The Season of Advent

These liturgical texts, based primarily on the Scriptures of the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B, are appropriate for use throughout the Season of Advent and may be repeated from week to week.

Call to Confession

At the baptismal font:
We have all sinned, not one of us is clean; but there is mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord. Isaiah 64:6–9

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Lifting water from the baptismal font:
Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Isaiah 40:4–5

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

At the lectern or pulpit:
Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the oppressed, and let your word be fulfilled among us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. Isaiah 61:1

Before the readings:
A voice is crying in the wilderness: Listen to the word of the Lord. Mark 1:3; John 1:23

After the readings:
Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord stands forever. Thanks be to God. Isaiah 40:8; Mark 13:31

Ascription of Praise

After the sermon:
Now to the God of all wisdom, who strengthens us according to the gospel, through Jesus Christ be all glory forever. Amen. Romans 16:25–27
**Affirmation of Faith**

*Season of Advent*
What does it mean that Jesus “will come again to judge the living and the dead”?

*Like everyone else,*
*I too must stand in fear and trembling before the judgment seat of Christ.*

*But the Judge is the one who submitted to judgment for my sake.*

Nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus my Lord. All the sinful failures that cause me shame will perish as through fire, while any good I may have done will be received with gladness by God.

*Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 48*

**Prayer of Dedication**

*At the communion table:*

God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. **Amen.**

*Luke 1:35–38; 1 Corinthians 1:4*

**Prayer after Communion**

*At the communion table:*

We give thanks to you, O God, for you have fed us like a shepherd and gathered us to your breast. Now lead us forth to do your will, feed your sheep, and show your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Isaiah 40:11*

**Blessing and Charge**

*At the doors of the church:*

May the God of peace make you holy and the power of the Spirit sustain you until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

*1 Thessalonians 5:16–24*

Prepare the way of the Lord! **Amen.**

*Isaiah 40:3; Mark 1:3*
The Season of Advent

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GATHERING

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel veni emmanuel; GTG 88 (PH 9)
For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits my soul in stillness waits; GTG 89
Wait for the Lord wait for the Lord; GTG 90
Come, Come Emmanuel come, come emmanuel; GTG 91
While We Are Waiting, Come waiting (cason); GTG 92
Prepare the Way of the Lord prepare the way; GTG 95

CANDLE LIGHTING

Light One Candle tif in veldele; GTG 85
For you, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits my soul in stillness waits; GTG 89
Prepare the Way of the Lord prepare the way; GTG 95

CALL TO CONFESSION

Comfort, Comfort Now My People (stanza 1) genevan 42; GTG 42 (PH 3)
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You valet will ich dir geben; GTG 104 (PH 11)
Change My Heart, O God change my heart; GTG 695

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (stanza 3) valet will ich dir geben; GTG 104 (PH 11)
Love Has Come (any stanza) bring a torch; GTG 110
Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain) gloria; GTG 113 (PH 23)

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High (stanza 1) gloria; GTG 113 (PH 23)
Glory to God gloria (taize); GTG 583 (PH 576)
Glory to God machu-pichu; GTG 585 (STF 2033)
Gospel Acclamation
To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary Annunciation; GTG 98 (PH 19)
My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout Star of the County Down; GTG 100
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn Rejoice, Rejoice; GTG 107

Baptism or Reaffirmation
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Truro; GTG 93 (PH 8)
On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry Winchester New; GTG 96 (PH 10)
No Wind at the Window Columcille; GTG 101
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory Battle Hymn; GTG 354

Prayers of the People
O Day of Peace Jerusalem; GTG 373 (PH 450)
There Is a Longing in Our Hearts Longing; GTG 470
For You, My God, I Wait Springtime; GTG 791

Offering
Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (stanza 5) Christ, Be Our Light; GTG 314
Golden Breaks the Dawn (stanza 3) Le P’ing; GTG 668

