



The Musician's Monthly

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INTRODUCTION

By the time this Newsletter is published we will be about to begin the new liturgical Year – Year B for the Sunday cycle and Year II for the weekday cycle. As we begin another liturgical year with the Season of Advent (hence the violet borders in this Newsletter) and prepare for Christmas, we can spend some time in thanksgiving to God for the blessings we have received this year and also pray for those who have not been so fortunate. Part of being ready for Christmas is attending to the needs of others including praying for them as well.

Very soon, we will have completed the Advent Season and will be celebrating the birth of Jesus. This year the Christmas Season is a very short one. It will end with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday 8 January 2024. Christmas Carols can continue to be sung during the Christmas Season beyond Christmas Day itself.

Resources for Advent and Christmas Time

Therefore, as we celebrate the Advent and Christmas Seasons, this Newsletter is full of practical resources to help people practise our Catholic faith at home as well as in the liturgy. These resources will also help people celebrate the Advent and Christmas Season in their homes.

I have repeated the blessing for the Advent Wreath, which I published in last month's Newsletter, just in case you may not have had the opportunity to set up and bless the Advent wreath in your home. (See page 8.)

I have also included a blessing of a Nativity Scene or Manger which can be used in Church or at home (see page 9), and the texts of the Christmas Proclamation (see page 12), and the Epiphany Proclamation (The Announcement of Easter and the Movable Feasts, see page 14). There is also a blessing of the home and household for the Epiphany. (See page 16.)

Some more information about each of these resources and their texts are given in the Additional Resources section of this Newsletter.

With all these extra resources for Advent and Christmas, the number of pages in this Newsletter is greater than usual. So I am temporarily suspending my reflections on *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. They will resume in the February edition of the Newsletter.

Music Selections

As I have done for the last few months, I have included the music selections for the current month and the next month. Since there will be no Newsletter during January, I have included music selections for the three months of December, January and February. The December music selections include suggestions for the Sundays of Advent as well as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Friday 8 December) and the Feast of the Holy Family, which will be celebrated on Sunday 31 December this year. I haven't included music suggestions for Christmas Day. The various hymnals (including CWB II) do that extremely well. The music selections for January include the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Monday 1 January – the Octave Day of Christmas).

I have also included suggestions for the other Sundays during January and Australia Day which is a feast day on the liturgical calendar. The liturgy on Australia Day should be celebrated with music, helping us pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received in this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

There are two points that I would like to draw attention to regarding music for the Feast of the Holy Family and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is customary at the end of the year to give thanks to God for the blessings we have received throughout the year. In schools and other agencies they may have a Mass to mark the end of the school or work year. One way of giving thanks to God on New Year's Eve is to sing the *Te Deum Laudamus*. This text was written by Saint Ambrose and Saint Augustine. It has been translated and metricized with the text "Holy God, we Praise Thy Name". A further explanation about singing the hymn *Te Deum Laudamus* on New Year's Eve from the Vatican Document *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* is given on page 35.

At the start of the year it is customary for us to invoke the help of the Holy Spirit in all that we do for that coming year, particularly with important decisions that we need to make. One way of invoking the Holy Spirit at the start of the year is to sing the hymn *Veni Creator Spiritus*. This hymn text has also been translated into English as: "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Come." A further explanation about singing the hymn *Veni Creator Spiritus* on New Year's Day from the Vatican Document *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* is given on page 37.

Word of God Sunday

The Australian Catholic Bishops have declared that the First Sunday in February is Word of God Sunday. For this Sunday (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B - Sunday 4 February 2024), I have included suggestions that match the Lectionary Readings of the Day as well as

suggestions that match the theme of Word of God Sunday. The suggestions for Word of God Sunday are highlighted in yellow. Setting aside a Sunday as the “Word of God” Sunday is intended to encourage the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. One of the modes of Christ’s presence in the liturgy is in the Scripture Readings. As musicians, perhaps the setting aside of such a Sunday will help to remind us that choosing music that ties in with the Scripture Readings of the day is one of the considerations that needs to be taken into account when selecting and preparing music for the liturgy. I have included some musical suggestions that focus on the Word of God to help parishes celebrate the importance of the Word of God, not only in the liturgy, but also in our everyday lives.

