Proclamation is available at <https://npm.org/formation/chants-of-the-roman-missal/appendix-to-the-order-of-mass/appendix-1-other-chants/>

## The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Twenty-fifth Day of December,

when ages beyond number had run their course  
from the creation of the world,

when God in the beginning created heaven and earth,  
and formed man in his own likeness;

when century upon century had passed  
since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood,  
as a sign of covenant and peace;

in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith,  
came out of Ur of the Chaldees;

in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses  
in the Exodus from Egypt;

around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;

in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;

in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;

in the year seven hundred and fifty-two  
since the foundation of the City of Rome;

in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus,  
the whole world being at peace,

JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,  
desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence,  
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and when nine months had passed since his conception,  
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah,  
and was made man:

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

## REFLECTION

116. The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman liturgy: therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services.

### What does the preceding paragraph from *Sacrosanctum Concilium* mean?

In the previous Newsletters I listed examples of Gregorian Chant from the Ordinary of the Mass, the dialogues and music for Holy Week that could be used in a parish setting so that the wishes of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* could be fulfilled.

This month, I am going to list Gregorian Chant hymns in CWB II that can be used in a parish setting to fulfill what is asked of us.

Number	Hymn	Use
127	O Christ, the healer we have come	Anointing of the Sick
162	Godhead here in hiding	Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass
236a	Eternal God who made the stars	Advent
292	Hear us, Almighty Lord	Lent
378a	Holy Spirit, Lord Divine	Pentecost Sequence
390	Veni Creator Spiritus	Pentecost
403	Alma Redemptoris Mater	Marian Antiphon - Advent and Christmas
404	Ave Regina Caelorum	Marian Antiphon - Lent
405	Regina Caeli, Laetare	Marian Antiphon – Easter Season till the Friday after Pentecost
406	Salve Regina	Marian Antiphon – Trinity Sunday to the Saturday before Advent
507	Humbly we adore Thee	Communion Corpus Christi
576	O Jesus, joy of loving hearts	Communion General
626	This is my will, my one command	Communion General Holy Thursday
639	Where true charity is dwelling/ <i>Ubi caritas est vera</i>	Communion General Holy Thursday

The list given here is one that with repetition parish choirs can master. There is a hymn given for Advent which could be sung over the four Sundays of Advent so that the parish musicians and members of the gathered assembly will become familiar with it and be able to join in singing it.

The same approach can be employed during Lent with the hymn "Hear us, Almighty Lord" by repeating it during the five Sundays of Lent. It could also be done with the people joining in the refrain and the cantor or choir singing the verses.

The Marian Antiphons could be used on Marian Feast days. They could also be sung as the closing prayer for your choir rehearsal and in this way your musicians will become familiar with them.

Hopefully, these suggestions will help people overcome the fear of singing Gregorian Chant in the liturgy and know that there are pieces that are accessible and can be sung in a parish setting.



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

The liturgical calendar below has been arranged in the following way:

- Sundays and Solemnities are listed in bold uppercase letters.
- Feast days and Special Days of Prayer and Penance are listed in uppercase letters.
- Obligatory Memorials and Weekdays are listed in lowercase letters
- Optional Memorials are listed in italicized lowercase letters.

Date	Day	Feast	Colour
1	Wednesday	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	
2	Thursday	The <b>COMMEMORATION</b> of ALL the <b>FAITHFUL DEPARTED</b> (All Souls' Day)	
3	Friday	Friday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time or <i>Saint Martin de Porres (Religious)</i>	
4	Saturday	Saint Charles Borromeo (Bishop)	
5	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
6	Monday	Monday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	
7	Tuesday	Tuesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	
8	Wednesday	Wednesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	
9	Thursday	<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>	
10	Friday	Saint Leo the Great (Pope and Doctor)	
11	Saturday	Saint Martin of Tours (Bishop)	
12	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
13	Monday	Monday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	
14	Tuesday	Tuesday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	
15	Wednesday	Wednesday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time or <i>Saint Albert the Great (Bishop and Doctor)</i>	

16	Thursday	Thursday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	
		or <i>Saint Margaret of Scotland</i>	
		or <i>Saint Gertrude (Virgin)</i>	
17	Friday	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (Religious)	
18	Saturday	Saturday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	
		or <i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul (Apostles)</i>	
		or <i>Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary</i>	
19	SUNDAY	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
20	Monday	Monday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	
21	Tuesday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
22	Wednesday	Saint Cecilia (Virgin and Martyr)	
23	Thursday	Thursday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	
		or <i>Saint Clement I (Pope and Martyr)</i>	
		or <i>Saint Columban (Abbot)</i>	
24	Friday	Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc (Priest) and his Companions (Martyrs)	
25	Saturday	Saturday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	
		or <i>Saint Catherine of Alexandria (Virgin and Martyr)</i>	
		or <i>Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary</i>	
26	SUNDAY	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	
27	Monday	Monday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	
28	Tuesday	Tuesday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	
29	Wednesday	Wednesday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	
30	Thursday	SAINT ANDREW (Apostle)	

