WORSHIP SONGS 2020 FALL WORSHIP PLANNING GUIDE Lectionary A (August 2020-November 24, 2020) Lectionary B (November 29, 2020-January 2021)

AUGUST

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Themes: Jacob wrestles with the angel; The psalmist asks God to hear his prayer and to show His steadfast love; Despite their unbelief and disobedience, God's promises to the people of Israel remain valid; Jesus feeds the five thousand.

Suggested Anthems: Alone with None but Thee (Maxwell/arr. Sorenson) 00322524 • The Healing Place (Martin & Martin) 00334904 • I Shall Not Be Moved (Klein/arr. Nix) 00319862 • Standing on the Promises (arr. Pethel) 00339570

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33 *Themes:* Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery; Give thanks to the Lord and sing His praises, telling of His wondrous works; All who call upon the Lord will be saved but they must hear in order to believe; Jesus walks on the water, but Peter's faith falters and he begins to sink.

Suggested Anthems: Be Still, My Soul (von Schlegel & McGrath) 00322538 • By Grace Through Faith (Choplin) 00339569 • Celtic Praise Song (Martin) 35032673 • Every Nation, Every Tribe (Crane/arr. Nordmeyer) 00339750 • Gather the People (Dengler & Dengler) 00321358 • In the Shadow of His Wing (Doering/arr. Harris) 00339762 • Jesus! What a Friend (Chapman & Bedford/arr. Berry) 00339792 • Ponder Anew (Stewart & Purifoy) 00339959 • You Will Be My Witnesses (Martin) 00323821

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28 *Themes:* Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers in Egypt; How beautiful it is when people live together in unity; God did not reject Israel nor revoke His calling to her; How a person speaks reflects what is in the heart.

Suggested Anthems: Every Nation, Every Tribe (Crane/arr. Nordmeyer) 00339750 • Gather the People (Dengler & Dengler) 00321358 • Living Faith (Croushorn) 00322541 • The Singer's Prayer (Fair & Martin) 00339964

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

23

Scriptures: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Themes: Pharaoh's daughter agrees to raise Moses; Had it not been for God, the Israelites would have perished in the Red Sea; Offer yourself as a living sacrifice and use your gifts to serve each other; Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Messiah.

Suggested Anthems: It Is No Secret (Hamblen/arr. Martin) 00339774 • A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (arr. Allen) 00339956 • Song of Thanksgiving (Barbauld & Kocher/arr. Leavitt) 00321365 • Well Done (The Afters/arr. Martin) 00339678

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28 *Themes:* God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and calls him to deliver Israel from Egypt; The psalmist praises God for saving His people from oppression; Love one another, rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere through prayer; To follow Christ, take up your cross, for all who give up their lives for His sake will gain eternal life.

Suggested Anthems: All My Hope (Crowder & Cash/arr. Angerman) 00293368 • Be Still, My Soul (von Schlegel & McGrath) 00322538 • I Shall Not Be Moved (Klein/arr. Nix) 00319862 • Our Father (Choplin) 00137540 • Ponder Anew (Stewart & Purifoy) 00339959 • Set a Bonfire on the Hilltop (Riggs/arr. Harris) 00339963 • You Are My Peace (Martin & Angerman) 00339988

SEPTEMBER

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Themes: God gives instructions for celebrating the Passover; Sing to the Lord and praise His name, rejoicing in the Creator; The last five commandments can be summed up in loving your neighbor as yourself; Jesus gives instruction for dealing with a fellow believer who sins against you. **Suggested Anthems:** Celtic Praise Song (Martin) 35032673 • A Hymn of Joyful Praise (Pierpoint & Raney) 00345607, 35027766 • Praise the Lord, All Nations! (Watts & Larson) 00339960 • The Singer's Prayer (Fair & Martin) 00339964 • Song of Thanksgiving (Barbauld & Kocher/arr. Leavitt) 00321365

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35 *Themes:* Israel crosses the Red Sea and escapes Pharaoh's army; The psalmist celebrates the exodus from his people's exile in Egypt; Do not judge one another for God is the final authority; Forgive others as God has forgiven you.

Suggested Anthems: All My Hope (Crowder & Cash/arr. Angerman) 00293368 • It Is No Secret (Hamblen/arr. Martin) 00339774 • A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (arr. Allen) 00339956 • Ponder Anew (Stewart & Purifoy) 00339959 • Song of Courage (Pote/arr. Martin) 00299568

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16 *Themes:* God provides manna in the wilderness to feed the Israelites; God kept His covenant with Abraham and led His people into the promised land; Live a life that is worthy of the gospel of Christ; Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard.