Doxology
Womb of Life and Source of Being (stanza 4) Raquel; GTG 3 (STF 2046)
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God (Hopson); GTG 608
O Lord, Our Lord How Majestic; GTG 613 (STF 2023)

Communion Music
We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom Merle’s Tune; GTG 378
The Rice of Life Bî-nû; GTG 524
Let Us Break Bread Together Let Us Break Bread; GTG 525 (PH 513)

Sending
Freedom Is Coming Freedom Is Coming; GTG 359 (STF 2192)
Christ Is Coming! Unser Herrscher; GTG 360
November 30, 2014

Lectionary Readings
Isaiah 64:1–9
Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19
1 Corinthians 1:3–9
Mark 13:24–37

Tear open the heavens and come down; save us from our sin.
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, and save us.
God will strengthen you while you wait for Christ’s coming.
In those days the stars will fall from heaven; keep awake.

Call to Worship
May accompany the lighting of Advent candles
Keep alert, for the day is coming soon.
Now the earth and heavens tremble.
Pray for the gift of hope from God:
Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day
Holy One, though the earth trembles and the stars shake like leaves,
your word will stand forever.
Keep us watchful for the day when you will gather the faithful from all the ends of the earth,
so that we may greet you in glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession
God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign.
We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Prayers of the People

Watching and waiting for the coming of Christ, we pray for the promise of a new creation, saying: Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for the church . . .
Let your reign of love shape us, as a master potter skillfully forms a vessel, that we may reveal your beauty to the world. Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for the world . . .
Draw near to those who wait for you. Break into their circumstances with blessing. Heal the earth that awaits your restoration. Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for this community . . .
Transform the places in which we live. Grant that the gifts you have given all of us may be used for the common good. Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for loved ones . . .
Comfort all who suffer and despair. Assure them of your presence and care. Let your face shine and save us. Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

God our hope, as the promised day approaches, fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit and strengthen us to serve you faithfully; through Christ, who is coming to reign. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

1. The heavens tremble and the mountains quake at your presence. Although we have forsaken you, you have never forgotten us: you are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand.

2. Christ Jesus is our grace and peace, the Word that we proclaim, the source of all our strength, and the giver of every good gift. In Christ’s body, we have received fellowship with you, our God.

3. Keep us awake until the hour of Christ’s coming, when the sun and moon and stars will fall from heaven and you will gather up the faithful from the ends of the earth.
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### Psalm Settings

**Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19**

**Metrical**

- O Hear Our Cry, O Lord (VINEYARD HAVEN; GTG 355, PH 206, PAS 80B)
- O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock (ST. LOUIS, FOREST GREEN, KINGSFOLD; PAS 80C, PCW 80)

**Responsorial**

- Lord, come soon; PSA 70, PEO 145–147
- Lord, make us turn to you; PSA 71
- Restore us again, O Lord God of hosts; PAS 80A
Anthems for Larger Choirs

“O Savior, Throw the Heavens Wide,”
Johannes Brahms, SATB, JWP 917823
“Why Don’t You Tear Apart the Heavens?”
John Bell, SATB, solo, keybd, GIA G-5500
“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come,” Paul Manz,
SATB acap, MSM 50-0001

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,” Mark A. Miller,
SAB, pno, opt solo, CGA 1225
“Entrance Antiphon for Advent,” Normand Gouin,
SAB, solo, cong, keybd, GIA G-7992
“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn,” uni,
opt solos, GTG 107

Anthems for Children’s Choirs

“Let Every Heart Prepare a Throne,”
Mark Patterson, uni, pno, CGA 1320
“He Came Down,” Michael Burkhardt, uni, opt SSA,
solo, desc, perc, MSM 50-9423
“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah,” GTG 85;
candle lighting song

Handbell Music

ABERYSTWYTH

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul,” Hart Morris, 3–5 oct,
opt 2 oct hc, RRM 0055, level 4

