

## Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania – Serviam Advent Webinar

Music for the First Sunday of Advent and throughout the Season

Why Don't You Tear Apart the Heavens – composer – **John Bell**

G-5500 – Choral edition; D-5500 – Download PDF; X-5500a – Download MP3 file

This is a piece that uses the text of the Isaiah reading on the First Sunday of Advent

<https://www.giamusic.com/store/search?elSearchTerm=Why+Don%27t+You+Tear+Apart+the+Heavens+>

Music Collection – John Bell – Advent and Christmas Music

God Comes Tomorrow – G-5485

Including Why Don't You Tear Apart the Heavens (G-5500); Give Us, This Year (G-5503);  
Advent Lullaby (G-5427); Voces Angelorum (G-5496)

<https://www.giamusic.com/store/resource/god-comes-tomorrow-print-g5485>

Give us, This Year – G-5503 – This is an excellent choral anthem – talks about giving us an adult Christ this Christmas, peace at Christmas instead of politics, among other aspects.

### St. James Music Press

<https://www.sjmp.com/catalog>

You can find all kinds of musical resources for all seasons, including Advent and Christmas.

There are many two-part editions of familiar hymns or pieces that could be adapted easily for use in smaller parishes, especially during this time of the pandemic.

- One piece by Marty Wheeler Burnett (professor at VTS) is the Trisagion. It would be a good piece for this Advent. <https://www.sjmp.com/blog>
- Marty Wheeler Burnett has also compiled [Flexible Anthems for Advent and Christmas](#)  
This is a great list of music that can be used through the season

### Book of Occasional Services 2018

[https://episcopalchurch.org/files/lm\\_book\\_of\\_occasional\\_services\\_2018.pdf](https://episcopalchurch.org/files/lm_book_of_occasional_services_2018.pdf)

This is a new edition of the Book of Occasional Services. It contains prayers for the Advent Wreath, Advent and Christmas Lessons and Carols, a liturgy for Los Posadas and the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Blessing of the Crèche, special blessings, and other rites

### Resources for Music and Liturgy – Virginia Theological Seminary

<https://www.vts.edu/lifelong-learning/lifelong-learning>

Hope Incarnate – Webinar with Resources

**Hope Incarnate: Planning Worship for Advent and Christmas:** A webinar on 9/16/20 exploring Advent and Christmas worship and music. - [resources](#) and [recording](#)

**Books:**

Prayers for the Domestic Church – Edward Hays

© 1979, 2007

Forest of Peace, Notre Dame, IN

Advent Wreath Blessing, Blessing of Crèche, Blessing of Candy Canes,  
many other family prayers

<https://www.amazon.com/Prayers-Domestic-Church-Handbook-Worship/dp/0939516799>

Light of the World – Amy-Jill Levine

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Abingdon Press

Published for Participants, extra Leader's Guide

Additional DVD with approx. 10 min video presentation by Amy-Jill-Levine

[https://smile.amazon.com/Light-World-Beginners-Guide-](https://smile.amazon.com/Light-World-Beginners-Guide-Advent/dp/1501884352/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=Light+of+the+World&qid=1605144386)

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A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art

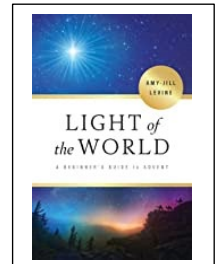
DVD – and Discussion Guide

Church Publishing

New Advent video and art study

- Features world-class scholars plus artist John August Swanson

A Thrill of Hope is a DVD study designed for use in Sunday school classes, small group studies, and other church group gatherings. This 50-minute DVD-based study presents the familiar story of Christmas as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each scripture passage is illustrated and interpreted in the stunning artwork of John August Swanson along with commentary by some of America's premier Biblical scholars, names such as Dr. Thomas G. Long, Dr. Michael Joseph Brown, Dr. Carol A. Newsom, and more.



The Carols of Christmas: A Celebration of the Surprising Stories Behind Your Favorite Holiday Songs – by Andrew Gant

[https://smile.amazon.com/Carols-Christmas-Celebration-Surprising-](https://smile.amazon.com/Carols-Christmas-Celebration-Surprising-Favorite/dp/0718031520/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=Christmas+Carols&qid=1605144680&sr=8-6)

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Do Not Be Afraid: A Virtual Christmas Pageant  
Published by Illustrated Ministry  
Downloadable – Script and Instructions for Production

[https://store.illustratedministry.com/collections/new-releases/products/do-not-be-afraid-a-virtual-christmas-pageant?utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_campaign=&gclid=CjwKCAiAtK79BRAIEiwA4OskBjXh5EhfqcCTtZB-IWq6i5zqOzSVV89XiJ2nubx6OoRmVp7lZ06BiRoCSxsQAvD\\_BwE](https://store.illustratedministry.com/collections/new-releases/products/do-not-be-afraid-a-virtual-christmas-pageant?utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=&gclid=CjwKCAiAtK79BRAIEiwA4OskBjXh5EhfqcCTtZB-IWq6i5zqOzSVV89XiJ2nubx6OoRmVp7lZ06BiRoCSxsQAvD_BwE)