



online
workshop

Planning for Lent

Sunday, January 22

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Led by Ben Johnston-Urey

ABT Worship & the Arts Ministry Team



Ash Wednesday

We are yet a people who rely on ourselves, our actions and spiritual practices, on outward appearances that in the end are shallow and fleeting. This day calls us to turn away even from worship practices and traditions that bring us a false sense of security, that now we are “good with God.” God is not moved by our practices, but longs for relationship with us. As we kneel before God marked in ashes, the readings encourage, call, ache, for our return to God and God alone who is faithful. God who is gracious and merciful. God who is abounding in steadfast love.

-Rev. Kathy Calkins

“Where Two or Three are Gathered: Worship for Small Assemblies”, 2020



Ash Wednesday - Setting the Space

- Set the worship space to invite a quiet and reflective atmosphere (dim lights/candles)
- Prepare several stations using petitions from the Confession of Sin found on ELW pg. 253
"Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you. Have mercy on us O God."

Creation Care Petition: photos of creation—both in beauty and in the ways we pollute
Love for Neighbor: include photos/stories of local refugee families or the homeless your town
Scriptural Petitions: include stations with select verses from the AW lectionary and text summaries
Final Station: Ash Wednesday focus and call from Joel,
"Return to the Lord your God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

Have those ready to apply the ashes invite people to either stand or kneel. As ashes are applied,
"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Be open to the Spirit's leading and work among the people who gather.



The Ashes

- If using palm branches from previous year, plan to include a “Burning of the Palms” rite prior to AW (Burning of Ashes Liturgy found in *Where 2 or More...*)
 - Burning is best done outdoors/church parking lot/campsite
 - Invite congregational participation in this process
- If not burning palm branches from previous years, ashes can be purchased at a church supply store

Ensure enough time for order and delivery!



Ash Wednesday Music & Worship

Selections from ELW



#328 Restore in Us O God
#599 Lord Jesus Think on Me
#600 Out of the Depths I Cry to You
#601 Savior, When in Dust to You
#602 Your Heart O God is Grieved
#607 Come, Ye Disconsolate
#608 Softly and Tenderly
#609 Chief of Sinners Though I Be
#775 Jesus Priceless Treasure
#801 Change My Heart O God
#814 Take O Take Me As I Am
#757 All My Hope on God is Founded
#790 Day by Day
#358 Great God Your Love Has Called Us vs 1-3, 5

Selections from ACS and Other

ACS #921 Return to God
ACS #920 All Things of Dust to Dust Return
ACS #925 You Make Beautiful Things

Turn My Heart O God—M. Haugen
Create in Me a Clean Heart O God – M. Haugen

Clean Heart – Maher, Assad

<https://www.praisecharts.com/songs/details/70078/clean-heart-sheet-music>

Ash Wednesday Comes and Lord, We Hear

Ash Wednesday comes, and Lord, we hear
The word for which our spirits yearn;
Amid this world's distress and fear,
We hear your loving call: "Return!"

"Return to me with all your heart"
With fasting, weeping, mourning, too.
O God, we seek a brand new start,
A new beginning here with you.

You call to us — the old, the young;
You summon nations strong and weak.
When we have drifted toward the wrong,
You call us back, your way to seek.

O God most merciful and kind,
Your love is not a prize we earn;
Yet in our life with you we find
The joy that comes when we return.



https://www.carolynshymns.com/ash_wednesday_comes_and_lord_we_hear.html

-Emphasis on Psalm 51, can be interspersed with sung responses

Refrain

Turn my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O

God. Take my pain and broken-ness; shape my life for

you. Come and turn my heart, O God.

To verses *To repeat refrain and last time*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Turn my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'God. Take my pain and broken-ness; shape my life for'. The third staff begins with the lyrics 'you. Come and turn my heart, O God.' and includes a bracketed section labeled 'To repeat refrain and last time'. A small text overlay 'Turn-My-Heart-O-God-CG194-5061.pdf' is visible on the second staff.