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

The liturgical calendar below has been arranged in the following way:

- Sundays and Solemnities are listed in bold uppercase letters.
- Feast days and Special Days of Prayer and Penance are listed in uppercase letters.
- Obligatory Memorials and Weekdays are listed in lowercase letters
- Optional Memorials are listed in italicized lowercase letters.

Date	Day	Feast	Colour
1	Friday	Friday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	
2	Saturday	Saturday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time or <i>Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
3	SUNDAY	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B</b>	
4	Monday	Monday of the First Week of Advent or <i>Saint John Damascene (Priest and Doctor)</i>	
5	Tuesday	Tuesday of the First Week of Advent	
6	Wednesday	Wednesday of the First Week of Advent or <i>Saint Nicholas (Bishop)</i>	
7	Thursday	Saint Ambrose (Bishop and Doctor)	
8	Friday	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	
9	Saturday	Saturday of the First Week of Advent or <i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (Hermit)</i>	
10	SUNDAY	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
11	Monday	Monday of the Second Week of Advent	
12	Tuesday	Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent or <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	
13	Wednesday	Saint Lucy (Virgin and Martyr)	
14	Thursday	Saint John of the Cross (Priest and Doctor)	
15	Friday	Friday of the Second Week of Advent	

16	Saturday	Saturday of the Second Week of Advent	
17	SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
18	Monday	Mass of 18 December	
19	Tuesday	Mass of 19 December	
20	Wednesday	Mass of 20 December	
21	Thursday	Mass of 21 December	
22	Friday	Mass of 22 December	
23	Saturday	Mass of 23 December	
24	SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Morning)	
25	Monday	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)	
26	Tuesday	SAINT STEPHEN (The First Martyr)	
27	Wednesday	SAINT JOHN (Apostle and Evangelist)	
28	Thursday	THE HOLY INNOCENTS (Martyrs)	
29	Friday	Fifth Day in the Octave of the Nativity or <i>Saint Thomas Becket (Bishop and Martyr)</i>	
30	Saturday	Sixth Day in the Octave of the Nativity	
31	SUNDAY	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	

## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

November is the month of the holy souls. During this month we pray especially for those who have died and for the eternal repose of their souls. With that in mind, I thought *The Prayer for the Dead* from the website below would be a good prayer for us to pray during this month. When we pray this prayer, we can call to mind our family members and friends who have passed away and offer this prayer for them.

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,  
Your providence guides our lives,  
and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,  
their lives change but do not end.  
I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends,  
and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ, Who died and now lives,  
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,  
where all our tears are wiped away.  
Unite us together again in one family,  
to sing Your praise forever and ever.

Amen.

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1213>



## HYMN SUGGESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

### All Saints

Wednesday 1 November 2023

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
As grains of wheat		153					
At the Lamb's High Feast we sing				341			
Be not afraid	114			653	449		
Blessed are the poor in Spirit			817	456	489		
By all Your Saints still striving*				423			
Christ is the King! O friends rejoice			641	398	389		
Christians, let us love one another			648	469	206		
Church of God			652	471	480		
City of God	57			453	498		
Come to me all you who labour	37		660		228		
Eye Has Not Seen	146				466		
Father, we praise You			675				
For all the saints			679	439	551		
God is love, let heav'n adore Him				499			
Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty			712				
I have loved you	126			511	402		
I know that my Redeemer lives				144			
In honour of all the Saints							85
Lift high the Cross				537			
Like a Shepherd	160			538	467		
Mixed like weeds in wheatfields						75	

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
O Christ, the great foundation				565	483		
Priestly People			796	589			
Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven	78		789	588			
Praise the Lord, You Heav'ns, Adore Him			790	583	409		
Sing with all the saints in glory				147			
The Church's one foundation			819	614	484		
The Kingdom of God				616			

\* For the Hymn 'By all Your Saints still striving', please use only the three verses in the music score, not any of the alternative verses.