Suggested Anthems: Be Still, My Soul (von Schlegel & McGrath) 00322538 • By Grace Through Faith (Choplin) 00339569 • In the Shadow of His Wing (Doering/arr. Harris) 00339762 • Is He Worthy? (Peterson & Shive/arr. Sorenson) 00339602, 00279002 • More Love, O Christ, to Thee (Prentiss, Phelps & Lanford) 00299621

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32 Themes: God instructs Moses to strike the rock and provides water for the Israelites; The psalmist declares that his people will tell each generation of God's wonders and great deeds; Have the mind of Christ, living a humble and obedient life of service; The chief priests question the authority of Jesus. Suggested Anthems: Is He Worthy? (Peterson & Shive/arr. Sorenson) 00339602, 00279002 • It Is No Secret (Hamblen/arr. Martin) 00339774 • Ponder Anew (Stewart & Purifoy) 00339959 • Psalm 139 (Sorenson) 00322534 • You Will Be My Witnesses (Martin) 00323821

OCTOBER

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46 *Themes:* God gives the Ten Commandments to Moses; The heavens declare the glory of God; Forget what is behind and press toward the goal of heaven; The stone that the builders rejected is Christ, who is the cornerstone.

Suggested Anthems: Living Faith (Croushorn) 00322541 • Music in the Morning (Martin) 00300567 • Song of Courage (Pote/arr. Martin) 00299568 • Trust in the Lord (Purifoy) 00322523

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14 *Themes:* The Israelites build and worship the golden calf, resulting in God's wrath but Moses intercedes on their behalf; The psalmist thanks the Lord for His steadfast love; Do not worry about anything but bring everything to God in prayer; Jesus tells the parable of the wedding banquet, teaching that many are called but few are chosen.

Suggested Anthems: Alone with None but Thee (Maxwell/arr. Sorenson) 00322524 • Fanfare and Concertato on "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" (arr. Nix & Paige) 00322545 • Jesus Is Calling (Thompson/Martin) 00300568 • Our Father (Choplin) 00137540 • Trust in the Lord (Purifoy) 00322523

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22 Themes: God reveals the glory of His physical presence to Moses; God rules with justice and equity; Paul commends the Thessalonians for their faith and Christlike example; Jesus foils the Pharisees' attempt to trap Him by declaring that they should give to Caesar what is his and to God what belongs to Him. Suggested Anthems: It Is Well with My Soul (arr. Becker & Sorenson) 00337272 • More Precious Than Silver (DeShazo & Shea/arr. Nordmeyer) 00338469 • Not One Falls (Sorenson) 00334949 • Song of Courage (Pote/arr. Martin) 00299568 • You Are My Peace (Martin & Angerman) 00339988

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46 Themes: Moses is not allowed to enter the promised land before dying; A thousand years to God is like one day for He is eternal; Paul describes his ministry to the Thessalonians; Jesus tells the Pharisees that the greatest commandments are to love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself. Suggested Anthems: The Healing Place (Martin & Martin) 00334904 • A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (arr. Allen) 00339956 • My Faith (arr. Purifoy) 00339958 • Ponder Anew (Stewart & Purifoy) 00339959 • Psalm 139 (Sorenson) 00322534

NOVEMBER

All Saints Day/Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12 Themes: In heaven, there will be no more hunger, thirst, or sorrow; Taste and see that the Lord is good; God's children are to be like Him; Jesus delivers the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount. Suggested Anthems: Be Still, My Soul (von Schlegel & McGrath) 00322538 • God Is with Us (Cadmus & Nix) 00339759 • I Am Going to a Garden (Martin) 00339761 • Music in the Morning (Martin) 00300567 • Not One Falls (Sorenson) 00334949

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 *Themes:* Joshua charges Israel to honor God and to serve Him alone, putting aside all foreign gods; Each generation is to instruct the next in God's laws so that they will keep His commandments; When Christ returns, the dead in Christ will rise first and then the living will meet Him in the air; Be prepared for Christ's return, for no one knows the day or the hour.

Suggested Anthems: The Folded Flag (Martin) 00339751 • I Am Going to a Garden (Martin) 00339761 • It Is Well with My Soul (arr. Becker & Sorenson) 00337272 • More Love, O Christ, to Thee (Prentiss, Phelps & Lanford) 00299621 • More Precious Than Silver (DeShazo & Shea/arr. Nordmeyer) 00338469 • Well Done (The Afters/arr. Martin) 00339678

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Themes: God uses Deborah to give Israel victory over the enemy; The psalmist pleads for God's mercy; Put on the armor of Christ and encourage one another; Jesus tells the parable of the talents, teaching that we are to be faithful over what we are given.

