

The following pages contain information that will assist you in preparing your liturgy for the date below. The two pages that include music suggestions, Elaine Rendler's column and the music planning template, come from *Today's Liturgy*, a liturgy preparation magazine published quarterly by OCP. The page with a suggested introduction to Mass and general intercessions comes from *Prayer of the Faithful*, a resource for liturgy preparation published annually by OCP. Paul Covino's ritual commentary and the bulletin note and image come from Liturgy.com.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

BB	<i>Breaking Bread</i> (published yearly)	R2, R3 . . .	<i>Rise Up and Sing</i> (Second Edition, Third Edition) (young people)
CM	<i>Companion Missal</i> (published yearly)	SS1, SS2	<i>Spirit & Song 1</i> and <i>Spirit & Song 2</i> (young adults)
CP2	<i>Choral Praise Comprehensive</i> (Second Edition)	TM	<i>Today's Missal</i> (published three times yearly)
GP2	<i>Glory & Praise</i> (Second Edition)	UC	<i>United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo 2006-08</i> , music resource
H	<i>Heritage Missal</i> (published yearly)	VOZ	<i>One Faith/Una Voz</i> (hymnal)
J, J2	<i>Journeysongs</i> (hymnal), <i>Journeysongs</i> (Second Edition)	♣	Trinitas (choral octavo series)
MI	<i>Music Issue</i> (published yearly)	♪	Octavo
NTY	<i>Never Too Young: Spirit & Song for Young People</i>		

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MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

See page 72 for an abbreviation key.

For additional music suggestions, visit liturgy.com.

ENTRANCE/GATHERING SONG

The Kingdom Calls Us to Repent/We Feel the Weight of Sadness, Lord
WINDSOR BB 117 TM 100
Again We Keep This Solemn Fast ERHALT UNS, HERR BB 128 CP2 255
J2 394 TM 111 UC 383 VOZ 426
Now Is the Acceptable Time (Bridge) BB 133 TM 116 OCP 12738TL
In These Days of Lenten Journey (Manalo) BB 130 CP2 257 H 239
J 965 J2 392 TM 113 UC 385 VOZ 421 OCP 11097TL
Enter the Journey (Friedman/Vogt) BB/MI 656 NTY 125 R3 134
OCP 11794TL
Glory in the Cross (D. Schutte) BB/MI 734 H 294 J2 523 SS2 313
VOZ 439 OCP 11484TL
Blest Be the Lord (D. Schutte) BB/MI 452 CM 136 CP2 426 GP2 599
H 440 J 611 J2 708 UC 688 VOZ 640 OCP 9488TL
Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days ST. FLAVIAN BB 138 CM 50
CP2 260 GP2 348 H 235 J 260 J2 391 R3 84 TM 121 UC 379 VOZ 415
The Glory of These Forty Days ERHALT UNS, HERR BB 137 CM 49
CP2 256 GP2 343 H 237 J 248 J2 379 TM 120 UC 386 VOZ 424

RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 42–43
A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 33, 228

SONG FOR THE GIVING OF ASHES

Leave the Past in Ashes (Consiglio) BB 112 TM 95 OCP 20622TL
Signed by Ashes (Keil/Quinlivan) BB 113 J 959 J2 375 TM 96
OCP 10915TL
Hosea (Weston Priory/Norbet) BB/MI 679 CM 119 CP2 341 GP2 471
H 334 J 676 J2 559 UC 274 VOZ 318 OCP 8891TL
Seek the Lord (O'Connor) BB/MI 674 CP2 258 GP2 351 H 242 J 593
J2 558 UC 275 VOZ 315 OCP 10482TL

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

With These Ashes (Chiusano/Hochman) BB 111 NTY 172 R3 85
TM 94 OCP 20769TL
Be Still and Know that I Am God (Walker/Freeburg) BB/MI 477
OCP 20672TL
For the Sake of Christ (Canedo) BB/MI 401 SS2 409 OCP 20825TL
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling THOMPSON BB/MI 671 CP2 340
H 338 J2 557 VOZ 313
Beyond the Days (Manalo) BB 121 H 244 J2 384 SS1 101 TM 104
OCP 11329TL
Jesus, Lord (DeBruyn) BB/MI 536 GP2 594 J 692 J2 701 OCP 8739TL
Have Mercy on Us, Lord ATTENDE DOMINE BB 124 J 237 J2 378
TM 107 UC 380 VOZ 416
Parce Domine/Spare Your People, Lord (Chant, Mode I) BB 126
CP2 250 H 238 J 236 J2 376 TM 109 UC 377 VOZ 427