All Souls' Day  
Thursday 2 November 2023

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Abide with me		128		444			
All creatures of our God and King (especially verse 6)			618	446	395		
Amazing grace	29			450	437		
As we gather at Your Table				451			
Be not afraid	114			653	449		
Be still, my soul				142			
Because the Lord is my shepherd	66						
At last, all pow'rful Master (Canticle of Simeon)				225			
Lord God, you now have set your servant free (Canticle of Simeon)				226			
My Master, see, the time has come (Canticle of Simeon)			636	227			
Save us, Lord, while we are awake (Canticle of Simeon)				223/224			
Christ be beside me				463			
Christ is the world's Light			643	467			
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life			656				
Come to me all you who labour	37		660		228		
Come to the water (Foley)							
Eye has not seen	146				466		
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord							86
How Great Thou Art	94			577			
I Am the Bread of Life	49		718	509	204		
I have loved you	126			511	402		
I heard the voice of Jesus say	54			512	468		
I know that my Redeemer lives (Soper)		34		145			



Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
I know that my Redeemer lives (Winchester New)				144			
If we have died to ourselves in Jesus				30	87		
In faith and hope and love			722	520	442		
In the Breaking of the Bread	58						
Keep in mind	180		730	530	391		
Lord of all hopefulness			738	541			
Lord of the living				440			
Make me a channel of Your Peace		126	793	555	490		
May the choirs of angels (Sands)				157	238		
May flights of angels			164b	154	241		
May saints and angels lead you on				155			
May songs of the angels (Dufford)				156			
My soul is longing for your peace			751	559	519		
Nearer, my God, to thee		154					
Now the Green Blade Rises		131	756	363	364		
O God, our help in ages past	175		767	568	459		
O Lord, You Died that all might live				146			
On eagle's wings	153			654	452		
Praise to the Holiest in the Height			791	585	410		
Remember those, O Lord				441			
Restless is the heart					239		
Song of Farewell (Come to his/her aid)				150			
Song of Farewell (O come to meet her/him, Saints of God)				151			
Song of Farewell (Saints of God, come to his/her aid) - Duffy			162a	153	240		

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Song of Farewell (Saints of God, come to his/her aid) - O'Brien				152			
The Living God my Shepherd Is			827				
The Lord is my Shepherd	26		830	619	506		
The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not want	144		833	620	473		
Wake, Awake! For Night is Flying			853	252	282		
We Know That Christ Is Raised				343			
We walk by faith	63			641	447		
When human voices cannot sing				149	236		
Who are you who walk in sorrow				370			
Yes, I shall arise			867	648	214		
You are near	112						

Please note:

1. The hymn titles highlighted in yellow are all settings of the Canticle of Simeon. If you are going to sing a setting of this Canticle in the liturgy on All Souls' Day, please choose only one setting.

2. The hymn titles highlighted in violet are all settings of the text 'In Paradisum'. If you are going to sing a setting of this Canticle in the liturgy on All Souls' Day, please choose only one setting.

3. The hymn titles highlighted in green are all forms of the 'Song of Farewell' from the Order of Christian Funerals. If you are going to sing a setting of the 'Song of Farewell' in the liturgy on All Souls' Day, please choose only one setting.

4. No hymn suggestion is given from the book 'Hymns for the Gospels', because there are several Gospel texts given in the Lectionary for All Souls' Day, from which the celebrant may choose one.

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A  
 Sunday 5 November 2023

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
A new commandment			615	443	318		
All the earth	184		611	447	534		
As we gather at your table				451			
Christians, let us love one another			648	469	206		
Come, my way, my truth, my life			656				
Forsake me not, My Lord and God							69
For the beauty of the earth	123		678	487	427		
Forth in the peace of Christ			681	489	495		
Gift of finest wheat			685	651	191		
Give thanks to God the Father			687	492			
Grant to us, O Lord			698	291	303		
Humbly we adore Thee			709	507			
In faith and hope and love			722	520	442		
Keep in mind	180		730	530	391		
Let all mortal flesh keep silence				533	190		
Like a shepherd	160			538	467		
Lord, whose love in humble service			741	551			
Make me a channel of your peace		126	793	555	490		
My soul is longing for your peace			751	559	519		
Now thank we all our God	189		755	561	425		
O Jesus, joy of loving hearts				576			
Open my eyes	166			582			
Take up your cross				612			
The Church of Christ, in every age			818	613			

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
The summons				645	502		
The virtue of humility						132	
There is One Lord (O'Brien)				107			
There is One Lord (Taize)					346		
Unless a grain of wheat	35			635	500		
We rejoice to be God's Chosen				637			
What does the Lord require?				642			
We remember	81				446		
Where there is charity and love			863	638	323		
Word of God, Come Down on Earth				644			