Change My Heart, O God ELW 801
Turn My Heart O God (M. Haugen)

Imposition: silence/reflective music or sung prayers such as

#801 Change My Heart O God
#814 Take, O Take Me As I am

*Setting the Space
with
Deanna Decelle*



Lent 1 Matthew 4:1-11

No one believes in the existence of the devil these days, do they? Do you? Matthew's gospel reorients us to the truth of the devil's power, and calls us to name Satan's presence in the world. In the wilderness Jesus encounters an evil as real as its opposite, resurrection. The great tempter seeks to undermine Jesus' mission before he even begins; testimony that evil has much to fear of our Jesus! Nonetheless, Jesus will not be dissuaded. "Away with you, Satan!" proclaims the redeemer of the cosmos. Thus, the Lenten journey begins—a journey that takes us to the cross, where the devil is named and crushed underfoot.

-www.sundaysandseasons.com



Lent 1 Music & Worship

Selections from ELW

#319 O Lord Throughout These Forty Days

#320 The Glory of These Forty Days

#325 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

#326 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

#334 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery, vs. 1-3, Lent 1

#338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

#342 There in God's Garden

#618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Selections from ACS and Other

ACS #922 When We Are Tested (SLANE)

ACS #923 As Your Spirit in the Desert

ACS #1012 To You All Hearts Are Open

WOV #783 Seek Ye First

W&P 115 Out in the Wilderness



"Broken for Me" (W&P29) can be used as Words of Institution during the season and especially on Maundy Thursday, with the verses slightly rearranged like this (Presider sings v 1-3, Cong joins on 4)

Broken for Me W&P 29

Voice

Bro-ken for me, bro-ken for you;

5 the bod-y of Je - sus bro-ken for you, Last time

9

1. Come to my ta - ble and with me dine;
2. This is my bod - y giv - en for you;
3. This is my blood I shed for you.
4. He of - fered his bod - y, he poured out his soul; D.C.

13

eat of my bread and drink of my wine.
eat it, re - mem - b'ring I died for you
for your for - give - ness, mak - ing you new.
Je - sus was bro - ken that we might be whole.

bro - ken for you.

Lent 2 John 3:1-17

At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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Lent 2 Music & Worship

Selections from ELW

#779 Amazing Grace

E#453 Baptized and Set Free

#456 Baptized in Water

#628 Blessed Assurance

#598 For By Grace You Have Been Saved

#334 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery, vs. 1-3, Lent 2

#457 Waterlife

Selections from ACS and Other

ACS #948 Womb of Life and Source of Being

LS 45 For God So Loved the World

I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121) – Caitlin & Ben
Johnston-Urey

Hymns and Songs emphasizing Baptism

Option to use Thanksgiving for Baptism, ELW 97 in lieu of C&F



I lift my eyes up to the hills; where does my
 help come from? My help comes from the Lord God,
 the Ho-ly One. Mak-er of all the earth and
 heav-ens. You will keep me from stum-bl - ing,
 You are al-ways watch - ing, ne-ver fail - ing ev - er
 near. For the Lord is our Pro-lect - or, cool
 shade at our right hand, the De - fend - er of our days

and of our nights. El-oh - im, and Ab - ba Fath-
 er, You pro - tect us all from sin, You're the
 Keep - er and the Auth - or of our lives, You are al-ways
 watch - ing, ov - er ev' - ry step we take. For-ev - er -
 more, ev - er - more, e - ver - more, ev - er -
 more! For-ev - er - more, ev - er - more!

I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)
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Lent 3 John 4: 5 - 42

“She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who has told me everything I’ve done! Could this man be the Christ?’” (John 4:29, CEB)

...communities and individuals who thirst for the living water would do well to look to who our own Samaritans might be. And when we find them we should perhaps not be surprised to also find Jesus; a Jesus we thought was all our own but who, in reality, is the living water who comes to us in the strange and the stranger.

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Lent 3 Music & Worship

Selections from ELW

#807 Come Thou Fount

#777 Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty

#334 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery, vs. 1-3, Lent 3

#332 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

#647 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

#825 You Servants of God

#660 Lift High the Cross

Selections from ACS and Other

ACS #926 Surely God is My Salvation

ACS #955 Come to the Water of Life

Living Water (Bannister/Holcomb) CCLI

<https://songselect.ccli.com/Songs/7074676/living-water>

Hymns and Songs emphasizing Baptism and Witness

Option to use Thanksgiving for Baptism, ELW 97 in lieu of C&F



Lent 4 John 9: 1 - 41

The theme of sight runs throughout today's texts, both in terms of how God does not see as we see and also in Jesus' healing of a man born blind.

