

Music Recommendations
Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A
 Sunday 21 December 2025

The following reading references, psalm responses, antiphons and music recommendations are provided to assist music coordinators in preparing for their particular parish community Mass.

Readings

1st Reading

Is 7:10-14

The virgin will conceive.

Responsorial Psalm [PAT2-24]

Ps 23 (24):1-6. R. cf. 7 and 10

Let the Lord enter;
 he is king of glory.

2nd Reading

Rom 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

Gospel Acclamation [GA-v5]

Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
 his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
 Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

Antiphons

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
 and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
 let the earth be opened and bring forth a
 Saviour.

Offertory Antiphon (Graduale Romanum)

Lk 1:28

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
 Blessed are you among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Communion Antiphon

Is 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
 and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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Song

Relevance © Resource Reference

Entrance
Penitential Act
Sprinkling Rite
Glory to God
Responsorial Psalm
Gospel Acclamation
Offerory
Holy Holy Holy
Memorial Acclamation
Amen
Our Father
Lamb of God
Communion
Song of Praise
Sending Forth

Advent litany (Word of justice)

L CWBII-253 GA-279 LC-8

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Advent song (Gather in hope)

L GA-281

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Alleluia (Glendalough Mass)

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* Alleluia (Mass of Glory and Praise)

A L CWBII-25c MGP-3 MPS-7 GOS-1

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* Alleluia (Mass of the Saints)

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* Alleluia (Mode II)

A L GOS-4

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Alma redemptoris mater

G CWBII-403

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Amen (Chant)

P CWBII-13 CHANT-7

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Amen (Glendalough Mass)

L GLEN-8

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Amen (Mass of Glory and Praise)

L CWBII-25j MGP-9 MPS-17

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Amen (Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians)

CWBII-23e MOLHC-5

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Amen (Mass of the Saints)

L MPS-43

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Behold, a rose e'er blooming

1 G P CWBII-258

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Behold, a rose is growing

1 G TiS-294

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Bread of life, hope of the world

L CWBII-459 AOV1-164 GA-199 LC-25

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Come to set us free

L CWBII-233 AOV1-39 GA-277

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Come, Lord Jesus, come

G L C CWBII-234 LC-34

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Come, O Jesus, come, O Lord

L CWB-658 NLP-46

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Come, O long expected Jesus

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Emmanuel

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Emmanuel (Together in this place of worship)

1 C AOVNG-40

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Sending Forth
Song of Praise
Communion
Lamb of God
Our Father
Amen
Memorial Acclamation
Holy Holy Holy
Offertory
Gospel Acclamation
Responsorial Psalm
Glory to God
Sprinkling Rite
Penitential Act
Entrance

Song

Relevance © Resource Reference

Eternal God who made the stars

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God of Abraham

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AOV1-137 GA-306

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God's call

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Liturgical Song Single Song Downloads

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Hail Mary: Gentle woman

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Hail, Mary, full of grace / Ave Maria (Chant)

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Holy Virgin, by God's decree

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Holy, Holy, Holy (Glendalough Mass)

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Holy, Holy, Holy (Mass of Glory and Praise)

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CWBII-25e MGP-5 MPS-11

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Holy, Holy, Holy (Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians)

CWBII-23c MOLHC-3

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Holy, Holy, Holy (Mass of the Saints)

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Holy, Holy, Holy (Mass XVIII - Chant)

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CWBII-11 CHANT-7

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Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you

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CWBII-416 CWB-723 GA-549 NLP-111 LC-65

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Kyrie (Glendalough Mass)

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Kyrie (Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians)

CWBII-23a MOLHC-1

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Kyrie (Mass XVI - Chant)

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CWBII-4b CHANT-1

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Lamb of God (Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians)

CWBII-23f MOLHC-6

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Lamb of God (Glendalough Mass)

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Lamb of God (Mass of Glory and Praise)

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CWBII-25k MGP-11 MPS-19 MPS-20

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Lamb of God (Mass of the Saints)

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Lamb of God (Mass XVIII - Chant)

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CWBII-17 CHANT-8

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Lift up your heads, you mighty gates

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L CWBII-538 AOV1-160 GA-467 LC-74

P CWBII-4a CHANT-1

L MPS-35

2 L AOV1-52

2 L HSS1-5 LC-79

2 **L** CWBII-212 GA-250 LC-78

2 GA-545

2 **L** CWBII-213 GA-550 NLP-239 TiS-161 LC-80

GA-272

CWB-744 NLP-150

1 L CWBII-237 GA-280

GA-197

CL RS-479 CBWIII-310

1 **PLC** CWBII-242 AOV1-174 GA-285 HSS2-25 LC-86

LC CWBII-241 LC-88

1 G L CWBII-413 AOV1-141

E **L** CWBII-243 AOV2-163

P CWBII-14a GA-7 CHANT-8

L CWBII-25a MGP-1 MPS-5

G **L** CWBII-589 CWB-796 NLP-210

R **LW** RPY-A-8

Sending Forth
Song of Praise
Communion
Lamb of God
Our Father
Amen
Memorial Acclamation
Holy Holy Holy
Offertory
Gospel Acclamation
Responsorial Psalm
Glory to God
Sprinkling Rite
Penitential Act
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Song

Relevance © Resource Reference

* Psalm 24: Let the Lord enter (J.Gelineau/R.Proulx)

R L W LPGG-1010

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* Psalm 24: Let the Lord enter (J.O'Brien)