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A  
 Sunday 12 November 2023

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Allow my prayer and plea							71
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	191		619	449	371		
Be Thou my vision	9		733	455			
City of God	57			453	498		
Come My Way, My Truth, My Life			656				
Festival Canticle: Worthy Is Christ				371			
For All The Saints			679	439	551		
For the healing of the nations					513		
Forth in the Peace of Christ we go			681	489	495		
How can I keep from singing?					454		
I bind unto myself today			719	510			
I want to walk as a child of the light				514			
Keep in mind	180		730	530	391		
Like a deer			274				
Lift up your hearts to the Lord				539	416		
Lift high the Cross				537			
Lord, Whose Love in humble Service			741	551			
Love divine, all loves excelling			740	552	463		
May we come to know the Lord		19					
Now Let us from This Table Rise			753	560			
O Christ, the Great Foundation				565	483		
O Jesus, joy of loving hearts				576			
Rejoice! The Lord Is King			799	377			

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Sleepers, Wake						127	
Take up your Cross				612			
The Church's One Foundation			819	614			
The Light of Christ	186		826		405		
The Voice of God			835	621	476		
Wait for the Lord				251	283		
Wake, awake for night is flying			853				
Wake, O wake, and sleep no longer					282		
Wake, awake, the night is dying!				252			
We gather here, O God		99					
When we eat this Bread	99						
Who can measure heav'n and earth?				643			
You are the Way				649			

The four hymn texts that are highlighted are different translations of the same text. Therefore, if you are going to use this hymn text, please choose one setting only.

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A  
 Sunday 19 November 2023

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
As grains of wheat		153					
Blessed Jesus, At Your Word			626	457	531		
Christ, be our Light		3		540	404		
Christ is the world's Light			643	467			
City of God	57			453	498		
Forth in the peace of Christ we go			681	489	495		
For the healing of the nations					513		
Gift of Finest Wheat			685	651	191		
God proclaims for all to hear							72
How can I keep from singing?					454		
I want to walk as a child of the light				514			
Jesus Christ is waiting		8			507		
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You				528			
Lord of All Hopefulness			738	541			
Lord of Lords, Adored by Angels						110	
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling			740	552	463		
Now let us from this Table rise			753	560			
O God of earth and space				575			
O God, our Help in Ages Past	175		767	568	459		
On this Day, the First of Days			781				
Restless is the heart					239		
Seek ye first	48			594	456		
Song for Human Rights		135		606			
The Lord is my Light (Willcock)			594	481	28		

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
The Servant Song		169		461	487		
Whatsoever you do			860				
When I needed a neighbour		136					



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A  
 Sunday 26 November 2023

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
All Creatures of Our God and King			618	446	395		
All Glory, Praise and Honour			229	303	309		
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!	191		619	449	371		
By Your Kingly Power, O Risen Lord			633	352	352		
Christ Is the World's Light			643	467			
Christ our Lord, The Prince of Ages			644	399			
Come, our Almighty King			659				
Festival Canticle: Worthy is Christ				371			
Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go			681	489	495		
Glory Be to God the Father			686		422		
Hail Redeemer, King Divine!			703	400	390		
Holy God We Praise Your Name		129	710	504	411		
Holy Father, God of Might			705	503	424		
Lift High the Cross				537			
Like a Shepherd	160			538	467		
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven	78		789	588			
Rejoice! The Lord is King			799	377			
Soul of My Saviour			811	164			
The Living God My Shepherd Is			827				
The Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want	144		833	620	473		
To Jesus Christ, our Sovereign King			847	401			
We turn our eyes to heaven						74	
Worthy the Lamb who died for us							73

## HYMN SUGGESTIONS FOR DECEMBER

First Sunday of Advent - Year B  
 Sunday 3 December 2023

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Advent Litany				253	279		
As servants working an estate						81	
Come, O Jesus, Come, O Lord			658				
Come, O long expected Jesus			657	232			
Come to set us free	39				277		
Eye has not seen	146				466		
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	174		763	242	285		
O come, Divine Messiah				240			
O God, Our Help in Ages Past	175			568	459		
Open the Heavens, Lord		163		243			
The coming of our Lord			816	248			
To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul (Haugen)			850				
To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul (Willcock)				632			
To You, O Lord, I Pray							1
Wait for the Lord				251	283		
Wake, awake for night is flying			853				
Wake, O wake, and sleep no longer					282		
Wake, awake, the night is dying!				252			
When the King Shall Come Again				249			

The three hymn texts that are highlighted are different translations of the same text. Therefore, if you are going to use this hymn text, please choose one setting only.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Year B  
 Friday 8 December 2023

