

March 29, 2009

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34 God promises a new covenant with Israel that will be written upon the peoples' hearts.
 Psalm 51:1-12 The psalmist prays for forgiveness of sins and asks for a clean heart and a right spirit.
 or
 Psalm 119:9-16 The psalmist seeks the ways of the Lord with all his being.
 Hebrews 5:5-10 Christ has been made our high priest.
 John 12:20-33 While Jesus is speaking about his death, a voice from heaven is heard.

Call to Worship

I am doing a new thing, says our God.
We will answer God with new hearts.
 Seek me, and desire truth and mercy, calls our God.
With our whole lives, we will hear God's voice.
 If a grain of wheat dies, it grows into new life, promises Jesus.
We will seek to let go, and to grow deeper into faith.
 If you wish to follow me, become servants, Jesus tells us.
We will live a life of service, following him.

Hymns for the Day

	PH	EH	ELW	UMH	NCH	VU	STF	SNC	TFBF	HFTG
Hymns of Praise										
Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus		495		325						
In Suffering Love						614				
Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery			334			121				
Old Testament										
Psalm 51	192							50	216	
God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us	261									
Giver of the Perfect Gift						116				
Epistle										
Ah, Holy Jesus	93	158	349	289	218	138				
Christ When For Us You Were Baptized	70		304			99				
Eternal Christ, You Rule					302	212				
Gospel										
What Wondrous Love Is This	85	439	666	292	223	147				
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	100, 101	474	803	298	224	149		79		
Before the Fruit Is Ripened by the Sun										147
Communion										
Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed	499	334			328					
Now the Silence, Now the Peace			460	619		475				
Sending										
The Flaming Banners of Our King		161, 162			221					
Lift High the Cross	371	472	660	159	198	151				

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Prayer of Confession

(especially with children in mind)
 Gracious God, we have all we need, but we want more.
 We want cars and houses and clothes and toys.
Create in us clean hearts, O God.
 We want to be on the winning team.
Create in us clean hearts, O God.
 We want everyone to like us all the time.
Create in us clean hearts, O God.
 Have mercy on us.
 Put your Holy Spirit in our hearts and keep us close to you.
 Help us to be grateful for your love.

Psalm Settings

Psalm 51:1-12 (See Ash Wednesday, page 97)
 Psalm 119:9-16

Metrical

"Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart" PH 233
 "How Blest Are They Whose Path Is Pure" PCW 136

Responsorial

"Happy Are They" PP1 84
 "Happy Are They Who Love the Law" PRTCL 68

Contemporary Songs

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" (Psalm 51) Alison Adam *One Is the Body*
 "Happy Are Those Who Follow" (Psalm 119) Rory Cooney *Psalms for the Church Year (Celebration), Vol. 4, GIA*
 "In the Cross of Christ" Marty Haugen GIA, G-4838
 "Soon and Very Soon" André Crouch *African-American Heritage Hymnal*

Global Songs

"Ever and Always be Praise" (India) STB 95
 "Love Which Understands" (Scotland) CSN 12
 "Thuma Mina" (South Africa) NCH 360

Anthems for Larger Choirs

"The New Covenant" Carl Mueller, CF 6645, SATB
 "Turn Thy Face from my Sins" Thomas Attwood, NOV 290221, SATB

Fifth Sunday in Lent

"Wash Me Thoroughly from My Wickedness" S.S. Wesley, ECS 321, SATB
 "Salvation Is Created" P. Tschesnokoff, GS 50308470, SATB

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

"Christ Humbled Himself" Ronald A. Nelson, flute, SPH 422-902
 "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Jeff Reeves, 2-part, CGA 879
 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" PH 389

Anthems for Children's Choirs

"Christ Humbled Himself" Ronald A. Nelson, flute, SPH 422-902
 "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Jeff Reeves, 2-part, CGA 879
 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" PH 389

Handbell Music

"Darkest Hour" (A Lenten Meditation) (based on "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," "Were You There," and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"), Joel Raney/Arr. Arnold B. Sherman, Agape 2436, 3, 4, 5 or 6 oct., L4-
 "Contemplation on Ubi Caritas" Catherine McMichael, AGEHR, #AG36036, 3-6 oct. handbells with opt. 3 oct. hand chimes, L3+
 "A Lenten Reflection" Arr. David J. Howard, Flammer, HP5462, 3 oct., L3

Organ Music

"Ah, Holy Jesus" (Herzliebster Jesu), Joyce Jones, 3 for Lent, MS (E+)
 "Beneath the Cross for Organ" Emma Lou Diemer, ZP (M)
 "Solemn Melody" Walford Davies, NV (M-)
 "Adagio in G Minor" Thomaso Albinoni, organ reduction by Remo Giazotto, Ricordi (M)