Project Compassion Sunday and Lent

At the moment we are preparing for Advent and Christmas, but before February finishes, we will be into the Season of Lent, with Ash Wednesday falling on Wednesday 14 February 2024 and the First Sunday of Lent falling on Sunday 18 February 2024. I have included music suggestions for Ash Wednesday, the First Sunday of Lent and the Second Sunday of Lent (see pages 49-53). The Sunday before Ash Wednesday is Project Compassion Sunday and as such the hymn ‘The Church of Christ, in every age’ is included in the Music Suggestions list to highlight what Project Compassions calls us as Catholics to do during Lent. The Sunday before Ash Wednesday is the last Sunday we sing Alleluia until the Easter Vigil. There is no Alleluia at all during Lent in any texts (including hymns). The Gospel Acclamation is replaced with one of the four alternative acclamations included in the *Lectionary*. Suggested Gospel Acclamations are given in the music selections for Lent. Since there is no Alleluia during Lent, the Recessional Hymn on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B (Sunday 11 February 2024) is a good opportunity to farewell the Alleluia with either “All Creatures of Our God and King”, “All you nations sing out your joy to the Lord” or ‘Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (see pages 47-48).

Speaking of Lent, as part of the hymn texts for feast days and seasons which Chris and I have prepared, we are offering hymns for the Season of Lent from Ash Wednesday through to the Fifth Sunday of Lent. There is a common verse included in each text as well as verses specifically for Ash Wednesday and each of the Sundays of Lent. Please see pages 54-77 for these hymns.

Workshops 2024

In this Newsletter you will find a draft list of the proposed workshops from February to June 2024 (see page 5). At this stage the plan is for them to go ahead. If there are any changes they will be announced ahead of time. If you would like us to come out to your parish to run a workshop on particular aspects relating to liturgical music please let us know and we will be happy to come out and teach you and your musicians. (Our contact details are on page 78.) In the workshops section, in addition to a draft list of the workshops for the first half of 2024, you will also see the flyers for the workshops on The *Exsultet* during February (see pages 6-7).

Conclusion

On behalf of everyone at the Centre for Liturgy, I would like to wish you God's peace, joy and blessings for Christmas and the year ahead. May 2024 be a year where we rise from those things which have challenged us greatly throughout 2023 and one where through our service as music ministers in the liturgy we will help people pray and draw closer to the Lord. I hope after your Christmas liturgies you will be able to enjoy some down time so that you can recharge your batteries to serve the Lord and His people again next year.

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WORKSHOPS FEBRUARY 2024 – JUNE 2024

The workshops planned for February to June 2024 are as follows:

1. The Easter Proclamation (The *Exsultet*)

- Friday 23 February
- Thursday 29 February (repeat workshop)

2. Clergy workshops

Week 1 - Friday 16 February: Basic Music Reading, Dialogue responses and General Intercessions and the dialogue for the Showing of the Cross on Good Friday.

Week 2 – Friday 23 February: **The *Exsultet* (The Easter Proclamation)**

Week 3 – Friday 1 March: Orations, Prefaces, Consecration for the Eucharistic Prayer and the Ordinary of the Mass from The Missal (Kyrie, Gloria, Holy, Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Doxology with Great Amen, Lord’s Prayer and Lamb of God.

3. Music Reading Course – Part I

- Thursday 2 May
- Thursday 9 May
- Thursday 16 May

4. Psalmist Training Course

- Thursday 30 May
- Thursday 6 June
- Thursday 13 June
- Thursday 27 June

Please visit our website for further details of these workshops and to register:
liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au



CENTRE FOR LITURGY – Archdiocese of Perth

Music Workshop

The Easter Proclamation

DATE & TIME: FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2024, 10:30AM-12 NOON
LOCATION: IN PERSON – CENTRE FOR LITURGY
28 MARDA WAY, NOLLAMARA

This workshop will teach participants how to sing The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet). Participants will be given copies of the music from The Roman Missal to take with them.

This workshop will be offered only in person at the Centre for Liturgy with a maximum of 8 participants. Please note that a minimum of 5 people will be required to register for this workshop to be presented.

Participants will need to register by the closing date **Friday 16 February 2024** so that materials can be prepared for them.

This workshop will be offered free of charge.

Please fill in and return your registration form to the Centre for Liturgy by:
Telephone: 9207 3350 or by email: registrations.cfl@perthcatholic.org.au
by **Friday 16 February 2024**. Thank you.