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Alma Redemptoris Mater				403			
Canticle of Mary: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord (Simple Tone)				211a			
Canticle of Mary: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord (Solemn Tone)				211b			
Hail, Queen of Heaven			702	408	546		
Holy Virgin, by God's decree			714	410			
Holy light on earth's horizon				442			
Immaculate Mary, we Praise God in you			723	416	549		
In God I will rejoice							88
Joy to you, O Virgin Mary			729				
Magnificat (Tell out my soul)				213	550		
Mary Immaculate, Star of the Morning			744				
My soul rejoices				212	250		
O holy Mary	141			413			
O purest of creatures			775				
One Wedding Dress Long Put Away						10	
Servant of the Word/ O Sanctissima				414 415			
Sing of Mary, pure and lowly			808				
The Angel Gabriel from heaven came			815	247			
The Lord has done marvels for me				214			
There is nothing told				418	548		

Please note:

The hymn titles highlighted in yellow are all settings of the Canticle of Mary (The Magnificat). If you are going to sing a setting of this Canticle in the liturgy on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, please choose only one setting.

Second Sunday of Advent - Year B  
 Sunday 10 December 2023

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Advent Litany				253	279		
Behold, O Zion, God will come							2
Christ, Be Our Light		3		540	404		
Come, O Jesus, Come, O Lord			658				
Come, O long expected Jesus			657	232			
Comfort, comfort, O my people				238			
Come to set us free	39			233	277		
Eternal God who made the stars/ <i>Creator alme siderum</i>				236a/b			
Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)				277			
Hark, a herald voice is sounding				239			
Like a Shepherd	160			538	467		
My Soul in Stillness Waits				237	280		
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	174		763	242	285		
On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry			780	244			
Prepare the Way (Boniwell)			794	250	284		
Prepare the Way, O Zion (Price)				245			
Take Comfort, God's People			813				
The coming of our Lord			816	248			
The voice of God			835	621	476		
Wait for the Lord				251	283		
Wake, awake for night is flying			853				
Wake, O wake, and sleep no longer					282		

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Wake, awake, the night is dying!				252			
When John baptized by Jordan's river				284			
When the King Shall Come Again				249			

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Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*) - Year B  
 Sunday 17 December 2023

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Christ, Be Our Light		3		540	404		
Come, O Jesus, Come, O Lord			658				
Come, O long expected Jesus			657	232			
Come, rejoice in God our King							3
Come to set us free	39				277		
Comfort, comfort, O my people				238			
Eternal God who made the stars/ <i>Creator alme siderum</i>				236a/b			
Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)				277			
Hark, a herald voice is sounding				239			
My Soul in Stillness Waits				237	280		
O come, Divine Messiah				240			
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	174		763	242	285		
On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry			780	244			
Prepare the Way (Boniwell)			794	250	284		
Rejoice! The Lord is King			799	377			
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord							
The Moon with Borrowed Light						28	
The Spirit of God			832	388	185		
The Voice of God			835	621	476		
When John baptized by Jordan's river				284			
When the King Shall Come Again				249			

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B  
 Sunday 24 December 2023 (Morning Masses only)

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Come, O Jesus, Come, O Lord			658				
Come, O long expected Jesus			657	232			
Eternal God who made the stars/ <i>Creator alme siderum</i>				236a/b			
Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)				277			
Holy Virgin, By God's Decree			714	410			
Immaculate Mary, We Praise God in You			723	416			
Joy to You, O Virgin Mary			729				
My Soul in Stillness Waits				237	280		
O Come, Divine Messiah				240			
O Come, O Come Emmanuel	174		763	242	285		
O Holy Mary	141			413			
O Heavens, let the Just One come							4
Open the Heavens		163		243			
One Wedding Dress Long Put Away						10	
Saviour of the nations, come				246			
Servant of the Word				414			
Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly			808				
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came			815	247			
The Coming of our Lord			816	248			
You Heavens, Sprinkle Dew				254			



Feast of the Holy Family - Year B  
 Sunday 31 December 2023

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
A Child is born in Bethlehem			612				
Angels we have heard on high		140	622	255	286		
Away in a Manger				256	289		
Carol at the Manger				259			
For the Beauty of the Earth	123		678	487	427		
Good Christians All, Rejoice			696	261			
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	171		704	262	294		
Holy God, we praise Thy Name		129	710	504	411		
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly				263			
In Perfect Charity	142						
Joy to the World	170		728	265	295		
Of the Father's Love Begotten			779	268			
O Little Town of Bethlehem			772	266			
Once in Royal David's City			782	269	297		
Our God dwells in his holy place							9
Our Saviour's Infant Cries were heard						98	
Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly			808				
Ubi Caritas (Chant)				639	319		
Ubi Caritas (Taize)				634	324		
Unto us a Child is born!			849	273			
What Child is This (Verses 1-2)	165			275			
Where There is Charity and Love			863	638	323		