R PSY-A-7

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* Psalm 24: Let the Lord enter (P.Mason)

R L PAT2-24

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* Psalm 24: Let the Lord enter (T.Alonso)

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Sanctus (Mass VIII - de Angelis)

P CWBII-70a CHANT-7 GM-105

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Save us, Saviour (Mass of the Saints)

L MPS-42

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Save us, Saviour of the world (Chant)

P CWBII-12c CHANT-7

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Save us, Saviour of the world (Glendalough Mass)

L GLEN-7

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Save us, Saviour of the world (Mass of Glory and Praise)

L CWBII-25h MGP-8 MPS-15

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Saviour of the nations come

C CWBII-246

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Seasonal Psalm 85: Lord let us see your kindness (C.Willcock)

L PFS-4

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Seasonal Psalm 85: Lord let us see your kindness (N.Ancell)

CWB-176

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Seasonal Psalm 85: Lord let us see your kindness (P.Mason)

L PAT1-85a

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Seasonal Psalm 85: Lord let us see your kindness (R.Heagney)

L PCY-85

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Seasonal Psalm 85: Lord show us your mercy (P.Mason)

L PAT1-85

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Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

1 G L CWB-808 NLP-228

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Sing out, earth and skies

L CWBII-235 AOV2-032

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The advent of our God

1 C TiS-271

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The angel Gabriel from heaven came

1 G C L CWBII-247 CWB-815 NLP-241 TiS-302

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The coming of our Lord

1 CWBII-248 CWB-816

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The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices

1 R L C TiS-279

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We proclaim your Death (Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians)

CWBII-23d MOLHC-4 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

We proclaim your Death (Chant)

P CWBII-12a CHANT-7 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

We proclaim your Death (Glendalough Mass)

L GLEN-5 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

We proclaim your Death (Mass of Glory and Praise)

L CWBII-25f MGP-6 MPS-13 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

We proclaim your Death (Mass of the Saints)

L MPS-40 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

When we eat this Bread (Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians)

MOLHC-5 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

When we eat this Bread (Chant)

P CWBII-12b CHANT-7 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

When we eat this bread (Glendalough Mass)

L GLEN-6 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

When we eat this Bread (Mass of Glory and Praise)

L CWBII-25g MGP-7 MPS-14 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

When we eat this Bread (Mass of the Saints)

L MPS-41 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

* You heavens, sprinkle dew from above (Rorate caeli desuper)

E L CWBII-254 NLP-215 NLP-215A ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐

Song

Relevance © Resource Reference

Resource List

Abbrev.	Title	Publisher	Composer (s)	Availability
AHB	Australian Hymn Book	Collins	Various	Out Of Print
AOV1	As One Voice vol. 1	Willow Publishing	Various	asonevoice.com.au
AOV2	As One Voice vol. 2	Willow Publishing	Various	asonevoice.com.au
AOVNG	As One Voice Next Generation	Willow Publishing	Various	asonevoice.com.au
CHANT	Missa Cantata	CTS	arr. G Cox	ctsbooks.org
CWB	Catholic Worship Book	Collins / E.J.Dwyer	Various	Out Of Print
CWBII	Catholic Worship Book II	Morning Star	Various	morningstarpublishing.net.au
GA	Gather Australia	NLMC Publications	Various	Out Of Print
GLEN	Glendalough Mass	GIA	Liam Lawton	giamusic.com
GOS	Gospel Acclamations	Liturgical Song	Various	liturgicalsong.com
HSS	Hymns & Spiritual Songs	Liturgical Song	Various	liturgicalsong.com
LITMUS	Various Compilations	Litmus Productions	Michael Mangan	litmusproductions.com
LP	Lyric Psalter	GIA	Alonso, Haugen	giamusic.com
LPGG	Psalms: Revised Grail / Gelieau	GIA	J Gelineau sj	giamusic.com
MCH	Mass of Christ the Redeemer	OCP	B Kirkpatrick	ocp.org
MCY	Masses for the Church's Year	Liturgical Song	Roger Heagney	liturgicalsong.com
MGP	Mass of Glory and Praise	Liturgical Song	Paul Mason	liturgicalsong.com
MiM	Missa Magis	OCP	C Willcock sj	ocp.org
MOLHC	Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians	Cantica Nova	R Connolly	asonevoice.com.au
MPS	Masses for Parish & School	Liturgical Song	Mason & Smith	liturgicalsong.com
MSF	Mass of St Francis	Willow Publishing	Paul Taylor	asonevoice.com.au
MSH	Mass Shalom	Liturgical Song	Smith & Mason	liturgicalsong.com
NLP	New Living Parish Hymnal	E.J. Dwyer	Various	Out Of Print
PAT	Psalms for All Time	Liturgical Song	Paul Mason	liturgicalsong.com
PCY	Psalms for the Church's Year	Liturgical Song	Roger Heagney	liturgicalsong.com
PFS	Psalms for Feasts and Seasons	OCP	C Willcock sj	Out Of Print
PSY	Psalms for Sundays of the Year	Jenny O'Brien	Jenny O'Brien	Out Of Print
RPY	Responsorial Psalms for the Year	Willow Publishing	Colin Smith cfc	asonevoice.com.au
SSP	Simply Singable Psalms	Liturgical Song	Anne Millard	liturgicalsong.com
SS	Spirit & Song	OCP	Various	ocp.org
TiS	Together in Song	Harper Collins	Various	Out Of Print
TS	The Source Volume 1	Kevin Mayhew	Various	amazon.com.au