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This document is a work in progress. Some resources below in gray highlight are not yet available.

> See the Advent plan first posted in summer of 2018 for ideas for choirs (children, adults), soloists, and ensemble accompaniment options. Here.

C18 Advent resources are available for free download:

A newly composed **gathering rite** and thematic **Verses of the Day**. Both use the tune VENI EMMANUEL. Each Sunday begins with the first stanza of "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" along with a newly written stanza that highlights the day's theme. The appropriate Advent wreath candles are lighted during the gathering rite.

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Psalms for each Advent Sunday, from those under consideration for the new WELS hymnal, are also available.

The following resources are available.

- Organ accompaniments
- Piano accompaniments
- Text file for gathering rite [1]
- mp3 audio demo file for the gathering rite
- TIFF melody graphics [2]

For the gathering rite two accompaniment options are available. File names that include "with hymnal" indicate versions that are slightly easier than the other versions. This is especially the case in the piano versions.

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[1]   Accompanists who find it difficult to follow both the musical score and the text may write some cue phrases into the score.

[2]   To avoid fuzzy graphics in Word, search for help on "turn off picture compression". The TIFF files are 1200 dpi resolution. If converting from Word to PDF causes fuzzy graphics, help is available online. For example: https://superuser.com/questions/645657/export-word-document-with-high-resolution-png-to-pdf. Other solutions are available when converting from Publisher to PDF. (Solutions are not identical for Windows and Mac computers.)