*The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* states:

In many parts of the Western world the end of the civil year is celebrated on this day. This anniversary affords an opportunity for the faithful to reflect on "the mystery of time", which passes quickly and inexorably. Such should give rise to a dual feeling: of penance and sorrow for the sins committed during the year and for the lost occasions of grace; and of thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given during the past year.

These sentiments have given rise to two pious exercises: prolonged exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, which afford an opportunity for the faithful and many religious communities for silent prayer; and the singing of the *Te Deum* as an act of community praise and thanksgiving to God for the graces received from Him as the year draws to a close.

Perhaps the easiest and most familiar metrical form of the *Te Deum* is the hymn "Holy God, we Praise Thy Name." This could be sung as the Recessional hymn at Mass on this day.

([https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc\\_con\\_ccdds\\_doc\\_20020513\\_vers-direttorio\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc_con_ccdds_doc_20020513_vers-direttorio_en.html))

# O Christ, the Living Word of God

(First Sunday of Advent - Year B)

Chris deSilva and Alessio Loiacono, Aug. 2023

ADVENTUM, 78.78 and Refrain

## Refrain

Voice

O Christ, the Liv-ing Word of God, we wait in joy-ful hope for Your

Organ

5

Voice

com-ing a-mong us. Mar-a - nath - a, Come, Lord, Je - sus.

Org.

9

## Verses

Voice

1. God sent Je - sus Christ His Son to  
2. Je - sus told us "stay a - wake" for

Org.

12

Voice

1. live a - mong us on the earth.  
2. we know not the day or hour.

Org.

14

Voice

1. Ad - vent is when we pre - pare to  
2. We a - wait in read - i - ness the

Org.

16

Voice

Final Refrain

1. cel - e - brate His ho - ly birth. O  
2. Mas-ter's knock u - pon our door.

Org.

20

Voice

Christ, the Liv-ing Word of God, we wait in joy-ful hope for Your

Org.

24

Voice

com-ing a-mong us. Mar-a - nath - a, Come, Lord, Je - sus.

Org.

# O Christ, the Living Word of God

(Second Sunday of Advent - Year B)

Chris deSilva and Alessio Loiacono, Aug. 2023

ADVENTUM, 78.78 and Refrain

## Refrain

Voice

O Christ, the Liv-ing Word of God, we wait in joy-ful hope for Your

Organ

5

Voice

com-ing a-mong us. Mar-a - nath - a, Come, Lord, Je - sus.

Org.

9

## Verses

Voice

1. In the wil - der - ness a cry: "pre -  
2. When at last the time had come, from

Org.

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12

Voice

1. pare - a high - way for the Lord;  
 2. heav - en God the Son was sent.

Org.

14

Voice

1. Crook - ed paths must be made straight, the  
 2. John the Bap - tist came be - fore bap -

Org.

16

Voice

1. hills laid low, val - leys re - stored. O  
 2. tis - ing those who would re - pent.

Org.

Final Refrain

20

Voice

Christ, the Liv-ing Word of God, we wait in joy-ful hope for Your

Org.

24

Voice

com-ing a-mong us. Mar-a - nath - a, Come, Lord, Je - sus.

Org.



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Voice

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Organ

5

Voice

com-ing a-mong us. Mar-a - nath - a, Come, Lord, Je - sus.

Org.

## Verses

9

Voice

1. In the Lord al - ways re - joice. In -  
2. God sends out His Spi - rit now, an -  
3. Bring - ing Good News to the poor and

Org.

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12

Voice

1. deed His com - ing day draws near.  
 2. nounc - ing Good News to the poor.  
 3. sight to those who can - not see.

Org.

14

Voice

1. Christ will come to save us all the  
 2. Pris - o - ners shall be set free, God's  
 3. We will be Christ to the world and

Org.

16

Voice

1. faint of heart must ne - ver fear. O  
 2. fa - vour will last ev - er - more.  
 3. free those in cap - tiv - i - ty.

1.2. 3.

Org.

Final Refrain

20

Voice

Christ, the Liv-ing Word of God, we wait in joy-ful hope for Your

Org.

24

Voice

com-ing a-mong us. Mar-a - nath - a, Come, Lord, Je - sus.

Org.