PARTICIPANT'S DETAILS	
Title	
Christian Name	
Surname	
Contact Number	
Email Address	
Number Attending	
Parish Name and Suburb	



CENTRE FOR LITURGY – Archdiocese of Perth
Music Workshop
The Easter Proclamation
(Repeat workshop)

DATE & TIME: THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2024, 7PM-8:30PM
LOCATION: IN PERSON – CENTRE FOR LITURGY
28 MARDA WAY, NOLLAMARA

This workshop will teach participants how to sing The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet). Participants will be given copies of the music from The Roman Missal to take with them.

This workshop will be offered only in person at the Centre for Liturgy with a maximum of 8 participants. Please note that a minimum of 5 people will be required to register for this workshop to be presented.

This workshop is a repeat of the workshop to be held on Friday 23 February 2024.

Participants will need to register by the closing date (**Thursday 22 February 2024**) so that materials can be prepared for them.

This workshop will be offered free of charge.

Please fill in and return your registration form to the Centre for Liturgy by:
Telephone: 9207 3350 or by email: registrations.cfl@perthcatholic.org.au
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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>

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS MANGER OR NATIVITY SCENE

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve in 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

The following text of the Blessing has been downloaded from
<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-christmas-manger-or-nativity-scene>

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS MANGER OR NATIVITY SCENE

All make the sign of the cross.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1-8 or Isaiah 7:10-15.

Luke 2:1-8

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



-OR-

Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said,

'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself
coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.'

'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Saviour was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

(The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ from The Roman Martyrology)

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.

The text below can be downloaded from <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/christmas/christmas-proclamation>

The music for the Christmas Proclamation can be found at <https://npm.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Nativity.pdf>

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.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVABLE FEASTS

I have included some background information on the Epiphany Proclamation, also known as The Announcement of Easter and the Movable Feasts which is sung before the homily on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The information below could be included in parish newsletters to help people understand the purpose of the Proclamation.

The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other movable feasts on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, after the proclamation of the Gospel, the priest, Deacon or cantor, in keeping with this ancient custom in the Church, announces from the ambo the movable feasts of the current liturgical year according to the text printed below, which can be downloaded from

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/christmas/announcement-of-easter-and-the-moveable-feasts>

The music score can be downloaded from

<http://www.icelweb.org/musicfolder/EasterAnnouncement.pdf>

Each year the proper dates for Ash Wednesday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and the First Sunday of Advent must be inserted into the text. I have included these specific dates for 2024 in the text below.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVABLE FEASTS

Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters),

that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,

so by leave of God's mercy

we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,

who is our Saviour.

On the fourteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the thirty-first day of March you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twelfth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the nineteenth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the second day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the first day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.



BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY

The following text can be downloaded from

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany>

The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The leader greets those present in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us.

It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love.

May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-10:

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town
when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance:

he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man.

He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was,

but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree

to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way.

When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him:

'Zacchaeus, come down.

Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.'

And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully.

They all complained when they saw what was happening.

'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said.

But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord,

'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor,

and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.'

And Jesus said to him,

'Today salvation has come to this house,

because this man too is a son of Abraham;

for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us.

With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family:

remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head,

but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends:

grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you

in praise and adoration:

grant that those living in this house

may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader then says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth,

you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation

by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,

that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,

keep us from all harm,

and make us one in mind and heart,

now and forever.

R/. Amen.

The blessing can end with a Christmas Carol, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR 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	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
9	Saturday	Saturday of the First Week of Advent or <i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (Hermit)</i>	
10	SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
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	

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

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- Obligatory Memorials and Weekdays are listed in lowercase letters
- Optional Memorials are listed in italicized lowercase letters.

Date	Day	Feast	Colour
1	Monday	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord)	
2	Tuesday	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (Bishops and Doctors)	
3	Wednesday	Wednesday before the Epiphany or <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	
4	Thursday	Thursday before the Epiphany	
5	Friday	Friday before the Epiphany	
6	Saturday	Saturday before the Epiphany	
7	SUNDAY	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
8	Monday	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
9	Tuesday	Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time (Year II)	
10	Wednesday	Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time	
11	Thursday	Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time	
12	Friday	Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time	
13	Saturday	Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time or <i>Saint Hilary of Poitiers (Bishop and Doctor)</i> or <i>Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
14	SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B	
15	Monday	Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time	
16	Tuesday	Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time	

