

SPRING WORSHIP PLANNING GUIDE

Lectionary A

FEBRUARY

5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10);
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

Themes: The Lord announces to His people their rebellion, but promises restoration if they return to Him; happy are the ones that delight in the Lord and obey His commandments; believers have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit of God; believers are to let their light shine before men, so that their Father will be glorified.

Suggested Anthems: **Blessed Is the One** (McCartha/Mock) 35031239 • **Great Are You Lord** (arr. Sorenson) 00196895 • **Holy Spirit, Come Today** (Johnson/Martin/Martin) 00197960 • **Jesus, You're My Place** (Sorenson) 35031242 • **Let Us Bow Down** (Shoemaker/French/arr. Barrett) 35031229 • **"Yes" Resounds** (Schwoebel/York) 00156572

12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;
1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

Themes: The Lord encourages His people to choose life so that they and their descendants might live; happy are the ones who walk in the way of the Lord; Paul explains to the immature Corinthian church that both he and Apollos are merely God's servants; Jesus explains the deeper meanings of the commandments.

Suggested Anthems: **Blessed Is the One** (McCartha/Mock) 35031239 • **Great Are You Lord** (arr. Sorenson) 00196895 • **The Light of Glory** (Martin/Angerman) 35031330 • **May the Peoples Praise You** (arr. Christopher) 00196013 • **One True God** (arr. Ross) 00194812

19 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40;
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Themes: The Lord tells Moses to exhort the people to holy, compassionate living; the psalmist asks the Lord to lead him in the way of righteousness; Christ is the one true foundation, and believers are His temple; Christ encourages His followers to love their enemies and pray for those that persecute them.

Suggested Anthems: **All To Jesus** (Peterson/arr. McCartha) 35031233 • **Blessed Is the One** (McCartha/Mock) 35031239 • **God of Grace and Glory** (Martin) 35030951 • **Holy Is the Lord!** (Larson) 00172649 • **One True God** (arr. Ross) 00194812 • **On Paths to Answered Prayer** (Fuller/arr. Sorenson) 35031277

26 Transfiguration Sunday

Scriptures: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21;
Matthew 17:1-9

Themes: Moses goes up on Mount Sinai to receive the commandments; serve the Lord with fear and trembling, for happy are those who take refuge in Him; Peter offers testimony concerning the Transfiguration of Christ; Matthew recounts the Transfiguration of Christ.

Suggested Anthems: **God of Grace and Glory** (Martin) 35030951 • **Holy Is the Lord!** (Larson) 00172649 • **Jesus, You're My Place** (Sorenson) 35031242 • **The Light of Glory** (Martin/Angerman) 35031330 • **"Yes" Resounds** (Schwoebel/York) 00156572

MARCH

1 Ash Wednesday

Scriptures: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17;
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Themes: The Lord encourages His people to return to Him; the psalmist asks to be cleansed from sin and prays for the joy of his salvation to return; the Corinthians should not take the grace of God in vain, for today is the day of salvation; believers are to store up treasure in heaven, not on earth.

Suggested Anthems: **After the Mist and Shadow** (Mock/arr. Nix) 35031238 • **All To Jesus** (Peterson/arr. McCartha) 35031233 • **Be Still Before the Lord** (Nix/Martin/Martin) 00151442 • **Grace Wins** (arr. Hogan) 00159435 • **I'll Be There In Glory** (arr. McDonald) 00200577 • **Lord, if I Got My Ticket, Can I Ride?** (arr. Curry) 00197718 • **Pathway to Home** (Clements/arr. Nix) 35031287 • **Reflections on Life and the Word** (Mock/arr. López) 35030664 • **Take the World, but Give Me Jesus** (Greig/arr. Taylor) 35031286

5 First Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19;
Matthew 4:1-11

Themes: Adam and Eve eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; happy are the ones whose sin has been forgiven; the gift of Christ is compared with Adam's sin; Jesus is tempted by Satan in the wilderness.