# O Christ, the Living Word of God

(Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B)

Chris deSilva and Alessio Loiacono, Aug. 2023

ADVENTUM, 78.78 and Refrain

## Refrain

Voice

O Christ, the Liv-ing Word of God, we wait in joy-ful hope for Your

Organ

Voice

5

com-ing a-mong us. Mar-a - nath - a, Come, Lord, Je - sus.

Org.

Voice

9

## Verses

1. Lord, our God, we pray to— You, may  
2. Gab - ri - el the mess - age—brought the

Org.

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12

Voice

1. you fill our hearts with your grace.  
 2. Sav - iour would be Ma - ry's Son.

Org.

14

Voice

1. We re - spond, "Yes, Lord," to You like  
 2. He will reign for ev - er - more, through

Org.

16

Voice

1. Ma - ry, Mo-ther of our race. O  
 2. Him Sal - va - tion shall be won.

Org.

20 Final Refrain

Voice

Christ, the Liv-ing Word of God, we wait in joy-ful hope for Your

Org.

24

Voice

com-ing a-mong us. Mar-a - nath - a, Come, Lord, Je - sus.

Org.

# A Hymn for Lent - Ash Wednesday (Years A, B and C)

Chris deSilva and Alessio Loiacono  
Revised September 2023

IN THIS TIME, LM 88.88 and Refrain

## Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp - ta - tion - spurn. De-

Organ

5

Voice

ny - ing self in all we do to serve Christ and our

Org.

8

Voice

neigh - bour - too.

1. In  
2. The  
3. We'll

Org.

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11

Voice

1. fast - ing, prayer and alms - giv - ing, we'll  
 2. ash that is placed on our heads re -  
 3. spend the com - ing days of Lent pre -

Org.

13

Voice

1. spend the days of this cam - paign.  
 2. minds us that we come from dust.  
 3. par - ing for the Pas - chal feast.

Org.

15

Voice

1. Turn - ing our minds to things a - bove as  
 2. Christ's Gos - pel we must make our guide to  
 3. Then we shall die and rise with Christ our

Org.



17

Voice

1. from earth's pleas - ures we ab - stain.  
 2. make our lives more pure and just.  
 3. Sav - iour and our great high priest.

Org.

19 Final Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp -

Org.

22

Voice

ta - tion spurn. De - ny - ing self in all we do to

Org.

25

Voice

Org.

serve Christ and our neigh - bour\_ too.

# A Hymn for Lent - 1st Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Chris deSilva and Alessio Loiacono  
revised September 2023

IN THIS TIME, LM 88.88 and Refrain

## Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp - ta - tion - spurn. De-

Organ

5

Voice

ny - ing self in all we do to serve Christ and our

Org.

8

Voice

neigh - bour - too.

1. In  
2. O  
3. The

Org.

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11

Voice

1. fast - ing, prayer and alms - giv - ing, we'll  
 2. Christ, You al - ways taught us that we  
 3. de - sert was where Je - sus went for

Org.

13

Voice

1. spend the days of this cam - paign.  
 2. can - not live on bread a - lone.  
 3. for - ty days to fast and pray.

Org.

15

Voice

1. Turn - ing our minds to things a - bove as  
 2. Rath - er, we must live on the word which  
 3. He asks us to re - pent from sin and

Org.

17

Voice

1. from earth's\_ pleas - ures we ab - stain.  
 2. God Him - self to us makes known.  
 3. God's com - mand-ments to o - bey.

Org.

19 Final Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp -

Org.

22

Voice

ta - tion\_ spurn. De - ny - ing self in all we do to

Org.

25

Voice

Org.

serve Christ and our neigh - bour\_ too.

# A Hymn for Lent - 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Chris deSilva and Alessio Loiacono  
Revised September 2023

IN THIS TIME, LM 88.88 and Refrain

## Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp - ta - tion - spurn. De-

Organ

5

Voice

ny - ing self in all we do to serve Christ and our

Org.

8

Voice

neigh - bour - too.

1. O  
2. "How  
3. O

Org.

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11

Voice

1. Christ, on Ho - ly Mount Ta - bor, Your  
 2. won - der - ful that we are here," to  
 3. God, You have com - mand - ed us to

Org.

13

Voice

1. glo - ry was shown to the three.  
 2. You, Lord, Pe - ter did de - clare.  
 3. lis - ten to Your On - ly Son.

Org.

15

Voice

1. "Do not tell an - y - one," You said, "till  
 2. "Here with you now may we re - joice, and  
 3. We pray Your Word will strength - en us and

Org.