17	Wednesday	Saint Anthony (Abbot)	
18	Thursday	Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time	
19	Friday	Friday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time	
20	Saturday	Saturday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time	
		or <i>Saint Fabian (Pope and Martyr)</i>	
		or <i>Saint Sebastian (Martyr)</i>	
		or <i>Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
21	SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
22	Monday	Monday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time	
		or <i>Saint Vincent (Deacon and Martyr)</i>	
23	Tuesday	Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time	
24	Wednesday	Saint Francis de Sales (Bishop and Doctor)	
25	Thursday	THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL (Apostle)	
26	Friday	AUSTRALIA DAY	
27	Saturday	Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time	
		or <i>Saints Timothy and Titus (Bishops)</i>	
		or <i>Saint Angela Merici (Virgin)</i>	
		or <i>Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
28	SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
29	Monday	Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	
30	Tuesday	Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	
31	Wednesday	Saint John Bosco (Priest)	

LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

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

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Date	Day	Feast	Colour
1	Thursday	Thursday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	
2	Friday	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	
3	Saturday	Friday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	
		or <i>Saint Blaise (Bishop and Martyr)</i>	
		or <i>Saint Ansgar (Bishop)</i>	
		or <i>Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary</i>	
4	SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (WORD OF GOD SUNDAY)	
5	Monday	Saint Agatha (Virgin and Martyr)	
6	Tuesday	Saint Paul Miki and Companions (Martyrs)	
7	Wednesday	Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	
8	Thursday	Thursday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	
		or <i>Saint Jerome Emiliani</i>	
		or <i>Saint Josephine Bakita</i>	
9	Friday	Friday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	
10	Saturday	Saint Scholastica	
11	SUNDAY	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
12	Monday	Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time	
13	Tuesday	Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time	

14	Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY (<i>Fast and abstinence</i>)	
15	Thursday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	
16	Friday	Friday after Ash Wednesday	
17	Saturday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday <i>Commemoration of The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	
18	SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
19	Monday	Monday of the First Week of Lent	
20	Tuesday	Tuesday of the First Week of Lent	
21	Wednesday	Wednesday of the First Week of Lent <i>Commemoration of Saint Peter Damian (Bishop and Doctor)</i>	
22	Thursday	THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER	
23	Thursday	Friday of the First Week of Lent <i>Commemoration of Saint Polycarp (Bishop and Martyr)</i>	
24	Saturday	Saturday of the First Week of Lent	
25	SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
26	Monday	Monday of the Second Week of Lent	
27	Tuesday	Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent <i>Saint Gregory of Narek (Abbot and Doctor)</i>	
28	Wednesday	Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent	
29	Thursday	Thursday of the Second Week of Lent	

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

To help us prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas, I have included A Prayer for Advent, which is the Collect for the Monday of the First Week of Advent.

**Keep us alert, O Lord our God,
as we await the advent of Christ your Son,
so that, when he comes and knocks,
he may find us watchful in prayer
and exultant in his praise.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.**



A Christmas Eve Prayer From Lunar Orbit December 24, 1968

“Give us, O God, The Vision
which can see Your love in the world
in spite of human failure.

“Give us the Faith, the trust, the goodness
in spite of our ignorance and weakness.

“Give us the knowledge
that we may continue to pray
with understanding hearts,
and show us what each one of us
can do to set forth
the coming of the day
of universal peace. Amen. “

Frank Borman

The astronauts of Apollo 8 (the first manned mission to the moon) entered orbit around the moon on Christmas Eve, 1968. While circling the moon, the three astronauts hosted a live telecast in which all three read from Genesis 1 and then Frank Borman delivered a special Christmas greeting. You can watch this telecast on YouTube.

<https://wallbuilders.com/christmas-prayer-lunar-orbit/>

PRAYER FOR ORDINARY TIME (JANUARY)

As we leave the Christmas Season behind and return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar and also back to our routines after our Christmas celebrations and begin a new year of work, Saint Ignatius of Loyola's (1491-1556) Suscipe is a good prayer for us to pray and meditate upon the meaning of the words. Hopefully, these words will inspire us and guide us throughout 2024, so that we can be thankful for everything the Lord has given us and return it to him with gratitude as well.

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.

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			

Please note:

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

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		
Wake, awake, the night is dying!				252			
When John baptized by Jordan's river				284			
When the King Shall Come Again				249			

Please note:

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.