Suggested Anthems: The Healing Place (Martin & Martin) 00334904 • My Faith (arr. Purifoy) 00339958 • Not One Falls (Sorenson) 00334949 • Songs of Grace and Hope (Bruce & Stevens) 00339965 • Well Done (The Afters/arr. Martin) 00339678

Christ the King/Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46 *Themes:* The Lord is the Shepherd of the sheep and will seek them and care for them; The Lord has made us and we are the sheep of His pasture; Christ is the head of the church, which is His body; At the judgment, Christ will separate the sheep from the goats.

Suggested Anthems: Gather the People (Dengler & Dengler) 00321358 • A Hymn of Joyful Praise (Pierpoint & Raney) 00345607, 35027766 • In the Shadow of His Wing (Doering/arr. Harris) 00339762 • Jesus Shall Reign (arr. Behnke) 00321361 • King Jesus Hath a Garden (arr. Leavitt) 00301212, 00301213 • King of Kings (Hillsong/arr. Sorenson) 00339625 • Living Faith (Croushorn) 00322541 • Praise the Lord, All Nations! (Watts & Larson) 0033960

Thanksgiving Day

26

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19 *Themes:* The harvest and the flocks are blessings from God, not the result of man's own labor; The psalmist thanks God for watering the earth and blessing man with its bounty; As God has given Himself in the person of His Son, respond in gratitude with generous giving; Jesus heals ten lepers but only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Him.

Suggested Anthems: Appalachian Grace (Hannibal, Pierpoint & Newton/arr. Hannibal & Raney) 00339568 • Celtic Praise Song (Martin) 35032673 • A Hymn of Joyful Praise (Pierpoint & Raney) 00345607, 35027766 • Let Us Give Thanks (Barrett & Nix) 00345305 • Music in the Morning (Martin) 00300567 • We Gather Together (arr. Sorenson) 00334952

LECTIONARY B (beginning November 29, 2020)

First Sunday of Advent

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Scriptures: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Themes: God is faithful to work for those who wait for Him; The psalmist asks God to restore His people and to let His face shine upon them; Wait faithfully for Christ and be found blameless on the day of His return; Keep awake and watch for Christ's return.

Suggested Anthems: A Little Child Will Lead Them (Hannibal & Nolan) 00299725 • People, Look East (Farjeon/arr. Leavitt) 00301232, 00301235, 00125342, 00125866 • Send Us Emmanuel (Frombach/arr. Lau) 00339962 • Set a Bonfire on the Hilltop (Riggs/arr. Harris) 00339963 • Veni Emmanuel (Klein & Drennan) 00339987

DECEMBER

Second Sunday of Advent

6

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Themes: Prepare the way of the Lord, who will feed His flock like a shepherd and gather the lambs in His arms; God's salvation is at hand for all who fear Him; The Lord will come like a thief in the night; John proclaimed that he baptized with water, but that Christ would baptize with the Holy Spirit. **Suggested Anthems:** An Advent Proclamation (Huff/arr. Paige) 00339347 • Prepare (Hannibal & Nolan)

00339961 • Send Us Emmanuel (Frombach/arr. Lau) 00339962 • Set a Bonfire on the Hilltop (Riggs/arr. Harris) 00339963 • You Are My Peace (Martin & Angerman) 00339988

Third Sunday of Advent

13

Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28 *Themes:* God will bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty for the captives and release to the prisoners, and comfort those who mourn; Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves; Give thanks in all circumstances and abstain from evil; John came as a witness to testify to the Light, who is Christ.

Suggested Anthems: An Advent Proclamation (Huff/arr. Paige) 00339347 • A Hymn of Joyful Praise (Pierpoint & Raney) 00345607, 35027766 • A Little Child Will Lead Them (Hannibal & Nolan) 00299725 • The Singer's Prayer (Fair & Martin) 00339964 • Song of Thanksgiving (Barbauld & Kocher/arr. Leavitt) 00321365 • Veni Emmanuel (Klein & Drennan) 00339987

Fourth Sunday of Advent

20

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Themes: The Lord promises to make David great and to establish his kingdom forever; Mary sings a song of praise to God for choosing her to bear His Son; Paul gives thanks for the gospel which reveals what the prophets foretold in the person of Christ; The angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will bear the Son of God. **Suggested Anthems:** All Is Peace (Mohr/Sorenson) 00337282 • King of Kings (Hillsong/arr. Sorenson) 00339625 • People, Look East (Farjeon/arr. Leavitt) 00301232, 00301235, 00125342, 00125866 • Prepare (Hannibal & Nolan) 00339961 • This, This Is Christ the King (Mock & López) 00339748 • Veni Emmanuel (Klein & Drennan) 0033987 • The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy (arr. Ware) 00322544

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

24/25

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Themes: A child has been born and a son given whose name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace; The psalmist sings a new song to the Lord who will come to judge the world; Titus encourages believers to live upright lives while waiting for the return of the Savior; Luke tells the story of the birth of Christ and the visit of shepherds.

