LITURGICAL SONG

**Music Recommendations**

# Christmas Midnight

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 9:1-7

*A son is given to us.*

### Responsorial Psalm (PAT2-96)

Ps 95 (96):1-3. 11-13 R. Lk 2:11

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

### 2nd Reading

Ti 2:11-14

*God's grace has been revealed to all people.*

### Gospel Acclamation (GA-v6)

Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!
Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 2:1-14

*Today a saviour has been born for you.*

## Antiphons

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 2:7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.
*or*

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

### Offertory Antiphon (Graduale Romanum)

Ps 95 (96):11

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad before the face of the Lord he cometh.

### Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

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| **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 | | | | | | | | |
| **Behold, a rose is growing** | | | TiS-294 | | | | | | | 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 | | |
| **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 | | | | | | | | |
| **Gloria (Mass VIII - de Angelis)** | | P | CWBII-41 CHANT-2 GM-103 | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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| **Lord, have mercy (Mass Shalom)**<br>L CWBII-27a AOV1-195 MSH-1 MPS-23 | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Mary's Child (Born In The night)**<br>L AOV2-101 TiS-323 | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | |
| **O come, all ye faithful (Adeste Fideles)**<br>P L CWBII-267 AOV1-167 GA-287 HSS2-24 LC-87 | X | | | | L | | | | | | | | | | |
| **O Holy Night**<br>Sheet GIA | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | |
| **O little town of Bethlehem**<br>L CWBII-266 CWB-772 GA-296 TS-393 HSS2-27 LC-93 | X | | | | L | | X | | | | | | | | |
| **Of the Father's love begotten**<br>P L CWBII-268 CWB-779 NLP-197 TiS-290 | X | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | |
| **Open the heavens, Lord**<br>L CWBII-243 AOV2-163 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X |
| **Our Father / The Lord's Prayer (Chant)**<br>P CWBII-14a GA-7 CHANT-8 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | |
| **Our Father / The Lord's Prayer (Mass of Glory and Praise)**<br>L MGP-10 MPS-18 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | |
| **Penitential Act (Mass of Glory and Praise)**<br>L CWBII-25a MGP-1 MPS-5 | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Penitential Act (Mass Shalom)**<br>L CWBII-27b AOV1-195 MSH-2 MPS-24 | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Psalm 96: Today a saviour is born (J.O'Brien)**<br>*R* PSY-C-16 | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| * **Psalm 96: Today a Saviour Is Born for Us (R.Heagney)**<br>*R* L PCY-96 | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| * **Psalm 96: Today is born our saviour (A.Millard)**<br>*R* L SSP-96 | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| * **Psalm 96: Today is born our saviour (C.Smith)**<br>*R* L RPY-C-9 | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| * **Psalm 96: Today is born our saviour (J.Gelineau/H.Hughes)**<br>*R* L LPG | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| * **Psalm 96: Today is born our saviour (P.Mason)**<br>*R* L PAT2-96 | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Sanctus (Mass VIII - de Angelis)**<br>P CWBII-70a CHANT-7 GM-105 | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | |
| **Save us, Saviour of the world (Chant)**<br>P CWBII-12c CHANT-7 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| **Save us, Saviour of the world (Glendalough Mass)**<br>L GLEN-7 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| **Save us, Saviour of the world (Mass of Glory and Praise)**<br>L CWBII-25h MGP-8 MPS-15 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |

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| **Save us, Saviour of the world (Mass Shalom)**<br>L CWBII-27i AOV1-195 MSH-9 MPS-31 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| **Seasonal Psalm 98: All the ends of the earth (C.Willcock)**<br>L PFS-6 | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Seasonal Psalm 98: All the ends of the earth (P.Mason)**<br>L PAT-72 | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Seasonal Psalm 98: All the ends of the earth (R.Heagney)**<br>L PCY-98 | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Silent night, holy night**<br>P L C CWBII-270 AOV1-168 GA-290 HSS2-33 LC-114 | | | | | L | | | | | | | | X | X | |
| **Sing we, sing we noel**<br>L CWBII-271 AOV2-124 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X |
| **The first nowell**<br>P L C CWBII-280 AOV1-169 CWB-822 GA-298 TiS-301 HSS2-35 | | | | | L | | X | | | | | | | | |
| **The people who in darkness walked**<br>CWBII-272 HTC-71 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| **Unto us a boy is born (Unto us a child is born)**<br>P CWBII-273 CWB-849 TiS-293 | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | |
| **We proclaim your Death (Chant)**<br>P CWBII-12a CHANT-7 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| **We proclaim your Death (Glendalough Mass)**<br>L GLEN-5 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| **We proclaim your Death (Mass of Glory and Praise)**<br>L CWBII-25f MGP-6 MPS-13 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| **We proclaim your Death (Mass Shalom)**<br>L CWBII-27g AOV1-195 MSH-7 MPS-29 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| **What Child is this?**<br>P L C CWBII-275 AOV1-165 HSS2-39 LC-146 | | | | | L | | X | | | | | | | | |
| **When we eat this Bread (Chant)**<br>P CWBII-12b CHANT-7 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| **When we eat this bread (Glendalough Mass)**<br>L GLEN-6 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| **When we eat this Bread (Mass of Glory and Praise)**<br>L CWBII-25g MGP-7 MPS-14 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| **When we eat this Bread (Mass Shalom)**<br>L CWBII-27h AOV1-195 MSH-8 MPS-30 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| **While shepherds watched their flocks by night**<br>P CWBII-274 AOV1-172 CWB-864 GA-288 NLP-280 TiS-299 | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | |

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## Song

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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 |