Suggested Anthems: **Abide With Me** (arr. Sorenson) 00194373 • **After the Mist and Shadow** (Mock/arr. Nix) 35031238 • **Flee As a Bird** (arr. Martin) 35031203 • **Into the Woods My Master Went** (Purifoy) 00196024 • **The Light of Glory** (Martin/Angerman) 35031330 • **Open Wide the Door of Mercy** (Greig/arr. Nix) 35031284

12 Second Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

Themes: Abram is commanded to leave his country and go to the land the Lord will show him; the psalmist's help comes from the Lord, who created all things; salvation depends on faith, not works; Nicodemus comes to speak with Jesus at night; Matthew recounts the Transfiguration of Christ.

Suggested Anthems: **Abide With Me** (arr. Sorenson) 00194373 • **All To Jesus** (Peterson/arr. McCartha) 35031233 • **By Grace** (Bedford/arr. Paige) 35030563 • **For Your Beauty** (Sorenson) 35031288 • **The Gift** (Martin) 35031216 • **Grace Wins** (arr. Hogan) 00159435 • **I Sing of His Amazing Grace** (Mock/arr. Buda) 35031104 • **We Are Saved By Grace** (Martin) 35031215

19 Third Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Themes: The Lord provides water for the people to drink in the wilderness; believers should not harden their hearts before God, or test Him as their ancestors did in the wilderness; believers are justified by grace and have peace with God through Jesus Christ; Christ witnesses to the Samaritan woman at the well.

Suggested Anthems: **Abide With Me** (arr. Sorenson) 00194373 • **By Grace** (Bedford/arr. Paige) 35030563 • **Fanfare and Concertato on "To God Be the Glory"** (arr. Nix and Paige) 35031246 • **God So Loved** (arr. Purifoy) 35031240 • **Grace Wins** (arr. Hogan) 00159435 • **I Sing of His Amazing Grace** (Mock/arr. Buda) 35031104 • **We Are Saved By Grace** (Martin) 35031215

26 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Themes: Samuel anoints David; the psalmist reflects on how the Lord is his shepherd; believers are exhorted to live as children of light; Jesus restores sight to a blind man, and the man offers testimony regarding Jesus.

Suggested Anthems: **Appalachian Psalm** (Lough/arr. Paige) 35031013 • **Be Still Before the Lord** (Nix/Martin/Martin) 00151442 • **Christus Lux Mea** (Sorenson) 00194400 • **Holy Spirit, Come Today** (Johnson/Martin/Martin) 00197960 • **The King of Love My Shepherd Is** (arr. Leavitt) 00156855 • **The Lamb** (Blake/Purifoy) 35031278 • **Savior, Come and Dwell in Me** (Besig/Price) 35031208 • **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** (arr. Sorenson) 00195516

APRIL

2 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Themes: The Lord causes dry bones to live; the Lord will redeem Israel from all its iniquities; to set the mind on the Spirit is to have life and peace; Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Suggested Anthems: **Flee As a Bird** (arr. Martin) 35031203 • **God So Loved** (arr. Purifoy) 35031240 • **I Am Yours, Lord** (Besig/Price) 35031209 • **I'll Be There In Glory** (arr. McDonald) 00200577 • **Let All Creation Sing** (Schütz/Drennan) 35031298 • **Lord, if I Got My Ticket, Can I Ride?** (arr. Curry) 00197718 • **Take the World, but Give Me Jesus** (Greig/arr. Taylor) 35031286

9 Sixth Sunday in Lent/Liturgy of the Palms/Liturgy of the Passion

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a;

Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Themes: The psalmist declares that blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; Matthew recounts the events of the Triumphal Entry; if the Lord God helps us, who will declare us guilty?; the psalmist, in the midst of great distress, prays for deliverance; the Lord Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient unto death on a cross; after the last supper, Jesus prays in the garden; Jesus is crucified.

Suggested Anthems: **Awake, Alone in Gethsemane** (arr. McDonald) 35031326 • **Beautiful the Teardrops** (Buda/Stewart) 00196955 • **The Blood of Jesus Speaks for Me** (arr. Koerts) 35031292 • **Christus Lux Mea** (Sorenson) 00194400 • **Come and Feast** (Dengler) 35031283 • **In the Breaking of the Bread** (Martin) 35031105 • **Into the Woods My Master Went** (Purifoy) 00196024 • **A Joyful Hosanna** (Buda/Paige) 00196823 • **Mercy** (Shoemake/French/arr. Sorenson) 00196820 • **On Paths to Answered Prayer** (Fuller/arr. Sorenson) 35031277 • **Palm Sunday Processional** (Greig/Paige) 35031276 • **The Weeping Tree** (Martin) 35031197 • **"Yes" Resounds** (Schwoebel/York) 00156572

13 Maundy Thursday

Scriptures: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Themes: The Passover is instituted; because the Lord heard his supplications, the psalmist offers a thanksgiving sacrifice to the Lord; the Lord's Supper is instituted; Jesus washes the feet of His disciples.

