



DCMA RESOURCES

Music for Advent

Introduction

Although we cannot have congregational singing in our churches, we know that many of you are either producing virtual music for your parishes, playing instrumental music or (in a few cases) singing as cantors. As such, the DCMA thought that you might appreciate some suggestions for suitable music for the Sundays of Advent. So we have searched the numerous online sources for you and produced a compilation for you. The list is not meant to be exhaustive nor is it advocating any particular genre of music. However, we have only included items which are easily available during this difficult time.

The compilation is in two parts:

First are items that are available in the common hymn books used in the diocese.

Secondly we have included some items that you may perhaps not be familiar with but may wish to look at, even if you do not use them this year.

Alternative sources have been given where items are currently available. You may find that you have many items from OCP, GIA, Taize or the Iona community already in other published versions and collections.

Many parishes are finding settings of the Propers of the Mass (mainly the antiphons) useful, especially at the present time. You may wish to sing these in the original Latin and this site [Saint René Goupil • Gregorian Chant Propers \(ccwatershed.org\)](http://ccwatershed.org) is a good resource.

However, many composers are now setting these antiphons in English. Two such examples are given here:

[Saint Meinrad Entrance and Communion Antiphons for the Church Year - Collections | OCP](#)

[English Proper Chants – BENEDICAMUS](#) (A collection by John Ainslie, former chair of the Society of St Gregory)

The Psallite collection from Liturgical Press is another valuable resource for some different ideas. [About Psallite \(litpress.org\)](http://litpress.org)

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Suggestions from the hymnbooks

Title	Celebration for everyone	Laudate	Hymns old and new liturgical	Alternative source	Copyright
Advent litany		64		OCP	L
Awake, awake fling off the night	64	851	153	Use Winchester New as alternative tune	Lyrics are still copyright. Tune PD
Bread of life, hope of the world (Advent verses)		78		OCP	L
Bring forth the Kingdom of Heaven	821	854		GIA	L
Christ be our light	891	883	439	OCP	L
City of God	65	824	154	OCP	L
Come Saviour (Rorate caeli)	132	95			L?
Come to set us free	135	81			L
Come, thou long expected Jesus	133	100	218	HQ	PD
Eye has not seen	154	792		GIA	L
Hills of the North rejoice	255	983			Words PD Tune is still copyright
Kindle a flame			873	GIA Iona Community	L
Lo, he comes with clouds descending	373	109	438	HQ	PD
O Jesus Christ remember	535	982	521	HQ	PD
Rejoice the Lord is King	619	326	591	HQ	PD
The coming of our God	689	110	648	HQ	PD
The King shall come when morning dawns	700	106		HQ	PD

There is a longing in our hearts		941		OCP	L
Wait for the Lord	762	88	897	Taize	L
Wake, O wake	763	91		HQ	PD
Wake up! The dawn is near	764				L?

Key to abbreviations

Alternative source

OCP Oregon Catholic Press Items available as downloads from the website [OCP | OCP](#)

GIA Items available as downloads from the website [GIA Publications - Sacred Music \(giamusic.com\)](#)

Taize [Taizé : Presses de Taizé, Download retreats, teachings, conferences, songs, music \(exultet-solutions.com\)](#)

HQ [HymnQuest](#) This site allows you to print lyrics of public domain items. It is an excellent source of copyright information and has suggestions for alternative tunes that could be used for items. It is really useful in that you can search by hymnbook and even items that are in copyright can be clicked on to give information.

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PD Item in public domain.

Suggestions from other sources

Title	Composer	Publisher	Link	Comments
God of day and God of darkness	Marty Haugen	GIA	GIA Publications - God of Day and God of Darkness (giamusic.com)	This isn't a song one would usually recommend for 10am on a Sunday morning but reading the words really struck home that during this pandemic we may well be standing before the night.

He will come	John L Bell	GIA	GIA Publications - He Will Come (giamusic.com)	Another song that really resonated in these times. 'He will come when we're least expecting him, when the world is unprepared' In 'normal' times this might be used as a processional song throughout the season.
Longing, trusting	Martin Foster			This was available in Cantate and as an octavo from Decani Music. It is worth finding if you can as it has verses for all four Sundays. If all else fails, an email to the composer might work.
O God of light, the dawning day	James Quinn Luke D Rosen	OCP	O God of Light, the Dawning Day – Music by Luke D. Rosen and text by James Quinn, SJ [sheet music] - YouTube	We came across this searching for something else. A beautiful, gentle melody set to James Quinn's words. Not specifically Advent so it could be used at other times too.
Lord Make us turn to you	Marty Haugen	GIA	GIA Publications - Lord, Make Us Turn to You (giamusic.com)	A version of today's psalm. The response to this could also be used as a response to spoken prayers throughout Advent.

NB To hear items from GIA, click on the preview. You can usually hear the song and look at the music at the same time although you will need to manipulate the music yourself as they are not linked.
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