FAITHFULNESS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness,” Martha Lynn Thompson, 3–5 oct, opt 3 oct hc, HOPE 2268,
level 2+

PICARDY

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence,” Charles Maggs,
2 oct, JWP GP1048, level 1

Organ Music

ABERYSTWYTH

“Aberystwyth,” Welsh Hymn Tune Preludes,
Raymond Haan, SMP (E)

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

“Conditor Alme Siderum,” Chantworks: Set I,
Gerald Near, AUR (E)

FAITHFULNESS

“Faithfulness,” Three Gospel Favorites for Organ,
Dan Miller, MSM (E/M)

HELMSLEY

“Helmsley,” Augsburg Organ Library: Advent,
Karl Osterland, Lloyd Webber, AF (M)
December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent
Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 40:1–11
   Comfort my people; a voice cries: prepare the way of the Lord!
Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13
   God will speak peace; faithfulness and righteousness will meet.
2 Peter 3:8–15a
   God is patient with us, but the day of the Lord is coming.
Mark 1:1–8
   In the wilderness, John baptizes and proclaims the one to come.

Call to Worship

May accompany the lighting of Advent candles
Now the word of the prophet is fulfilled.

Christ is coming! Prepare the way.
Pray for the gift of peace from God:
Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, you send messengers of good news
   to prepare the way for your glorious realm.
Anoint us with your Spirit to proclaim your Word
   so that all may repent and believe in you;
through Jesus Christ, our way in the wilderness
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God our Maker, we confess
   that we are not ready to meet you.
You call us to repent,
   but we turn away from you.
You wait patiently for us,
   but we fail to watch and wait for you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Embrace us with tender mercy
   so that we may be at one with you
when all your glory is revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Prayers of the People**

Watching and waiting for the coming of Christ, we pray for the promise of a new creation, saying: Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for the church . . . May we hear the word your messengers speak, so that we can change our hearts and actions and live holy and faithful lives. Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for the world . . . Speak peace to your people so that we might become your peace. Don’t let us return to foolish ways. Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for this community . . . May your steadfast love and truth meet in this place and righteousness and peace embrace in our streets, so that all in our community will flourish. Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for loved ones . . . As you know the needs and hopes of each person, bring comfort to all who are mourning or anxious. Let us hear the compassionate words you speak. Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

God our hope, as the promised day approaches, fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit and strengthen us to serve you faithfully; through Christ, who is coming to reign. Amen.

**Eucharistic Prayer**

1. The grass withers and the flower fades, but your word stands forever.
   
   You speak tenderly to your people, with tidings of peace and comfort. Like a shepherd, you feed us and gather us in your arms.

2. Baptized by John, Jesus came to be our way in the wilderness, to wash us clean from the dust of death and the stain of sin, and to pour out the power of the Holy Spirit among us.

3. Help us to repent and live in peace with you and with one another, watching and praying for your new heavens and new earth where righteousness and justice will be at home.
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Psalm Settings

Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13

**Metrical**

Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love MENDON, GTG 449
Lord, You Have Lavished on Your Land MELITA, PAS 85A
The Lord Has Long with Favor Looked FOREST GREEN, ELLACOMBE, KINGSFOLD, PCW 85

**Responsorial**

Lord, show us your love; PSA 76, PSA 77
Dona nobis pacem; PSA 78, PAS 85B
Righteousness and peace; PAS 85C
Lord, in your mercy hear my prayer; PEO 156–157
Anthems for Larger Choirs

“Comfort, Comfort, O My People,” J. S. Bach, Edward Klammer, uni or SATB, keybd, opt vln, viola, vc, GIA G-3112
“Prepare the Way of the Lord,” W. A. Mozart, Hal H. Hopson, 2 pt or 3 pt mx, keybd, CGA 624
“A Voice in the Wilderness,” Austin Lovelace, SATB, org, GIA G-5794