Suggested Anthems: An Advent Proclamation (Huff/arr. Paige) 00339347 • Ah, Dearest Child (Luther & Mock/arr. Metzger) 00299723 • All Is Peace (Mohr & Sorenson) 00337282 • Christ Is Coming to Earth This Night! (arr. Rasbach) 00299724 • Christmas Day (We the Kingdom/arr. Hogan) 00299677 • Do You Hear What I Hear (Regney & Shayne/arr. Sterling) 00322537, 00142912 • Glory in the Highest (Pardo, Cantelon & Cottrell/arr. Angerman) 00339599 • Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (arr. Custer) 00322540 • It Came upon a Midnight Clear (Sears & Sorenson) 00334899 • It Was on a Silent Night (Grüber, Hogan & Nichols) 00339791 • Joyous Carols of Christmas (arr. Martin) 00294948 • Keep On Ringin' the Bell! (Stewart & Nix) 00345303 • King Jesus Hath a Garden (arr. Leavitt) 00301212, 00301213 • Love Came Down at Christmas

(Rossetti & Rasbach) 00322531 • Masters in This Hall (arr. Hayes) 00324197, 35013991 • Pat-a-Pan (arr. Rasbach) 00322542, 00322543 • Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow (arr. Leavitt) 00323117, 00323118, 00323119 • Sing We the Song of Emmanuel (Bowell, Papa, Townend & Getty/arr. Martin) 00334260 • Talia Miracula (Stewart & Nix) 00337919 • This, This Is Christ the King (Mock & López) 00339748 • Tidings of Joy (Martin) 00334239 • 'Tis Winter Now (Longfellow & Nix) 00339571 • The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy (arr. Ware) 00322544 • When Christ Was Born of Mary Free (Burton) 00321359 • Who's the Little Baby? (Sorenson) 00334902

First Sunday after Christmas Day

27

Scriptures: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Themes: The nations and their kings will see the glory of Zion; The psalmist exhorts creation to praise her Maker, whose name is exalted above all others; Through the birth of Christ, we are the heirs of God; Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to be presented at the temple in Jerusalem.

Suggested Anthems: All Is Peace (Mohr & Sorenson) 00337282 • Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (arr. Custer) 00322540 • It Came upon a Midnight Clear (Sears & Sorenson) 00334899 • It Was on a Silent Night (Grüber, Hogan & Nichols) 00339791 • The Jesus Gift (Martin/arr. Leavitt) 00323107, 00323108, 00323109 • Masters in This Hall (arr. Hayes) 00324197, 35013991 • Pat-a-Pan (arr. Rasbach) 00322542, 00322543 • Praise the Lord, All Nations! (Watts & Larson) 00339960 • Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow (arr. Leavitt) 00323117, 00323118, 00323119 • Sing We the Song of Emmanuel (Bowell, Papa, Townend & Getty/arr. Martin) 00334260 • Talia Miracula (Stewart & Nix) 00337919 • 'Tis Winter Now (Longfellow & Nix) 00339571 • The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy (arr. Ware) 00322544 • Who's the Little Baby? (Sorenson) 00334902

JANUARY

New Year's Day

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Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46

Themes: To everything there is a specific time and season; When the psalmist looks at the majesty of the heavens, he is astonished that God is mindful of human beings and cares for them; In a vision, John sees the Lamb of God upon the throne of heaven at the end of earthly time; Jesus tells His disciples that when they care for those in need, they have done the same for Him.