Suggested Anthems: **Awake, Alone in Gethsemane** (arr. McDonald) 35031326 • **Beautiful the Teardrops** (Buda/Stewart) 00196955 • **Christus Lux Mea** (Sorenson) 00194400 • **Come and Feast** (Dengler) 35031283 • **Hallelujah! What a Savior!** (Nussel) 35031285 • **In the Breaking of the Bread** (Martin) 35031105 • **Into the Woods My Master Went** (Purifoy) 00196024 • **I Stand Amazed** (Bedford/arr. McDonald) 35031327 • **Mercy** (Shoemake/French/arr. Sorenson) 00196820 • **The Table of Forgiveness** (Purifoy/Stewart) 00194565 • **There Was No One There** (Talley) 35031212

14 Good Friday

Scriptures: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;

Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Themes: Isaiah prophesizes the humiliation and glorification of Jesus; the psalmist speaks of the Messiah's suffering and praise; through the blood of Jesus, believers may draw near to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith; Jesus, our high priest, is able to sympathize with our weaknesses because He was tested as we are, yet without sin; Judas betrays Jesus, and Peter denies Him three times.

Suggested Anthems: **Beautiful the Teardrops** (Büda/Stewart) 00196955 • **The Blood of Jesus Speaks for Me** (arr. Koerts) 35031292 • **Christus Lux Mea** (Sorenson) 00194400 • **Hallelujah! What a Savior!** (Nussel) 35031285 • **Into the Woods My Master Went** (Purifoy) 00196024 • **Let Us Gather in the Shadow of the Cross** (Martin/Nix) 35031211 • **Mercy** (Shoemake/French/arr. Sorenson) 00196820 • **She Stood in Silent Love** (Frombach/Drennan) 35031223 • **The Table of Forgiveness** (Purifoy/Stewart) 00194565 • **There Was No One There** (Talley) 35031212 • **They Took My Lord Away** (Hannibal) 35031295 • **The Weeping Tree** (Martin) 35031197 • **"Yes" Resounds** (Schwoebel/York) 00156572

16 Easter Sunday

Scriptures: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Themes: Peter gives testimony to the resurrection of Christ; the Lord declares that He will be the God of all the families of Israel; this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it; if believers have been raised with Christ, they are to seek the things that are above; Peter gives testimony to the resurrection of Christ; Simon Peter and the disciple Jesus loved discover the empty tomb; an angel declares to Mary Magdalene that Jesus is risen.

Suggested Anthems: **A Day of Celebration** (Nix/Martin) 35031214 • **Easter Alleluia Canon** (arr. Liebergen) 35031210 • **An Easter Jubilee** (Nix/Graham) 00194423 • **He Is Risen** (arr. Hamby) 00197959 • **I Will Sing** (arr. Koerts) 00151404 • **May the Peoples Praise You** (arr. Christopher) 00196013 • **Mercy Tree** (arr. Martin) 00200576 • **Redeemer** (arr. Sorenson) 35030572 • **A Resurrection Declaration** (Johnson/Thornhill) 00197695

23 Second Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Themes: Peter preaches about the resurrection of Christ; the psalmist keeps the Lord first and blesses the Lord; the Lord Jesus Christ, through His resurrection, has given us a new birth and an inheritance; the resurrected Lord reveals Himself to His disciples, including doubting Thomas.