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

“The Advent Herald,” Rory Cooney, SAB, keybd, opt gtr, fl, ob, GIA G-4972
“Comfort My People,” Ian Callahan, 2 pt equal or mx, gtr, cong, GIA G-6791
“Lord, Prepare Me,” uni, GTG 701

Anthems for Children’s Choirs

“Prepare the Way of the Lord,” Michael Bedford, opt fl, CGA 963
“Light the Candle,” Carl Schalk, MSM 50-006
“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah,” GTG 85; candle lighting song

Handbell Music

GENEVAN 42
“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People,” Cynthia Dobrinski, 3–5 oct, opt fl and hd, AGA 1861, level 3–4
BRADBURY
“Savior Like a Shepherd,” N. Tipton, 2 oct, SFP SF184259, level 2
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us,” Karen L. Buckwalter, 3–5 oct, BP B173, level 2

Organ Music

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
“Prepare the Way,” Six Advent Improvisations, Paul Manz, MSM (E/M)
BRADBURY
GENEVAN 42
“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People,” Three Organ Settings for the Christmas Season, John Leavitt, MSM (E)
NUN DANKET ALL’ UND BRINGET EHR
“Chorale Prelude on Nun Danket All’ Und Bringet Ehr,” Choralvorspiele 3, Helmut Walcha, CFP (M)
December 14, 2014

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11  The spirit of the Lord is upon me; I will rejoice in my Savior.
Psalm 126  When the Lord restored our fortunes, we shouted with joy.
or Luke 1:46b–55  My soul magnifies the Lord, who has done great things.
1 Thessalonians 5:16–24  Rejoice, pray give thanks; may God keep you until Christ's coming.
John 1:6–8, 19–28  John came to testify to the light, so that all might believe.

Call to Worship

May accompany the lighting of Advent candles
The Spirit of the Lord is with us.
The time of God's favor has come.
Pray for the gift of joy from God:
Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day

Living God, you have come among us to lead us in paths of righteousness. Guide our feet through the wilderness toward the living water of your grace, following in the steps of our Savior: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You send your Spirit to release us, yet we remain captivated by sin. You stand among us in Christ Jesus, yet we claim we do not know you. Forgive us, God of grace. Make us holy; make us whole. Keep us safe and sound until the day of your coming; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Prayers of the People**

Watching and waiting for the coming of Christ, we pray for the promise of a new creation, saying: Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for the church . . .
Anoint us with the gift of your Spirit that we may feed the hungry and proclaim good news to the poor.
Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for the world . . .
Use us in your work to heal the brokenhearted, grant freedom to those who are held captive, and bring liberation to those who are in prison.
Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for this community . . .
Be present in abandoned and forgotten neighborhoods, places where mourning overshadows joy and healthy food is hard to find.
Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

With expectation, we pray for loved ones . . .
Remembering your commandment to love, we pray for our enemies and those who trouble us, as well as those whose presence in our lives brings us joy.
Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

God our hope, as the promised day approaches, fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit and strengthen us to serve you faithfully; through Christ, who is coming to reign. Amen.

**Eucharistic Prayer**

1. You are good news to the oppressed, healing for the brokenhearted, freedom to the captive, and comfort for those who mourn.
   Now the time has come at last to proclaim the year of your favor.

2. Jesus Christ is the true light that the prophets foretold.
   He has come into the world to enlighten everyone so that we might testify to your saving power and love.

3. Teach us to rejoice and give thanks always, to pray without ceasing, to follow the Spirit, heed the prophets, and hold fast to what is good, so that we may be holy and whole at the coming of our Lord.
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Psalm Settings

**Psalm 126**

**Metrical**

When God Delivered Israel  SHEAVES, GTG 73, PH 237
When God Restored Our Common Life  RESIGNATION, SALVATION, GTG 74, PAS 126E
When God First Brought Us Back  WAYFARING STRANGER, PAS 126A
When the Lord Brought Back  LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, PAS 126D
When the Lord Brought Home Our Treasure  IN HABRONE, HOLY MANNA, BEACH SPRING, PCW 126