"I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

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Lent 4 Music & Worship

Selections from ELW

#779 Amazing Grace

#334 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery, vs. 1-3, Lent 4

#715 Christ be our Light

#793 Be Thou My Vision

#726 Light Dawns on a Weary World

#843 Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness

Selections from ACS and Other

ACS #1082 O God, You Search Me

W&P #93 Lord My Strength

Love Reflecting Light (Johnston-Urey) CCLI

<https://songselect.ccli.com/Songs/7141699/love-reflecting-light>

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord (Michael W. Smith)



Sung Settings of Psalm 23, such as ELW #778 and #502

Lent 5 John 11: 1 - 45

“Jesus wept.” (John 11:35, NIV)

The fact that Jesus wept suggests that the first step in birthing new life comes when we step *toward* the pain, not away, and when we do so in the presence of God. God, who shares our suffering, knows that new life begins when we honor our pain for the world and move beyond the numbness and denial that pretend everything is fine. In vulnerability Jesus opens to a power greater than himself and raises Lazarus from the dead. Even as you grieve for the planet, how is Jesus summoning you out of the tomb and into the struggle to protect life?

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Lent 5 Music & Worship

Selections from ELW

#328 Restore In Us, O God

#333 Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

#334 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery, vs. 1-3, Lent 5

#339 Christ of all the Living

#407 O Living Breath of God

#485 I Am the Bread of Life

#666 What Wondrous Love is This

Selections from ACS and Other

ACS # 1086 O God Who Gives Us Life

TFF #252 Why Should I Feel Discouraged
(His Eye is On the Sparrow)

This is the Air I Breathe (Marie Barnett)

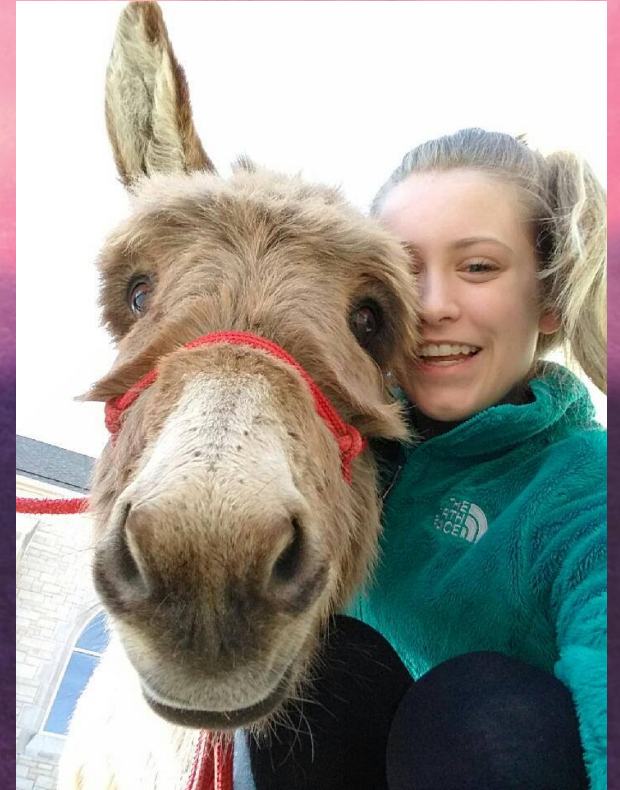
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Sung Settings of Psalm 23, such as ELW #778 and #502