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		
Prepare the Way, O Zion (Price)				245			
Rejoice! The Lord is King			799	377			
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord				213	550		
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 Laudamus* as an act of community praise and thanksgiving to God for the graces received from Him as the year draws to a close.

(https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc_con_ccdds_doc_20020513_vers-direttorio_en.html)

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

HYMN SUGGESTIONS FOR JANUARY

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday 1 January 2024

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Angels we have heard on high		140	622	255	286		
Canticle of Mary			606				
Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Come			654	382	376		
Good Christians All, Rejoice			696	261			
Hail, Holy Mother of the universe							10
Hail, Holy Mother of the world							90
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	171		704	262	294		
Holy Virgin, By God's Decree			714	410			
Immaculate Mary, We Praise God in You			723	416	549		
Joy to you, O Virgin Mary			729				
Mary, crowned with living light			742				
May God bless and keep you	177			216b	441		
My soul rejoices				212	250		
O Come, all ye faithful	167		760	267	287		
O Holy Mary	141			413			
O Purest of Creatures			775				
Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly			808				
Tell out my soul				213	550		
The Angel Gabriel from heaven came			815	247			
There is nothing told				418	548		
Veni Creator Spiritus			851	390	373		
What Child is This? (Verses 1 and 2)	165			275			

The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy states:

In the West, 1 January is an inaugural day marking the beginning of the civil year. The faithful are also involved in the celebrations for the beginning of the new year and exchange "new year" greetings. However, they should try to lend a Christian understanding to this custom making of these greetings an expression of popular piety. The faithful, naturally, realise that the "new year" is placed under the patronage of the Lord, and in exchanging new year greetings they implicitly and explicitly place the New Year under the Lord's dominion, since to him belongs all time (cf. Ap 1, 8; 22,13) (128).

A connection between this consciousness and the popular custom of singing the *Veni Creator Spiritus* can easily be made so that on 1 January the faithful can pray that the Spirit may direct their thoughts and actions, and those of the community during the course of the year (129).

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc_con_ccdds_doc_20020513_vers-direttorio_en.html#Chapter%20Four

So you can sing the English translation "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Come", or the Latin text "Veni Creator Spiritus", which have been highlighted in the table. The singing of this hymn would best be done as the Recessional Hymn on 1 January.

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B
Sunday 7 January 2024

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
A Child is Born in Bethlehem			612				
All the ends of the earth	76				420		
Behold, the Sovereign Lord is nigh							12
Earth Has Many a Noble City			669	276			
Famed though the world's great cities be						119	
Good Christians All, Rejoice			696	261			
Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Verses 1, 2, 4 and 5)				277			
Joy to the World	170		728	265	295		
O Come, All Ye Faithful	167		760	267	287		
Of the Father's Love Begotten			779	268			
Song for Epiphany				278	300		
Songs of thankfulness and praise				279			
The First Nowell (<i>Especially verses 3 and 5.</i>)	169		822	280	298		
We Three Kings of Orient Are				281	299		
What Child Is This?	165			275			

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
Sunday 14 January 2024

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
All you nations, sing out your joy			616	347	353		
Be not afraid	114			653	420		
Be Thou My Vision	9		733	455			
Blessed Jesus, at Your Word			626	457	531		
Church of God			652	471	480		
Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go			681	489	495		
God gives His people strength			691				
Here I am, Lord	90			518	496		
I have loved you	126			511	402		
I heard the voice of Jesus say	54			512	468		
Jesus calls us here to meet Him				524	529		
Let all the earth praise You, O Lord							36
Lord to whom shall we go?	6			549	189		
Now let us from this Table rise			753	560			
One Bread, One Body	129			579	193		
O Christ, the Great Foundation				565	483		
Praise the Lord, You Heaven's Adore Him			790	583	409		
Praise to the Lord		132	792	586			

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Sing of Andrew, John's Disciple						77	
The Church's One Foundation			819	614	484		
The Summons				645	502		
There is a longing				82			
This is my will			842	626	465		
We live and love your word				571			