Suggested Anthems: **At Calvary** (arr. Grassi) 00158610 • **A Day of Celebration** (Nix/Martin) 35031214 • **Easter Alleluia Canon** (arr. Liebergen) 35031210 • **An Easter Jubilee** (Nix/Graham) 00194423 • **He Is Risen** (arr. Hamby) 00197959 • **I'll Be There In Glory** (arr. McDonald) 00200577 • **Lord, if I Got My Ticket, Can I Ride?** (arr. Curry) 00197718 • **Psalm 113** (Hoelscher) 35031279 • **Redeemer** (arr. Sorenson) 35030572 • **A Resurrection Declaration** (Johnson/Thornhill) 00197695

30 Third Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Themes: Peter preaches about the resurrection of Christ; because the Lord heard his supplications, the psalmist offers a thanksgiving sacrifice to the Lord; Peter encourages believers to love one another deeply from the heart; Christ appears on the road to Emmaus.

Suggested Anthems: **A Day of Celebration** (Nix/Martin) 35031214 • **Easter Alleluia Canon** (arr. Liebergen) 35031210 • **An Easter Jubilee** (Nix/Graham) 00194423 • **He Is Risen** (arr. Hamby) 00197959 • **I Believe in Someday** (Stepanek/Martin) 35030912 • **I Will Sing** (arr. Koerts) 00151404 • **Live Your Love** (Martin/Nordmeyer) 35031296 • **Love's Way** (Martin) 35031200 • **O Sing Unto the Lord** (Ward/arr. Sorenson) 00194770 • **A Prayer to the Trinity** (Mauldin/Stewart) 00197961 • **Redeemer** (arr. Sorenson) 35030572 • **A Resurrection Declaration** (Johnson/Thornhill) 00197695

MAY

7 Fourth Sunday of Easter/ Christ The Good Shepherd

Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Themes: The growth of the early church is described; the psalmist reflects on how the Lord is his shepherd; when enduring suffering, the believer should follow Christ's example; Jesus is the gate, and anyone who enters by Him will be saved.

Suggested Anthems: **After the Mist and Shadow** (Mock/arr. Nix) 35031238 • **Appalachian Psalm** (Lough/arr. Paige) 35031013 • **Growing in Love** (Dengler/Dengler) 35031103 • **The King of Love My Shepherd Is** (arr. Leavitt) 00156855 • **The Lamb** (Blake/Purifoy) 35031278 • **Lord, If I Got My Ticket, Can I Ride?** (arr. Curry) 00197718 • **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** (arr. Sorenson) 00195516 • **"Yes" Resounds** (Schwoebel/York) 00156572

14 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Themes: Stephen is stoned for his belief in Christ; the psalmist commits his spirit to God; believers are exhorted to grow and offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ; Jesus teaches about His second coming.

Suggested Anthems: **Committin' This Day** (Johnson/arr. Sorenson) 35031230 • **Growing in Love** (Dengler/Dengler) 35031103 • **I'll Be There In Glory** (arr. McDonald) 00200577 • **Lord, If I Got My Ticket, Can I Ride?** (arr. Curry) 00197718

21 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Themes: Paul preaches to the Athenians and declares that God can be known, not unknown as they believe; the people are exhorted to bless God; it is better to suffer for doing good than to suffer for doing evil; Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Suggested Anthems: **After the Mist and Shadow** (Mock/arr. Nix) 35031238 • **Fanfare and Concertato on "To God Be the Glory"** (arr. Nix and Paige) 35031246 • **For Your Beauty** (Sorenson) 35031288 • **Good Good Father** (arr. Angerman) 00196956 • **Holy Spirit, Come Today** (Johnson/Martin/Martin) 00197960 • **No Other Name** (Roseberry/arr. Besig) 35031241 • **One True God** (arr. Ross) 00194812 • **Psalm 113** (Hoelscher) 35031279

28 Seventh Sunday of Easter/ Ascension Sunday

Scriptures: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Themes: Christ ascends into heaven; the people and kingdoms of the earth are to sing to God and ascribe power to Him; believers are to rejoice in suffering, and they are to cast all of their anxiety on God, for He cares for them; Jesus prays for Himself and for His disciples.