17

Voice

1. I rise, all that you did see."  
2. in Your glo - ry dai - ly share."  
3. be our guide in all things done.

Org.

19 Final Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp -

Org.

22

Voice

ta - tion spurn. De - ny - ing self in all we do to

Org.

25

Voice

Org.

serve Christ and our neigh - bour\_ too.

# A Hymn for Lent - 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Chris deSilva and Alessio Loiacono  
Revised September 2023

IN THIS TIME, LM 88.88 and Refrain

## Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp - ta - tion - spurn. De-

Organ

5

Voice

ny - ing self in all we do to serve Christ and our

Org.

8

Voice

neigh - bour - too.

1. In  
2. God  
3. The

Org.

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11

Voice

1. fast - ing, prayer and alms - giv - ing, we'll  
 2. spoke to Mo - ses, giv - ing him com -  
 3. mon - ey chang - ers had de - filed the

Org.

13

Voice

1. spend the days of this cam - paign.  
 2. mand - ments to keep us from sin.  
 3. Tem - ple's ho - ly, sac - red space.

Org.

15

Voice

1. Turn - ing our minds to things a - bove as  
 2. They will guide us to right - eous - ness e -  
 3. Christ drove them out in right - eous rage to

Org.

17

Voice

1. from earth's pleas - ures we ab - stain.  
 2. ter - nal life we now can win.  
 3. end the on - go - ing dis - grace.

Org.

19 Final Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp -

Org.

22

Voice

ta - tion spurn. De - ny - ing self in all we do to

Org.

25

Voice

Org.

serve Christ and our neigh - bour\_ too.

# A Hymn for Lent - 4th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Chris deSilva and Alessio Loiacono,  
Revised September 2023

IN THIS TIME, LM 88.88 and Refrain

## Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp - ta - tion - spurn. De-

Organ

5

Voice

ny - ing self in all we do to serve Christ and our

Org.

8

Voice

neigh - bour - too.

1. In  
2. Re -  
3. O

Org.

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11

Voice

1. fast - ing, prayer and alms - giv - ing we'll  
2. joice, re - joice, Je - rus - a - lem be  
3. God you loved the world so much You

Org.

13

Voice

1. spend the days of this cam - paign.  
2. joy - ful, all who mourn and weep.  
3. gave us Christ, Your on - ly Son.

Org.

15

Voice

1. Turn - ing our minds to things a - bove as  
2. Now is the time when we re - joice, while  
3. If we be - lieve in Christ Your Son, e -

Org.



17

Voice

1. from earth's pleas - ures we ab - stain.  
 2. we our Lent - en fast - ing keep.  
 3. ter - nal life for us is won.

Org.

19 Final Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp -

Org.

22

Voice

ta - tion spurn. De - ny - ing self in all we do to

Org.

25

Voice

Org.

serve Christ and our neigh - bour\_ too.

# A Hymn for Lent - 5th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Chris deSilva and Alessio Loiacono,  
Revised September 2023

IN THIS TIME, LM 88.88 and Refrain

## Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp - ta - tion - spurn. De-

Organ

5

Voice

ny - ing self in all we do to serve Christ and our

Org.

8

Voice

neigh - bour - too.

1. In  
2. "With -  
3. Each

Org.

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11

Voice

1. fast - ing, prayer and alms - giv - ing, we'll  
 2. in you I will plant my Law and  
 3. day we must die to our - selves, like

Org.

13

Voice

1. spend the days of this cam - paign.  
 2. I will write it on your heart."  
 3. grain that falls up - on the ground.

Org.

15

Voice

1. Turn - ing our minds to things a - bove as  
 2. This is what You have done, O Lord, so  
 3. Dy - ing to self in all we do, to

Org.

17

Voice

1. from earth's\_ pleas - ures we ab - stain.  
 2. from Your\_ ways we'll nev - er part.  
 3. Christ we\_ will al - ways be bound.

Org.

19 Final Refrain

Voice

In this time of Lent we now turn a - way from sin, temp -

Org.

22

Voice

ta - tion\_ spurn. De - ny - ing self in all we do to

Org.

25

Voice

Org.

serve Christ and our neigh - bour\_ too.

## ABBREVIATIONS AND WEBSITES

AOV1	As One Voice (Volume 1)
AOV2	As One Voice (Volume 2)
CWB	Catholic Worship Book (out of print)
CWBII	Catholic Worship Book II
GA	Gather Australia (out of print)
HG	Hymns for the Gospels (available from <a href="http://www.giamusic.com">www.giamusic.com</a> )
IH	Introit Hymns for the Church's Year (available from <a href="http://www.giamusic.com">www.giamusic.com</a> )

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