COMMUNION SONG

Psalm 103: Loving and Forgiving (Soper) BB/MI 678 CP2 74 GP2 251
H 148 J 880 J2 560 UC 203 VOZ 226 OCP 9893TL
With the Lord (Joncas) BB/MI 676 GP2 344 J 769 J2 393 TM 128
UC 276 VOZ 307
We Remember (Haugen) BB/MI 535 CM 140 CP2 413 H 426 UC 652
Psalm 51: Create in Me (Hurd) BB/MI 785 CP2 36 GP2 209 H 121
J 720 J2 562 UC 168 VOZ 185
Remember Your Love (Ducote/Daigle/Balhoff) BB/MI 675 CP2 337
GP2 474 H 337 J2 561 TM 127 UC 272 VOZ 317
You Alone (Hart/Liles) BB/MI 677 H 243 NTY 240 SS2 378
OCP 11777TL
These Alone Are Enough (Schutte) BB/MI 391 OCP 20356TL

The season of Lent heralds a call to conversion. As we musically prepare the season, keep in mind that Lent begins with an invitation from the Lord to “come home,” and our music suggestions in the first several weeks convey that message. As the season progresses, texts will refer to Jesus’ Passion and suffering. We are called to fast, abstain, and do penance so that we will turn away from our worldly concerns and focus on God’s abundant love. Although the season is a solemn one, it is one of wonderfully good news for us as we hear the stories of mercy, love, and life in the Lord. It is not a despondent season.

There are several relatively new offerings for Ash Wednesday included the music suggestions. The first entrance song, “The Kingdom Calls Us to Repent,” with text by Benedictine Father Harry Hagan (verses 1–3), poetically echoes the Lenten themes of repentance, faithfulness, and mercy. Verses 4–5 are more appropriate for the later weeks of Lent with their focus on the Passion. The same hymn tune, WINDSOR, also includes alternate funeral verses on the same page, a welcome and useful addition for funeral repertoire. Be sure to check out Christopher Walker’s “Be Still and Know”—new to *Breaking Bread* and the Ash Wednesday suggestions for this year. Paul Covino has some tips for liturgists about the “fine print” of the *Sacramentary* for today.

Today is an extremely busy day for many presbyters and musicians. Let us remember one another in our prayer as we work toward the coming of the kingdom.

Song texts concerning ashes need not be limited to Ash Wednesday. Be creative. — Elaine Rendler-McQueeney

This Alone (Manion) BB/MI 400 CP2 405 GP2 621 H 411 J 657 J2 689
UC 797 VOZ 657 OCP 9937TL
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON BB/MI 540 H 420
R2 308 R3 202
Give Me Jesus (Spiritual) BB/MI 698 CP2 349 GP2 484 H 348 J 551
J2 583 VOZ 332 OCP 9709TL

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

Ashes (Conry) BB 114 CM 48 CP2 248 GP2 340 H 234 J 240 J2 374
NTY 170 R2 126 TM 97 UC 371 VOZ 410
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy IN BABILONE BB/MI 423 CP2 445
GP2 639 H 447 J 432 J2 748 UC 669 VOZ 690
Renew Us IN BABILONE BB/MI 506 OCP 10011TL
Companions on the Journey (Landry) BB/MI 594 CP2 514 GP2 566
H 543 J2 851 UC 787 VOZ 762 OCP 5539TL
Lead Me, Guide Me (Akers) BB/MI 404
Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior (B. Farrell) BB/MI 585 GP2 662
H 413 J 730 J2 674 UC 777 VOZ 651 OCP 7126TL
Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER BB/MI 733 CM 80 CP2 305 GP2 444
H 292 J 383 J2 522 R2 163 UC 637 VOZ 707
Change Our Hearts (Cooney) BB/MI 672 CP2 338 GP2 349 H 336
UC 270 VOZ 310 OCP 5269TL
For You Are My God (Foley) BB/MI 443 CP2 425 GP2 612 H 430
J 694 J2 710 UC 694 VOZ 645 OCP 10477TL