Suggested Anthems: Fanfare and Concertato on "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" (arr. Nix & Paige) 00322545 • A Hymn of Joyful Praise (Pierpoint & Raney) 00345607, 35027766 • Is He Worthy? (Peterson & Shive/arr. Sorenson) 00339602, 00279002 • Jesus Shall Reign (arr. Behnke) 00321361 • Well Done (The Afters/arr. Martin) 00339678

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

3

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18 Themes: God will comfort His people and turn their sorrow into joy; The psalmist praises the Lord for granting strength to Jerusalem and peace within her borders; Through Christ, we are God's children, redeemed and forgiven by Him; Christ came to reveal the Father, so that everyone might know Him. Suggested Anthems: Ah, Dearest Child (Luther/Mock/arr. Metzger) 00299723 • Appalachian Grace (Hannibal, Pierpoint & Newton/arr. Hannibal & Raney) 00339568 • By Grace Through Faith (Choplin) 00339569 • Christmas Day (We the Kingdom/arr. Hogan) 00299677 • Every Nation, Every Tribe (Crane/arr. Nordmeyer) 00339750 • God Is with Us (Cadmus & Nix) 00339759 • It Is Well with My Soul (arr. Becker & Sorenson) 00337272 • Jesus! What a Friend (Chapman & Bedford/arr. Berry) 00339792 • Love Came Down at Christmas (Rossetti & Rasbach) 00322531 • This, This Is Christ the King (Mock & López) 00339748 • 'Tis Winter Now (Longfellow & Nix) 00339571

Epiphany of the Lord

6

Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Themes: Arise and shine, for God's light has come and the kings of the earth will be drawn to it; The psalmist asks God's help in judging with justice and defending the cause of the weak; Gentiles are fellow heirs with the Jews through Jesus; The magi visit the baby Jesus.

Suggested Anthems: All Is Peace (Mohr & Sorenson) 00337282 • Do You Hear What I Hear (Regney & Shayne/arr. Sterling) 00322537, 00142912 • The Jesus Gift (Martin/arr. Leavitt) 00323107, 00323108, 00323109 • Jesus Shall Reign (arr. Behnke) 00321361 • Joyous Carols of Christmas (arr. Martin) 00294948 • Keep On Ringin' the Bell! (Stewart & Nix) 00345303 • King of Kings (Hillsong/arr. Sorenson) 00339625 • A Little Child Will Lead Them (Hannibal & Nolan) 00299725 • Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow (arr. Leavitt) 00323117, 00323118, 00323119 • This, This Is Christ the King (Mock & López) 00339748

Baptism of the Lord/First Sunday after Epiphany

10

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Themes: In the beginning, God created light and separated day from night; The psalmist describes the voice of God as powerful and full of majesty; Paul baptizes believers in Ephesus and gives them the Holy Spirit by laying his hands upon them; John baptizes Jesus and the Spirit descends upon Him from heaven like a dove.

Suggested Anthems: God Is with Us (Cadmus & Nix) 00339759 • Jesus! What a Friend (Chapman & Bedford/arr. Berry) 00339792 • Songs of Grace and Hope (Bruce & Stevens) 00339965 • You Are My Peace (Martin & Angerman) 00339988 • You Will Be My Witnesses (Martin) 00323821

Second Sunday after Epiphany

17

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51 *Themes:* God calls the boy Samuel to serve Him; God knows us intimately, for He formed us before we were born; The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and should be kept holy; Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael as disciples.

Suggested Anthems: Alone with None but Thee (Maxwell/arr. Sorenson) 00322524 • Jesus Is Calling (Thompson & Martin) 00300568 • More Precious Than Silver (DeShazo & Shea/arr. Nordmeyer) 00338469 • Psalm 139 (Sorenson) 00322534 • Trust in the Lord (Purifoy) 00322523

Third Sunday after Epiphany

24

Scriptures: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 *Themes:* God spares Ninevah from destruction after her people repent; God is our rock and salvation; The time to do God's work on earth is passing quickly; Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James, and John to leave their boats and become "fishers of men."

Suggested Anthems: I Shall Not Be Moved (Klein/arr. Nix) 00319862 • Jesus Is Calling (Thompson & Martin) 00300568 • My Faith (arr. Purifoy) 00339958 • The Singer's Prayer (Fair & Martin) 00339964 • Songs of Grace and Hope (Bruce & Stevens) 00339965

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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Scriptures: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28 *Themes:* Moses prepares the people for a new prophet sent from God; Praise the Lord and give thanks with your whole heart; There is one God and one Lord, through whom all things have been created; After Jesus casts a demon out of a man, His fame begins to spread throughout Galilee.

Suggested Anthems: Celtic Praise Song (Martin) 35032673 • Let Us Give Thanks (Barrett & Nix) 00345305 • More Love, O Christ, to Thee (Prentiss, Phelps & Lanford) 00299621 • Ponder Anew (Stewart & Purifoy) 00339959 • Song of Thanksgiving (Barbauld & Kocher/arr. Leavitt) 00321365 • Standing on the Promises (arr. Pethel) 00339570 • Trust in the Lord (Purifoy) 00322523