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
Sunday 21 January 2024

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Amazing grace	29			450	437		
A new heart for a new world	158			477	438		
As we gather at Your Table				451			
Be not afraid	114			653	420		
Forgive our sins			680	120			
Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go			681	489	495		
Glory and praise to our God	16			491	417		
Grant to us, O Lord			698	291	303		
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You				528			
Lord, you give the great commission				308	313		
O God, Your People Gather			768	574			
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	78		789	588			
Praise to You, O Christ, Our Saviour	28			587	407		
Send us as your blessing, Lord	181						
Sing a new song to the Lord		76		600			
Take the Word of God				607	494		
The Kingdom of God				616			
The Lord Observed Two Fishermen							37
The Spirit of God			832	388	185		
The summons				645	502		
The voice of God			835	621	476		
Word of God, Come Down on Earth				644			

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
You walk along our shoreline				652		35	

Australia Day**Friday 26 January 2024**

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
A Blessing Hymn for Australia				655			
Advance Australia Fair				656			
Christ, Our Lord, the Prince of Ages			644	399			
Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, Come			654	382	376		
God of Peace		138		546	553		
Help of Christians, Guard this Land			711	429			
Lord of Earth and all Creation				545	554		
Make me a channel of your peace		126	793	555	490		
Mixed like weeds in wheatfields						75	
Now thank we all our God	189		755	561	425		
The Beatitudes (Kearney)			817	456	489		
The Beatitudes (Russian Orthodox Chant)				563			
Veni, Creator Spiritus			851	390	373		

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
Sunday 28 January 2024

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
All the ends of the earth	76				420		
Blessed Jesus, at Your Word			626	457	531		
Christ is the World's Light			643	467			
Christians, Lift up your hearts				355			
Jesus Christ is waiting		8			507		
Let searching hearts rejoice in God							39
Lord to whom shall we go?	6			549	189		
My soul in stillness waits				237	280		
O God, Your People Gather			768	574			
O God you search me		31		572			
Praise the Lord, you heav'ns adore him			790	583	409		
Praise the One who breaks the darkness				584			
Praise to the Lord		132	792	586			
Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour	28			587	407		
Rejoice the Lord Is King			799	377			
Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit						152	
Sing a new song to the Lord		76		600			
The Beatitudes (Kearney)			817	456	489		
The Beatitudes (Russian Orthodox Chant)				563			
The light of Christ	186		826		405		
The Voice of God			835	621	476		
We remember	81				446		

HYMN SUGGESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B (*Word of God Sunday*)

Sunday 4 February 2024

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Blessed Jesus, at Your Word			626	457	531		
Bow down before the Lord							40
Christ, be our Light		3		540	404		
Come down, O Love Divine	118		653	381	375		
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life			656				
Eye has not seen	146				466		
Father of Mercy, God of Consolation			670				
Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go			681	489	495		
Go now and listen to the word of God				90			
God has spoken by his prophets				597			
Go to the World!				496			
Great God of Mercy				126			
Holy Father, God of Might			705	503	424		
Lord, whose love in humble service			741	551			
Lord, You Give the Great Commission				308	313		
May the Word of God strengthen you				88			
Now let us from this Table rise			753	560			
O Christ, the Healer			759	127		33	

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
O come and sing to God, the Lord			761	175			
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts				576			
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	78		789	588			
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness				584			
Praise to You, O Christ, our Saviour	28			587	407		
Take the Word of God				607	494		
The Church of Christ, in every age			818	613			
The Cry of the Poor	83			618	36		
The Living God My Shepherd Is			827				
The Servant Song		169		461	487		
The Spirit of God			832	388	185		
The Voice of God			835	621	476		
We Remember	81				446		
Word of God, come down on earth				644			
Word of God, renew your people				83			
Your hands, O Lord, in days of old				129			

Please note:

I have included suggestions that match the Lectionary Readings of the Day as well as suggestions that match the theme of Word of God Sunday. The suggestions for Word of God Sunday are highlighted in yellow.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B (Project Compassion Sunday)

Sunday 11 February 2024

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
All Creatures of Our God and King			618	446	395		
All you nations, sing out your joy to the Lord			616	347	353		
Amazing Grace	29			450	437		
As we gather at Your Table				451			
Be my protecting, saving God							41
Eye Has Not Seen	146				466		
Forgive our sins			680	120			
Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go			681	489			
God is Love, let Heaven adore Him				499			
Lift up your hearts to the Lord				539	416		
Lord Whose Love in Humble Service			741	551			
O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God			758	564			
O Christ, the Healer we have come			759	127		33	
O God, beyond all praising				566			
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	78		789	588			
The Church of Christ, in every age			818	613			
The Summons				645	502		
Trust in God, hope in God				128			
We give God thanks for those who knew						128	
What does the Lord require?				642			
Your Hands, O Lord, in days of old				129			

Please note:

The three highlighted hymns are suitable for the Recessional Hymn on this Sunday to farewell the Alleluia before Lent.