CHORAL

Miserere: Prayer of Repentance (DiCosimo) OCP 20200TL
Libera Nos (Whitaker) OCP 20458TL
Leave the Past in Ashes (Consiglio) BB 112 TM 95 OCP 20622TL

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Time _____ Presiding Minister _____

Music Rehearsal/Liturgical Catechesis _____

Introduction, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 33 _____

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance/Gathering Song _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading _____ Responsorial Psalm _____

Second Reading _____ Gospel Acclamation _____

Gospel _____

Homily/Preaching _____

Dismissal of the Catechumens and Elect _____

General Intercessions, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 33 _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Music for Preparation of the Gifts _____

Eucharistic Acclamations _____

Holy _____

Memorial Acclamation _____ Great Amen _____

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer _____

Lamb of God _____

Communion Processional _____

Psalm or Hymn of Praise/Instrumental or Silence _____

CONCLUDING RITE

Sending Forth _____

Choral Anthem of the Day _____

Prelude/Postlude _____

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See Wisdom 11:24–25, 27

Lord, you are merciful to all, and hate nothing you have created. You overlook the sins of men to bring them to repentance. You are the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

Joel 2:12–18 (219)

The Lord is slow to anger and rich in kindness. The faithful return with their whole hearts, fasting and repenting. All God's people gather together before the Lord for mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6ab, 12–13, 14 & 17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2

Paul implored the Corinthians to be reconciled to God right away. As Christ carried their sins upon the cross, so can they bear his

holiness within them, if they turn to him. "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Psalm 95:8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

Jesus warned the disciples against performing religious acts only to attract the attention of others. In giving alms, praying and fasting, Christians are to conduct themselves in such a way that no one will know, except God, who sees all things.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 1:2–3

The man who meditates day and night on the law of the Lord will yield fruit in due season.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

As we begin this Lenten season,
we acknowledge that we are sinners
and that God looks on us with compassion and love.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Presiding Minister

Let us ask our merciful God to listen kindly
to our petitions and to those of the entire Church.

Leader

- A For those who lead the Church throughout the world,
that they walk humbly in the Lord's footsteps,
we pray to the Lord:
- B For nations and families torn apart by war,
that they find healing and renewed hope,
we pray to the Lord:
- C For victims of oppression and abuse
and for their oppressors and abusers,
we pray to the Lord:
For victims of violence,
for those dear to them,
and for prisoners condemned to death, whether guilty or innocent,
that they all find hope in the promise of the resurrection,
we pray to the Lord:
- D For the members of this community, unified in repentance,
we pray to the Lord:
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Presiding Minister

God of goodness and mercy, you are always ready to pardon our sins.
In these Lenten days, grant our prayers and help us live generously and humbly.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Ritual Notes

by Paul Covino, from *Today's Liturgy* 2010

Pay attention to the fine print! The directives for Ash Wednesday in the *Sacramentary* that are in the smallest print contain some of the most important information about the liturgy for this first day of Lent. The first of these notes that “the ashes used today come from the branches blessed the preceding year for Passion Sunday” (p. 76). Invite people to bring their old palm branches to church the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and get younger parishioners involved in burning the branches and sifting the ashes. The second small print directive reminds us that “the penitential rite and the Gloria are omitted” (p. 76). Today’s distribution of ashes replaces the penitential rite, and the Gloria is omitted throughout Lent. Another small print directive tells us that “the profession of faith is not said,” and the final one notes that “the blessing and giving of ashes may be done outside Mass” (p. 78). The *Book of Blessings* (ch. 52; Liturgical Press, 800-858-5450, litpress.org) provides a liturgical service that consists of the Liturgy of the Word and the blessing and distribution of ashes. Ashes could also be distributed within the celebration of morning prayer and/or evening prayer. These services may be led by a priest, deacon, or lay minister, but the blessing of ashes is reserved to a priest or deacon. Lay ministers may also assist with the distribution of ashes within Mass or another liturgical service.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

This is the day we go to church clean and come home dirty. Instead of fasting and doing penance in private, today we proclaim our penance to the world. “Did you get your ashes?” people will ask. It may be better to ask, “Did you mean your ashes?”

The ashes we receive today, the *dies cinerum* (day of ashes), are the result of burning blessed palm fronds from the previous year’s Palm Sunday. Our practice of receiving these ashes probably began in the eighth century. The distribution of ashes was formally instituted by Pope Urban II at the Synod of Benevento in 1091.

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