**Responsorial**

The Lord has done great things; PSA 130
Those who sow in tears and sorrow; PSA 131
Our mouth was filled with laughter; PAS 126B
Those who sow their seeds in tears; PEO 254–255

**Metrical**

My Soul Gives Glory to My God (Song of Mary)
MORNING SONG; GTG 99, PH 600, PAS 1042
My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; GTG 100, PAS 75B
My Spirit Glorifies the Lord
FESTIVAL; PAS 1019
My Soul Is Filled with Joy (Holy Is Your Name)
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME; PAS 1020–1021

**Responsorial**

My soul glorifies the Lord (Canticle of Mary);
PSA 161
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
(Canticle of Mary); PSA 162
Sing out, my soul; GTG 646, PAS 1018
My soul rejoices in the Lord; PAS 1022

**Anthems for Larger Choirs**

“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come,” Paul Manz,
SATB, CON 98-1054
“The Reign of God Is at Hand,” Marty Haugen,
uni or SATB, cong, org, opt brass qrt, opt timp,
GIA G-8284
“The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me,” Edward Elgar,
SATB, NOV 29.0216.08

**Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs**

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers,” John Ferguson,
SAB/3 pt mx, AF ED015819
“Be Glad,” Tom Franzak, 2 pt mx, solo, desc,
keybd, gtr, GIA G-7686
“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom,” uni, GTG 378

**Anthems for Children’s Choirs**

“O Come, O Come Immanuel,” Natalie Sleeth,
opt desc, CGA 273
“Creator of the Stars of Night,” John Ferguson,
hb, opt fl, CGA 474
“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah,” GTG 85;
candle lighting song

**Handbell Music**

ABERYSTWYTH

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul,” Hart Morris, 3–5 oct,
opt 2 oct hc, RRM 0055, level 4
FESTAL SONG

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears,” Tammy Waldrop,
3–5 oct, opt hc, ALF 36514, level 2
HYFRYDOL

“Hyfrydol,” Kathleen Wissinger, 2–3 oct,
LOR 201434L, level 1+

**Organ Music**

HYFRYDOL

“Hyfrydol,” *Three Hymns of Praise: Set 7*,
Robert Hobby, MSM (E/M)
“Hyfrydol,” *Eleven Compositions for Organ: Set VII*,
Charles W. Ore, CON (M)
MARION

“Toccata on Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart,”
Albert L. Travis, MSM (D)
TRURO

“Truro,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Easter*,
J. Wayne Kerr, AF (E/M)
December 21, 2014

**Lectionary Readings**

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16
   or Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26
Romans 16:25–27
Luke 1:26–38

The Lord will build a house for David and his descendants.
My soul magnifies the Lord, who has done great things.
I will sing of God’s steadfast love and faithfulness to David.
Glory to God for the mystery now revealed to all peoples!
The angel Gabriel appears to Mary; her child will be God’s Son.

**Call to Worship**

*May accompany the lighting of Advent candles*

Bless the Lord with me, for God is great.
**The Mighty One has done great things.**
Pray for the gift of love from God:
**Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Let us worship God.

**Prayer of the Day**

Most High God, for you nothing is impossible.
Through a poor young woman in a small town you gave birth to your realm of endless glory.
By your Holy Spirit, fill us with new life and hope and overshadow us with your power and grace so that we, like Mary, might be your servants, bearing witness to the promise of your Word; through Jesus Christ, who is coming to reign.

