Where Two or Three Are Gathered: Worship for Small Assemblies LENT 2018 – YEAR B

NOTES FOR PLANNERS

Two lessons are heard each Sunday, setting the Old Testament stories of God's covenantal relationship with Israel beside Gospel texts illuminating the way of the cross and Jesus' call to discipleship.

The Psalms provide our words of confession (Psalm 51) and forgiveness (Psalm 103) each week. In the Service of the Word orders, the Thanksgiving for the Word is shaped from the Psalm for the day.

In keeping with the reflective tone of the season, specific spaces for silence are suggested, along with the option of providing stones as a tangible object for people to hold while praying.

Visual artists may wish to further incorporate stones with draped purple cloths at the front of the sanctuary to suggest the theme of pilgrimage or journey. The font may be draped in purple cloth and filled with river stones rather than water, reflecting Lent as a season of preparation for baptism. If the font can be placed in the sanctuary entrance, these stones could be those offered to worshippers for use during the service as noted in the service orders. You may prefer to simply have the stones in a bowl in the sanctuary entrance.

If your community is looking for a way to carry your Lenten worship themes home in a concrete way, you may be inspired by the "Lent in a Bag" idea.

A single sending song, Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (ELW 808) could be used throughout the season as a theme hymn; alternate sending songs are also listed.

If you would like to incorporate more music in the services, these Taize-style chants or simple melodies serve well to support a meditative and reflective tone.

Stay with me ELW 348
Take, oh take me as I am ELW 814
Jesus, remember me ELW 616
Wait for the Lord ELW 262
Holy, holy, holy ELW 473
Lamb of God ELW 195

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Silence is kept for reflection

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

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Bless the Lord, O my soul,

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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin.

Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(First Sunday in Lent, Year B, ELW p. 26)

WORD

First Reading Genesis 9:8-17

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel Mark 1:9-15

Sermon/Meditation

Hymn of the Day Bless Now, O God, the Journey ELW 326 (optional alternate tune ELW

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Amen.

(Offering Prayer for Lent, ELW p. 64)

Thanksgiving for the Word (Psalm 25:1-2a, 4-5, 10)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame.

Show me your ways, O LORD,

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness

to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

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(Thanksgiving at the Table V, ELW, p. 65)

Lord's Prayer

Prayer after Communion

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Blessing

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Amen.

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Dismissal

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O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Second Sunday in Lent, Year B, ELW p. 27)

WORD

First Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel Mark 8:31-38

Sermon/Meditation

Hymn of the Day Let us Ever Walk with Jesus ELW 802

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Thanksgiving for the Word (adapted from Psalm 22:23-28)

You who fear the LORD, give praise, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

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(Third Sunday in Lent, Year B, ELW p. 28)

WORD

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel John 2:13-22

Sermon/Meditation

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Thanksgiving for the Word (Psalm 19:1-2, 8-11, 14)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By your judgments is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

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Amen.

(Offering Prayer for Lent, ELW, p. 64)

Thanksgiving at the Table

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Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

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(Thanksgiving at the Table V, ELW, p. 65)

Lord's Prayer

Prayer after Communion

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Amen.

(Prayer after Communion for Lent, ELW, p. 65)

SENDING

Blessing

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.

Amen.

Sending Song Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW 808

or Be Thou My Vision ELW 793

Dismissal

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Amen.

Confession (Psalm 51:15-17, 1-2, 10-12)

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and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

For you take no delight in sacrifice or I would give it.
You are not pleased with burnt offering.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

Silence is kept for reflection

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

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Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year B, ELW p. 28)

WORD

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9

Gospel Acclamation

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Gospel John 3:14-21

Sermon/Meditation

Hymn of the Day Lamb of God ELW 336

Silence for reflection

Prayers of Intercession O Lord, Hear my Prayer ELW 751 – sing before and after prayers

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(Offering Prayer for Lent, ELW p. 64)

Thanksgiving for the Word (adapted from Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22)

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,

for God's mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took rebellious paths;

through their sins they were afflicted.

They loathed all manner of food

and drew near to death's door.

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD

and you delivered them from their distress.

You sent forth your word and healed them

and rescued them from the grave.

We give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

We offer sacrifices of thanksgiving

and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,

and claimed us as children of the light,

strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year B, ELW p. 29)

WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel John 12:20-33

Sermon/Meditation

Hymn of the Day When We Are Living ELW 639

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Thanksgiving for the Word (Psalm 119:9-16)

How shall the young keep their way clean? By keeping to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not stray from your commandments.

I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord;

instruct me in your statutes.

With my lips I recite

all the judgments of your mouth.

I take greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

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Forgiveness (Psalm 103: 8, 10-12, 1)

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Acclamation

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Processional Gospel Mark 11:1-11

Jesus is coming
Shout Hosanna

He's riding on a donkey

Shout Hosanna

Open the gates

Shout Hosanna

Open the ancient doors

Shout Hosanna

Don't be afraid

Shout Hosanna

Wave the branches

Shout Hosanna

Spread out your coats

Shout Hosanna

Peace in heaven

Shout Hosanna

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Processional Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor ELW 344

Prayer of the Day

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(Prayer of the Day for Sunday of the Passion, ELW, p. 29)

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel Mark 15:1-39 (Option - incorporate verses 1-3 of the Hymn of the Day

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Sermon/Meditation

Hymn of the Day Go to Dark Gethsemane ELW 347

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Thanksgiving for the Word (Philippians 2:5-11)

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And being found in human form,
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Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

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Sending Song

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW 808 or Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross ELW 335

Dismissal

We tell your story
We follow in your footsteps
Lead us into Holy Week

We walk towards the city
We wait in the garden
Lead us onto holy ground

We journey towards death
We hope for resurrection
Lead us into holy joy

Go in peace. Journey with Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

(Thanksgiving at the Table V, ELW, p. 65)

Lord's Prayer

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer after Communion for Lent, ELW, p. 65)

SENDING

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you + peace.

Amen.

Sending Song Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW 808

or Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross ELW 335

Dismissal

We tell your story
We follow in your footsteps
Lead us into Holy Week

We walk towards the city
We wait in the garden
Lead us onto holy ground

We journey towards death We hope for resurrection Lead us into holy joy

Go in peace. Journey with Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

You are welcome to take the stone for use throughout the week or to return it to the font.

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