

Second Sunday in Lent, Year C

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Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at [Oremus Bible Browser](#)]

[Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18](#) (*God makes a covenant with Abraham and his descendants*)

[Psalm 27](#) (*I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living*)

[Philippians 3:17-4:1](#) (*Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a Savior*)

[Luke 13:31-35](#) (*Jesus laments over Jerusalem, the killer of prophets*)

or

[Luke 9:28-36, \(37-43a\)](#) (*Jesus is transfigured on the mountaintop*)

Themes: Covenant, Providence, Salvation, Light, Lament, Transfiguration

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](#), a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the scriptures or themes of this service.

Be Thou My Vision (SLANE)	Genesis, Psalms, Luke 9
Fairest Lord Jesus (ST. ELIZABETH)	Philippians, Luke 13
Gather Us In (GATHER US IN)	Luke 9
The God of Abraham Praise (LEONI)	Genesis
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (CWM RHONDDA)	Genesis
Guide My Feet (GUIDE MY FEET)	Philippians
How Firm a Foundation (FOUNDATION)	Genesis
I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance) (SIMPLE GIFTS)	Luke 13
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (ST. DENIO)	Philippians, Luke 9
In the Cross of Christ I Glory (RATHBUN)	Philippians
Lead Me, Guide Me (LEAD ME, GUIDE ME)	Psalms
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (SHOWALTER)	Psalms
Transform Us (PICARDY)	Luke 9
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (HAMBURG; ROCKINGHAM)	Philippians, Luke 9, Luke 13

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

Be Thou My Vision – M Genesis, Psalms, Luke 9
John Helgen, incorporating *SLANE*
© 2016, Kjos Music, 9170
SATB, Piano, opt. Flute, Cello

City Called Heaven – M Philippians
African American Spiritual/Josephine Poelinitz, arr.
© 1994, 2000, Colla Voce Music, 21-20270
SSA, Solo, Piano (available for SATB)

God So Loved the World – M Luke 13
K. Lee Scott
© 2012, Concordia Publishing, 98-4109
SATB, Organ, opt. Violin

Heavenly Light – ME Psalms
Alexander Kopylov/Peter Wilhousky, ed.
© 1937, C. Fischer, CM497
SATB, a cappella

Hide Not Thy Face from Us – ME Psalms
Richard Farrant/S. Drummond Wolff, ed.
© 1990, MorningStar Music, 50-3403
SAB, a cappella (opt. Keyboard)

How Firm a Foundation – ME Genesis
FOUNDATION/Emma Lou Diemer, arr.
© 1981, Hinshaw Music, HMC-527
SATB, Organ, opt. Brass, Percussion

Keep Me Faithfully In Thy Path – E Psalms, Lent
G.F. Handel/Richard Proulx, ed.
© 1980, GIA, G-2355
2-Part Mixed, Organ

The Lord Is My Light – M Psalms, Luke 9
Thomas W. Jefferson
© 2014, African American Church Music Series
GIA Publications, G-8687
SATB, Piano

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation – M
..... Psalms, Luke 9
John A. Behnke
© 2003, Choristers Guild, CGA981
SAB, Keyboard, opt. 2-3 Oct. Handbells

My Song Is Love Unknown – ME Luke 13, Lent
Edwin T. Childs
© 1999, MorningStar Music, 50-3044
SATB, Keyboard

When Jesus Wept – ME Luke 13
William Billings/Peter Paulk Olejar, arr.
© 2010, MorningStar Music, 50-3044
SA(T)B, Keyboard

-- Youth and Children --

Behold, God Is My Salvation – E Psalms
Jody Lindh
© 1993, Concordia Publishing, 98-3193
2-Part (any), Organ

The Lord Is My Light – E Psalms
Mark Patterson
© 2017, Choristers Guild, CGA1529
Unison/2-Part, Piano, opt. 2 Oct. Handbells

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

I entrust the past to your mercy, the present to your love, and the future to your providence.

— ST. AUGUSTINE of Hippo, 354-430

*The rest of this must be said in silence
because of the enormous difference
between light and the words
that try to say light.*

— RUMI, (1207-1273)
The Essential Rumi, Coleman Barks, ed.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We remember God's promises,
held firm for generations.

Come, seek God's face.

Surrounded by adversity,
we find shelter.

Come, seek God's face.

We are nestled safely, like chicks
under their mother's wings.

Come, seek God's face.

Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord, leading us to live
as citizens of God's world.

Come, seek God's face.

— JD Granada*

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CENTERING PRAYER

(As we center ourselves in prayer, remember that God's love is both expansive and intimate. At the end of each stanza when I say "God of the Universe," you may respond "Be with us now.")

God, your goodness and mercy outnumber the stars. As incomprehensible as their numbers are when we gaze into the night sky, your blessings are even greater. When all is chaos, remind us that there is a bigger picture, that we are part of a world that is beyond ourselves. . . . God of the Universe,

Be with us now. (Silence)

Yet as great as you are, we are not small to you. You cherish and shelter us. We see your goodness in the midst of strife. You invite us into your house, to live as citizens of your world. . . . God of the Universe,

Be with us now. (Silence)

Call us to this moment, God, and join us in this place. Bring us in from the vast stars that we may embrace the here-and-now. Remind us that citizenship in your world is a present reality, not just a future ideal. Like a mother hen covers her brood under her wings, embrace us now, so that even for a moment we may recognize that you are with us. . . . God of the Universe,

Be with us now.

(Silence)

Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(from Psalm 27)

Leader: "Come," my heart says, "seek your Lord's face!"

People: **Your face, Lord, do I seek. Teach me your way.**

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The love of God, unutterable and perfect, Christian Unity incites us to be a people of fervent faith and calm temperament; a people of moderation and passionate commitment; and we are invited to be agents of its inauguration.

— MARTYN PERCY, "In Praise of Moderation,"
Untamed Gospel: Protests, Poems and Prose for the Christian Year

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION and PARDON

We come before God as forsakers of profits, those who have been told what is righteous yet choose the opposite. We have sought glory that is rooted in shame. We fear that the God of our salvation might cast us off. Let us silently confess our shortcomings to God.

(Silence)

Hear our cries, oh Lord, and be gracious to us!

Take peace knowing that the God of our salvation does not turn away or forsake us. Rather, we are transformed by God's glory each day! Live as citizens of heaven and stand firm in the Lord, seeking God's will always, and giving thanks for grace when we fall short.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Brothers and sisters, go from this place as citizens of heaven, beloved and committed. Expect your Savior, for the Lord Jesus Christ will go with you and blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Take the name of Jesus with you. Amen.

— Warren Howell

* Thanks to JD Granade for contributing to this week's liturgy.

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