*Amen.*

**Prayer of Confession**

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
You offer us a place in your house, yet we find no room for you in our lives.
You invite us into your eternal realm, yet we fail to welcome others.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Let your word of life be with us so that we may truly believe that nothing is impossible with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Prayers of the People**

Watching and waiting for the coming of Christ, we pray for the promise of a new creation, saying: Come quickly, Lord; **our hope is in you.**

With expectation, we pray for the church . . .
Fill our mouths with the song of your unending love.
May we never stop proclaiming your faithfulness from one generation to another.
Come quickly, Lord; **our hope is in you.**

With expectation, we pray for the world . . .
Come and dwell among all the people of the world.
As you made your home with your people in ancient times, make your home among us now.
Come quickly, Lord; **our hope is in you.**

With expectation, we pray for the church . . .
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God our hope, as the promised day approaches, fill us with the joy of your Holy Spirit and strengthen us to serve you faithfully; through Christ, who is coming to reign. **Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

1. Since the time when you brought your people Israel out of Egypt, you have been our shepherd, leading us and traveling among us. Now, as you promised, you have established for us an eternal home.

2. Born in a humble home, to a virgin named Mary, Jesus came to rule over the house of Jacob forever; for with you, O God, nothing is impossible.

3. Strengthen us by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ so that we may be obedient to your commandments and proclaim the mystery of our faith to all the nations.
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My Soul Gives Glory to My God (Song of Mary)
MORNING SONG; GTG 99, PH 600, PAS 1042

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; GTG 100, PAS 75B

My Spirit Glorifies the Lord
PENTECOST; PAS 1019

My Soul Is Filled with Joy (Holy Is Your Name)
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME; PAS 1020–1021

**Responsorial**

My soul glorifies the Lord (Canticle of Mary);
PSA 161

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
(Canticle of Mary); PSA 162

Sing out, my soul; GTG 646, PAS 1018

My soul rejoices in the Lord; PAS 1022
Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26

Metrical
My Song Forever Shall Record Puer nobis nascitur, St. Petersburg, GTG 67, PH 209
I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lordfilledmore, PAS 89A
Forever We Will Sing Geneva 89, PAS 89D
My Song Forever Shall Record Winchester New, PAS 89E
Praise the Lord Evermore Sussex Carol, PSA 162–163
We Will Ever Sing Your Mercy
   Abbots Leigh, Austrian Hymn, Hymn to Joy, PCW 89A

Responsorial
Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord; PAS 89B
Sing to God, I will ever sing to God; PEO 80
Lord, I will sing your love forever; PSA 81

Anthems for Larger Choirs
“Blest Be the God of Israel,” Michael Burkhardt, SATB or uni, org, opt cong, MSM 60-0002
“Canticle of the Turning,” Rory Cooney, Hal H. Hopson, SATB, org, fl, str qrt, hp, perc, MSM 50-0057
“Psalm 89,” Michel Guimont, SATB, solo, pno, GIA G-7978

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs
“Magnificat,” Chris de Silva, SAB, cong, keybd, gtr, fl, vc, GIA G-8309
“An Advent Prayer,” Allen Pote, 2 pt mx, keybd, JWP HMC765
“Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child,” SATB or uni, GTG 126

Anthems for Children’s Choirs
“Nova, Nova!” Michael Bedford, fl, tamb, CGA 838
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” Natalie Sleeth, uni/2 pt, CGA
“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah,” GTG 85; candle lighting song

Handbell Music
ES IST EIN’ ROS’
“Two Ancient Carols,” Martha Lynn Thompson, 3–5 oct, JHS MCP7024, level 2
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
“Change Ring Prelude on Divinum Mysterium,” Fred Gramann, 3–6 oct, LOR 20/1239L, level 3+
VENI EMMANUEL
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” Cynthia Dobrinski, 3–5 oct, AGA 1399, level 2

Organ Music
ES IST EIN’ ROS’
“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming,” A Christmas Triptych, John Ferguson, MSM (E)
NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND
“Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland,” Eleven Compositions for Organ: Set IV, Charles W. Ore, CON (E/M)
VENI EMMANUEL
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” Three Christmas Fantasies, John David Peterson, MSM (M)
“Toccata on Veni Emmanuel,” The ECS/AGO African American Organ Series, Adolphus Hailstork, ECS (M/D)