

On a Journey Together
Season 2: Following Christ
Suggested Liturgical Resources
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Musical Resources

The following titles, found in most hymnals in use throughout the diocese, may be useful for parish music ministers and for the small group faith-sharing groups during the second season of *On a Journey Together*. Following are some notes for their use:

- Remember to keep in mind that the scriptures for the day should take precedence when selecting music for the liturgy. It is probably wise to only use one of these selections as a piece specific to the *OAJT* process, unless additional music from this list coordinates well with the scriptures for the day. In general, most of the selections are pieces dealing with evangelization, service, discipleship, praise, and Christian living, with an eye toward the season of Lent.
- An asterisk (*) indicates the piece includes Spanish text
- Most songs are listed with composer and publisher in parentheses
- Hymns common to most parish musical participation aids are listed by English title and tune name in SMALL CAPS.
- It is not necessary (but is certainly possible) to teach new songs for *OAJT*; in fact, it is probably best to incorporate music from the existing parish repertoire to help make connections. There will be, however, music suggestions for the Diocesan Centennial Celebration on Sunday, 6 November 2011 that parishes will be invited to use and/or teach to their assemblies.

Season 2 Songs for Winter Ordinary Time (January 10-February 16, 2010)

Come Taste and See (John Becker/OCP)

*Digo Sí/I Say Yes (GIA)

Go Make of All Disciples (ELLACOMBE/GIA & OCP)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Kathleen Thomerson, HOUSTON/GIA)

Love Has Come (Maher/OCP) *Use early in the season*

O God, You Search Me and You Know Me (Farrell/OCP)

Renew Us (IN BABILONE/OCP)

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (SALZBURG) *Use early in the season.*

The Light of Christ (Donald Fishel/OCP)

We Are Called (David Haas/GIA)

We Gather in Worship (Bob Moore/GIA)

Where Two or Three (Kendzia/OCP)

You Are Mine (David Haas/GIA) *Use early in the season*

You Have Called Us (Farrell/OCP)

Season 2 Hymns and Songs: Lent

Beyond the Days (Manalo/OCP)

Bread for the World (Bernadette Farrell/OCP)
Companions on the Journey (Landry/OCP)
Deep Within (Haas/GIA)
Eternal Lord of Love (Joncas/GIA)
Here at This Table (Janèt Sullivan Whitaker and Max Whitaker/OCP)
Hold Us in Your Mercy: Penitential Litany (Cooney and Daigle/GIA)
Hosea (Norbet/OCP and GIA)
*I Am the Bread of Life (Suzanne Toolan/OCP) (Lent V/Year A readings)
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (KINGSFOLD)
Jerusalem, My Destiny (Cooney/GIA)
Jesus, the Lord (Roc O'Connor/OCP) *Use late in the season*
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (BEACH SPRING or IN BABILONE)
Many and Great (Manalo/OCP)
O Beauty, Ever Ancient (Roc O'Connor/OCP)
Take Up Your Cross (ERHALT UNS, HERR)
They'll Know We Are Christians (Scholtes/ GIA & OCP)
Tree of Life (Haugen/GIA)

Season 2 Hymns and Songs: Triduum and Easter

Community of Christ (Bernadette Farrell/OCP)
Faithful Family (Cooney/GIA)
Jerusalem, My Destiny (Cooney/GIA)
Let Us Ever Glory in the Cross of Christ—Triduum Hymn (Schutte/OCP)
No Greater Love (Joncas/GIA)
Ubi Caritas (2 settings: Hurd or Rosania/OCP)

Easter

*Amén. El Cuerpo de Cristo (John Schiavone/OCP)
*Envía Tu Espíritu (Bob Hurd/OCP)
Go Make of All Disciples (ELLACOMBE)
In the Breaking of the Bread (Bob Hurd/OCP)
In the Breaking of the Bread (Michael Ward/WLP)
O Sons and Daughters (O FILII ET FILIAE)
Pan de Vida (Hurd/OCP)
Rise Up With Him (Vogt/OCP)
Send Forth Your Spirit (Psalm 104) (Steven C. Warner/WLP)
This Is My Commandment (OF LOVE DIVINE/GIA)
*Ven al Banquete/Come to the Feast (Bob Hurd/OCP)
We Have Been Told (David Haas/GIA)
We Have Been Told (David Haas/GIA)
We Walk By Faith (Marty Haugen/GIA)
Where Two or Three (Kendzia/OCP)
Where Two or Three Have Gathered (M.D. Ridge/OCP)
Without Seeing You (David Haas/GIA)

Using the Evangelization Prayer During Mass

There are three good places to consider using the Evangelization Prayer included with the *On A Journey Together* materials during our Eucharistic celebrations. It is probably best to choose one of them and use it at that same time throughout all four seasons. Your parish may wish to continue using these prayers between seasons as well (a new prayer for will be provided for each season). In many communities, by the end of the seventh week of the season, the “habit” of saying the prayer during the liturgy will have just been formed. Continuing to use the prayer through the completion of the entire process may help to call *On A Journey Together* to everyone’s mind in the “off-season”. The important thing is creatively use the prayer in a way that will be meaningful for your parish community and which will draw connections between the small group faith-sharing and the larger liturgical assembly.

Before or After the Homily

The homily is the breaking open of the word of God; as such it may be an opportune time to invite a spoken assembly response. Once everyone is seated, the homily might begin with the Evangelization Prayer, as part of the assembly’s preparation for the breaking open of God’s word.

