LITURGICAL SONG

Music Recommendations

Christmas Dawn

Friday 25 December 2026

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 62:11-12

Your Saviour is born.

Responsorial Psalm (PAT4-97)

Ps 96 (97):1. 6. 11-12

A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.

2nd Reading

Ti 3:4-7

His own compassion saved us.

Gospel Acclamation (GA-v7)

Lk 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2:15-20

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.

Antiphons

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9:1,5; Lk 1:33

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.

Offertory Antiphon (Graduale Romanum)

Ps 92 (93):1c. 2

For it is God who established the world, it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old; you are from all eternity.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Zec 9:9

Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem:
Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.

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Song *Relevance* © Resource Reference	Entrance	Penitential Act	Sprinkling Rite	Glory to God	Responsorial Psalm	Gospel Acclamation	Offertory	Holy Holy Holy	Memorial Acclamation	Amen	Our Father	Lamb of God	Communion	Song of Praise	Sending Forth
A child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia C L CWB-612							X								
A light will shine on us this day CWB-614														X	
All the ends of the earth (Dufford) L AOV1-076 GA-420	X													X	X
All the ends of the earth (Fisher) L AOVNG-5	X													X	X
Alleluia (Glendalough Mass) L GLEN-3						X									
* **Alleluia (Mass of Glory and Praise)** *A* L CWBII-25c MGP-3 MPS-7 GOS-1						X									
* **Alleluia (Mass Shalom)** *A* L CWBII-27d AOV1-195 MSH-4 MPS-26 GOS-2						X									
Amen (Chant) P CWBII-13 CHANT-7										X					
Amen (Glendalough Mass) L GLEN-8										X					
Amen (Mass of Glory and Praise) L CWBII-25j MGP-9 MPS-17										X					
Amen (Mass Shalom) L CWBII-27j AOV1-195 MSH-9 MPS-32										X					
Angels we have heard on high P L CWBII-255 AOV2-140 CWB-622 GA-286 HSS2-7 LC-16	X				L										X
Angels, from the realms of glory L C TiS 309 TS 631														X	X
Away in a manger P L CWBII-256 GA-289 TiS-318 TS-36 HSS2-8 LC-19					L		X								
Baby lying in a manger CWBII-257 AOVK-63							X								
Behold, a rose e'er blooming P CWBII-258							X								
Bread of life, hope of the world L CWBII-459 AOV1-164 GA-199 LC-25					L								X		
Carol at the manger L CWBII-259 RS-516													X		
Christ, be our light (Longing for light) L CWBII-540 AOV2-3 GA-404 TS-1409 LC-29	X				L								X		X
Emmanuel (Together in this place of worship) C AOVNG-40	X													X	
Glad music fills the Christmas sky L CWBII-260 HTC-82	X						X								

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Gloria (Mass VIII - de Angelis) P CWBII-41 CHANT-2 GM-103				X											
Glory to God (Glendalough Mass) L GLEN-2				X											
Glory to God (Mass of Glory and Praise) L CWBII-25b MGP-2 MPS-6				X											
Glory to God (Mass Shalom) L CWBII-27c AOV1-195 MSH-3 MPS-25				X											
Glory to God (Mass XV - Chant) P CWBII-5 CHANT-3				X											
Good Christians all, rejoice P L C CWBII-261 CWB-697	X													X	X
Hark! the herald angels sing P L CWBII-262 AOV1-171 GA-294 TS-144 HSS2-15 LC-54	X				L									X	X
Holy, Holy, Holy (Glendalough Mass) L GLEN-4								X							
Holy, Holy, Holy (Mass of Glory and Praise) L CWBII-25e MGP-5 MPS-11								X							
Holy, Holy, Holy (Mass Shalom) L CWBII-27f AOV1-195 MSH-6 MPS-28								X							
Holy, Holy, Holy (Mass XVIII - Chant) P CWBII-11 CHANT-7								X							
In deepest night L CWBII-264 JS-351							X								
Infant holy, Infant lowly P CWBII-263 TiS-292							X								
Joy to the world P L CWBII-265 AOV1-170 GA-295 TS-305 HSS2-19 LC-69					L									X	X
Kyrie (Glendalough Mass) L GLEN-1		X													
Kyrie (Mass XVI - Chant) P CWBII-4b CHANT-1		X													
Lamb of God (Glendalough Mass) L GLEN-10												X			
Lamb of God (Mass of Glory and Praise) L CWBII-25k MGP-11 MPS-19 MPS-20												X			
Lamb of God (Mass Shalom) L CWBII-27k AOV1-195 MSH-10 MPS-33												X			
Lamb of God (Mass XVIII - Chant) P CWBII-17 CHANT-8												X			
Let heaven rejoice L AOV1-124														X	X