The hymn “The Church of Christ, in every age” is suitable to sing on this Sunday as Project Compassion is launched on this day.

Ash Wednesday - Year B
Wednesday 14 February 2024

Suggested Gospel Acclamation: CWBII #58

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Again we keep this solemn fast				285		158	
Ashes		16			209		
Be reconciled as one	162						
Bring us back to you, O Lord our God			629	287			
Create in me a clean heart, O God				478	40		
Forgive our sins			680	120			
Forty days and forty nights				288			
From ashes to the living font				289			
God of mercy and compassion			692	290	302		
Grant to us, O Lord			698	291	303		
Great God of Mercy				126			
Hear us, almighty Lord <i>(Attende Domine)</i>				292			
Hosea <i>(Come back to Me)</i>	30		715		213		
Lord Jesus, as we turn from sin				294			
May this Lenten Discipline			746	295			
O Father, I know I can count on Your Mercy			762	122			
O Lord, Your Mercy does extend							14
O Sun of Justice				178/179	2		
Return to God				298	304		
Spare Your people, Lord / <i>Parce Domine</i>				299			
The Glory of These Forty Days			825	301			

First Sunday of Lent - Year B
Sunday 18 February 2024

Suggested Gospel Acclamation: CWBII #54

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Again we keep this solemn fast				285			
Ashes		16			209		
Be not afraid	114			653	449		
Be with me, Lord (Cox)					52		
Be with me, Lord (Haugen)			627	286	53		
Be with me, Lord (Joncas)	116						
Blest be the Lord	179				458		
Father of Mercy, God of Consolation			670				
Forty days and forty nights				288			
From ashes to the living font				289			
God of mercy and compassion			692	290	302		
Grant to us, O Lord			698	291	303		
Hear us, almighty Lord <i>(Attende Domine)</i>				292			
I am the Bread of Life	49		718	509	204		
Lord Jesus, as we Turn from Sin			735	294			
May this Lenten Discipline			746	295			
My Song is Love Unknown				325			
O God, Creator of Us All			764	296			
O Sun of Justice, fill our hearts				178/179	2		
On Eagle's Wings	153			654	452		
Praise to You, O Christ, Our Saviour	28			587	407		

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
Return to God				298	304		
Take up Your Cross				612			
The Glory of These Forty Days			825	301			
The Kingdom of God				616		2	
Tree of Life				300	307		
When they call in tribulation							15

Second Sunday of Lent - Year B

Sunday 25 February 2024

Suggested Gospel Acclamations: CWBII #54; CWBII #55

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
All that is hidden	127						
Be Thou My Vision	9		733	455			
Christ is the World's Light			643	467			
Eye Has Not Seen	146				466		
From ashes to the living font				289			
God, Your Glory we have seen in Your Son			695				
Great God of Mercy				126			
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty			712				
My heart declared to You, O Lord							16
O God eyond all praising				566			
O Sun of Justice, fill our hearts				178/179	2		
O Raise your eyes and see				434			
Open my eyes	166			582			
Praise to You, O Christ, our Saviour	28			587	407		
Seek, O seek the Lord			802	595	211		
The Glory of These Forty Days			825	301			
The Lord is my light (Willcock)		73	594	481	28		

Title	AOV1	AOV2	CWB	CWBII	GA	HG	IH
There's a wideness in God's mercy			838	624			
Transform us as you, transfigured						149	
Tis good, Lord to be here				435			
Tree of Life				300	307		
We Remember	81				446		
Word of God, Come Down on Earth				644			

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

serve Christ and our neigh - bour_ too.

Org.

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for a voice and organ. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 4/4, with the first two measures marked as 2/4. The voice part begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are 'serve Christ and our neigh - bour_ too.' The organ part is written for both hands, with a treble and bass clef. The organ accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, supporting the vocal melody.

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

Chris deSilva and Alessio Loiacono
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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)

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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)

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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)

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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

serve Christ and our neigh - bour_ too.

Org.

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 www.giamusic.com)

IH Introit Hymns for the Church's Year (available from www.giamusic.com)

GIA Publications – www.giamusic.com

Oregon Catholic Press - www.ocp.org

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