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship

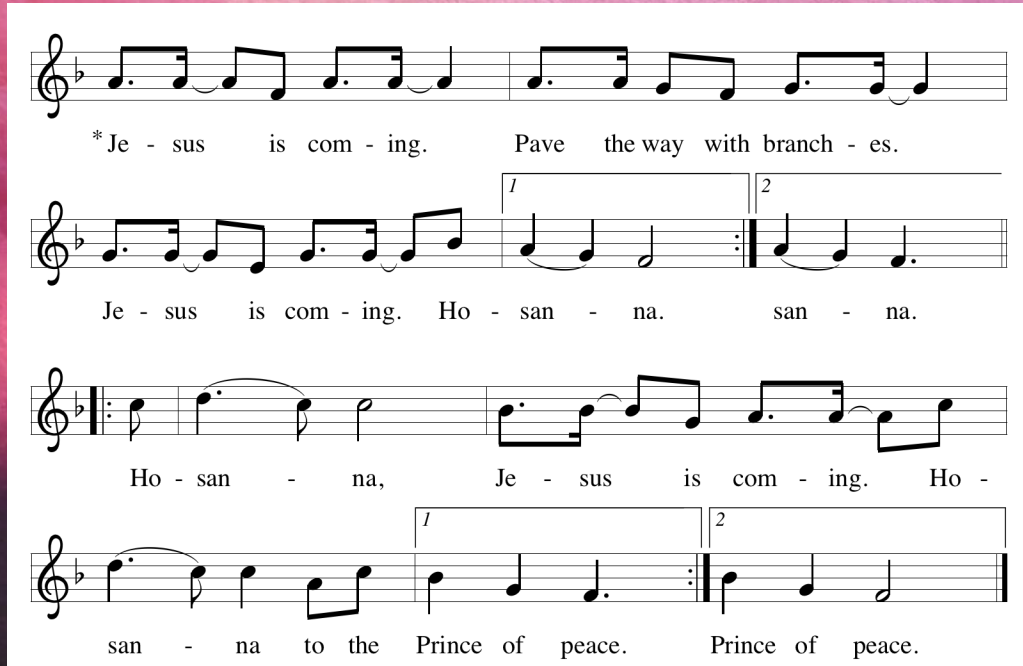
- Great time of year to kick off a drama ministry group!
- Can do a “reader’s theatre” version of Matthew Passion (great for confirmation students) or break into parts for congregation to read along together
- Start the processional outdoors and around church/neighborhood before entering into church



Sweetness the Donkey joins our Palm Sunday Processional around the church



Palm/Passion Sunday Music



*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.



Alternative Entrance Songs

ELW 264 Prepare the Royal Highway

ACS 928 Pave the Way with Branches

LS 50 Hosanna! Hosanna! This is a Special Day

Selections from ACS and Other

ACS 929 Blessed is the One

Hosanna (Praise is Rising) - Brown-Baloch

<https://songselect.ccli.com/Songs/4662491/hosanna-praise-is-rising>

Hosanna – Brooke Ligertwood

<https://songselect.ccli.com/songs/4785835/hosanna>

Mundy Thursday Worship

Worship Space

Start service with a meal together

Proceed with foot/hand washing

Conclude with reading of Psalm 22/Stripping of Altar

Altar Stripping

Instead of silence during Psalm 22, intersperse with appropriate song or instrumental music:

How Long Oh Lord – Brian Doerksen

<https://tabs.ultimate-guitar.com/tab/brian-doerksen/psalm-13-how-long-o-lord-chords-602503>

ELW 353 Were You There (acapella)



Maundy Thursday Music

Selections from ELW

ELW #462 Now We Join in Celebration

ELW #358 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

during foot washing

ELW #708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW #359 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Selections from ACS and Other

ACS #930 Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

WOV #664 A New Commandment

My Endless Love –The Johnston-Ureys

Little Things With Great Love - Assad/Cunningham/Wardell

<https://theportersgate.bandcamp.com/track/little-things-with-great-love-feat-madison-cunningham>

By Our Love – Christy Nockels

<https://songselect.ccli.com/Songs/5489329/by-our-love>



Good Friday Worship

Service Styles

Tenebrae/Seven Last Words

Lay-Led Worship

Ecumenical Worship (incl. non-communion partners)

Bible readings with instrumental backing/improvisation on the piano,
dramatic reader's theatre of the story of Good Friday
readings of poetry or allegorical stories

Worship Space

Austere, candle-lit, darkened windows if during day

More intimate seating/seating in the round

Prayer stations (candles, written, prayers over one another)



Good Friday Music

Selections from ELW

ELW #351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW #803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW #349 Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW #637 Holy God, Holy and Glorious

LBW #94 My Song is Love Unknown (RHOSYMEDRE)



Selections from ACS and Other

ACS #932 Lamb of God Most Holy

How Deep the Father's Love for Us – Townend

<https://songselect.ccli.com/Songs/1558110/how-deep-the-fathers-love-for-us>

Does Your Heart Break? - Gungor/Arndt

<https://www.praisecharts.com/songs/details/26596/does-your-heart-break-chords>

Holy God, Holy and Glorious



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.





Christ ROSE for us!