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Like a child rests L AOV1-085							X								
Lord, have mercy (Chant) P CWBII-4a CHANT-1		X													
Lord, have mercy (Mass Shalom) L CWBII-27a AOV1-195 MSH-1 MPS-23		X													
O come, all ye faithful (Adeste Fideles) P L CWBII-267 AOV1-167 GA-287 HSS2-24 LC-87	X				L										
O little town of Bethlehem L CWBII-266 CWB-772 GA-296 TS-393 HSS2-27 LC-93	X				L		X								
Of the Father's love begotten P L CWBII-268 CWB-779 NLP-197 TiS-290	X						X								
Our Father / The Lord's Prayer (Chant) P CWBII-14a GA-7 CHANT-8											X				
Our Father / The Lord's Prayer (Mass of Glory and Praise) L MGP-10 MPS-18											X				
Penitential Act (Mass of Glory and Praise) L CWBII-25a MGP-1 MPS-5		X													
Penitential Act (Mass Shalom) L CWBII-27b AOV1-195 MSH-2 MPS-24		X													
* **Psalm 97: A light will shine on us (C.Smith)** *R* L RPY-C-12					X										
* **Psalm 97: A light will shine on us (J.Gelineau/J.R.Carroll)** *R* L LPG					X										
Rejoice, rejoice! (Awake, awake!) C L CWB-798															X
Sanctus (Mass VIII - de Angelis) P CWBII-70a CHANT-7 GM-105								X							
Save us, Saviour of the world (Chant) P CWBII-12c CHANT-7									X						
Save us, Saviour of the world (Glendalough Mass) L GLEN-7									X						
Save us, Saviour of the world (Mass of Glory and Praise) L CWBII-25h MGP-8 MPS-15									X						
Save us, Saviour of the world (Mass Shalom) L CWBII-27i AOV1-195 MSH-9 MPS-31									X						
Seasonal Psalm 98: All the ends of the earth (C.Willcock) L PFS-6					X										
Seasonal Psalm 98: All the ends of the earth (P.Mason) L PAT-72					X										
Seasonal Psalm 98: All the ends of the earth (R.Heagney) L PCY-98					X										

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Silent night, holy night					L										
P L C CWBII-270 AOV1-168 GA-290 HSS2-33 LC-114													X	X	
Sing we, sing we noel															
L CWBII-271 AOV2-124														X	X
The people who in darkness walked															
CWBII-272 HTC-71															X
Unto us a boy is born (Unto us a child is born)															
P CWBII-273 CWB-849 TiS-293							X								
We are called					L										
L HSS1-15 Liturgical Song download LC-140	X						X						X		X
We proclaim your Death (Chant)															
P CWBII-12a CHANT-7									X						
We proclaim your Death (Glendalough Mass)															
L GLEN-5									X						
We proclaim your Death (Mass of Glory and Praise)															
L CWBII-25f MGP-6 MPS-13									X						
We proclaim your Death (Mass Shalom)															
L CWBII-27g AOV1-195 MSH-7 MPS-29									X						
What Child is this?					L										
P L C CWBII-275 AOV1-165 HSS2-39 LC-146							X								
When we eat this Bread (Chant)															
P CWBII-12b CHANT-7									X						
When we eat this bread (Glendalough Mass)															
L GLEN-6									X						
When we eat this Bread (Mass of Glory and Praise)															
L CWBII-25g MGP-7 MPS-14									X						
When we eat this Bread (Mass Shalom)															
L CWBII-27h AOV1-195 MSH-8 MPS-30									X						
While shepherds watched their flocks by night															
P CWBII-274 AOV1-172 CWB-864 GA-288 NLP-280 TiS-299							X								

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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