Suggested Anthems: **After the Mist and Shadow** (Mock/arr. Nix) 35031238 • **Celtic Psalm of Praise** (Martin/Martin/arr. Larson) 35031272 • **For Your Beauty** (Sorenson) 35031288 • **Good Good Father** (arr. Angerman) 00196956 • **Holy Spirit, Come Today** (Johnson/Martin/Martin) 00197960 • **Jesus, You're My Place** (Sorenson) 35031242 • **Look Away to the Skies** (Thornhill/arr. Raney) 35031297 • **May the Peoples Praise You** (arr. Christopher) 00196013 • **O Sing Unto the Lord** (Ward/arr. Sorenson) 00194770 • **"Yes" Resounds** (Schwoebel/York) 00156572 • **You Sing Over Me** (Sorenson) 35031219

JUNE

4 Day of Pentecost

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Themes: The day of Pentecost is described; Two men, Eldad and Medad, prophesy in the camp; the psalmist considers the works of God and His great wisdom; believers are given a variety of different gifts through the working of the Holy Spirit; the day of Pentecost is described; the resurrected Christ appears to some of His disciples; Jesus speaks about the coming impartation of the Holy Spirit.

Suggested Anthems: God of Grace and Glory (Martin) 35030951 • **Holy Is the Lord!** (Larson) 00172649 • **Holy Spirit, Come Today** (Johnson/Martin/Martin) 00197960 • **Live Your Love** (Martin/Nordmeyer) 35031296 • **A Resurrection Declaration** (Johnson/Thornhill) 00197695 • **Spirit of the Living God** (arr. Martin) 00151137 • **Wings of Your Love** (Martin/Drennan) 35031245

11 Trinity Sunday

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-2:4a or Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Themes: Creation is described; how amazing it is that God is mindful of humans, His name is majestic over all the earth; Paul offers a benediction to the Corinthian church; Jesus issues the Great Commission.

Suggested Anthems: Committin' This Day (Johnson/arr. Sorenson) 35031230 • **Fanfare and Concertato on "To God Be the Glory"** (arr. Nix and Paige) 35031246 • **For Your Beauty** (Sorenson) 35031288 • **God of Grace and Glory** (Martin) 35030951 • **Great Are You Lord** (arr. Sorenson) 00196895 • **Holy Is the Lord!** (Larson) 00172649 • **Let All Creation Sing** (Schütz/Drennan) 35031298 • **Live Your Love** (Martin/Nordmeyer) 35031296 • **No Other Name** (Roseberry/arr. Besig) 35031241 • **A Prayer To the Trinity** (Mauldin/Stewart) 00197961 • **We've a Story to Tell** (Berry) 35031224

18 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;

Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Themes: Abraham and Sarah have a son, Isaac; because the Lord heard his supplications, the psalmist offers a thanksgiving sacrifice to the Lord; the Lord instructs Moses to speak to the people, telling them that they are a priestly kingdom and a holy nation; believers are to make a joyful noise to the Lord and to enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; believers are justified by grace and have peace with God through Jesus Christ; the twelve disciples are sent.

Suggested Anthems: Celtic Psalm of Praise (Martin/Martin/arr. Larson) 35031272 • **Fanfare and Concertato on "To God Be the Glory"** (arr. Nix and Paige) 35031246 • **The Gift** (Martin) 35031216 • **Grace Wins** (arr. Hogan) 00159435 • **Jubilate Deo** (Althouse) 35011776 • **Let All Creation Sing** (Schütz/Drennan) 35031298 • **Let Us Bow Down** (Shoemaker/French/arr. Barrett) 35031229 • **May the Peoples Praise You** (00196013) • **O Sing Unto the Lord** (Ward/arr. Sorenson) 00194770 • **You Sing Over Me** (Sorenson) 35031219

25 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Themes: Hagar and Ishmael depart; the psalmist cries out to the Lord in distress; Jeremiah meets with persecution in his ministry; David prays to God in desperation; believers are to consider themselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Jesus Christ; if believers acknowledge Christ before others, He will acknowledge them before the Father in heaven.

Suggested Anthems: Committin' This Day (Johnson/arr. Sorenson) 35031230 • **God of Grace and Glory** (Martin) 35030951 • **Growing in Love** (Dengler/Dengler) 35031103 • **I Am Yours, Lord** (Besig/Price) 35031209 • **Jesus, You're My Place** (Sorenson) 35031242 • **No Other Name** (Roseberry/arr. Besig) 35031241 • **Open Wide the Door of Mercy** (Greig/arr. Nix) 35031284 • **Savior, Come and Dwell in Me** (Besig/Price) 35031208

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