Or, the homilist may wish instead to close the homily with the prayer; having heard and been challenged by the word of God, the assembly responds with this prayer that God move them to share the good news they have just heard.

After the closing prayer of the Prayer of the Faithful

The time after the intercessions is also an opportune moment for the Evangelization Prayer. Having just offered the prayers close to their hearts, the members of the assembly could close with this prayer as a fitting end to the Liturgy of the Word. The prayer’s petition for an awakening to Jesus’ presence leads well in to the Liturgy of the Eucharist which follows.

After Communion

A third option for use of the Evangelization Prayer is after the assembly has finished receiving Communion and the Communion Prayer has been spoken (the Communion Prayer, because of its direct application to and conclusion of the Communion Rite, should be said before anything else is done, such as announcements). The Evangelization Prayer in this case might serve as a strengthened “Amen!” to the Communion Prayer, said by all standing, renewed in faith and ready to be sent forth “to love and serve the Lord”.

Model Prayers of the Faithful

Below are suggested Prayers of the Faithful that can be used or modified for each week of Season II. Some may be more fitting *before* the particular week while others may work well after. They are not required, but keeping those who are participating in the *OAJT* process in prayer in some way is important. If it is decided to use the Prayers of the Faithful to keep those in this process in prayer, it is probably best only to use one petition directed toward *OAJT*. Most of the Prayers of the Faithful should be closely related to the scriptures of the day; however, the suggested texts below should be able to fit with most any weekend's scriptures.

Pastors and/or parish leadership should feel free to develop their own petitions that may be more directly applicable to their local community.

Generally throughout the season

That we may respond to the invitation to follow Christ more closely during this Lenten season. We pray to the Lord:

That our parish communities and small faith sharing groups may be a sources of comfort, consolation, challenge, and hope, as we journey through Lent to Easter rejoicing. We pray to the Lord:

Session 1/Lent I (21 February 2010)

That we may follow Christ into the desert, to be strengthened on God's word. We pray to the Lord:

For our faith community that we may be awakened by the Spirit of God to imitate our Savior's commitment to God's will. We pray to the Lord:

Session 2/Lent II (28 February 2010)

That we may glimpse the transfigured Christ: here in this eucharistic community, and also in our families and circles of friends. We pray to the Lord:

That we may see in the saints of today real women, men, youth, and children who follow Christ with joy and in faith. We pray to the Lord:

Session 3/Lent III, Year C (7 March 2010)

That our lives of faith may bear fruit in the vineyard of the Lord. We pray to the Lord:

That we might recall the merciful gift and sacrifice of Christ found at this Eucharistic table and in turn offer our lives in sacrificial mercy to those in need. We pray to the Lord:

Session 3/Lent III, Year A, if using RCIA Scrutiny I (7 March 2010)

That the Lord, though each one of us, may heal divisions found within our parish communities and families. We pray to the Lord:

For anyone who thirsts—spiritually or physically—that Jesus Christ may be the living water which quenches that thirst. We pray to the Lord:

Session 4/Lent IV, Year C (14 March 2010)

For us, that, when graced with the knowledge of our failings, we might return to God and to those whom we have hurt with honest and contrite hearts. We pray to the Lord:

That our freely-shared conversations about our faith, through *On a Journey Together*, lead us to a deeper understanding of our newness in Christ. We pray to the Lord:

Session 4/Lent IV, Year A, if using RCIA Scrutiny II (14 March 2010)

That our blindness to the needs of others vanish in the light of Christ's healing presence. We pray to the Lord:

For catechetical efforts in our faith community, that people of all ages find new ways to follow Christ, and that our common questioning and learning may lead to deeper communion with one another and with God. We pray to the Lord:

Session 5/Lent V, Year C (21 March 2010)

That when we are tempted to condemn others for their failings, we might instead look to Christ and follow his example of compassion and second chances. We pray to the Lord:

For our families, they may be strengthened and may deepen their roots in Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord:

Session 5/Lent V, Year A, if using RCIA Scrutiny III (21 March 2010)

For those who are experiencing a death of any kind: a death of a loved one, a withering of hopes or of dreams, or a loss of faith, that, Jesus Christ might breathe new life into their times of mourning or of loss. We pray to the Lord:

For members of our families who died in Christ, that Lazarus and the angels may welcome them into paradise. We pray to the Lord:

Session 6/Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (28 March 2010)

That we, the Body of Christ, may support each person in our families, schools, workplaces, and circles of friends, with the self-giving love of Jesus. We pray to the Lord:

For our parish and all Christians who begin this Holy Week, that our common faith in Jesus, who died that we might live, may be brought together in unity. We pray to the Lord:

Session 7/Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday (3-4 April 2010), or anytime in the season of Easter

That those who journeyed together in small group faith sharing, in the RCIA process, and in these holy three days be strengthened in holiness and desire to follow Jesus. We pray to the Lord:

For a renewed faith in the risen Jesus, that like Peter and Mary we would rush in excitement to share this experience of new life in Christ. We pray to the Lord:

Homily Helps

Liturgical Links to Evangelization in the Winter Ordinary Time Season

The season of Winter Ordinary Time before Lent, just when many parishes will be re-forming groups for *OAJT*, is a good time to talk about sharing the good news of the mystery of the Incarnation. On the heels of the Magi who represented all nations reached by Christ's light, situated in the Baptism of the Lord, and focused on the light of nations as celebrated in the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, there are numerous openings to prepare people for the *OAJT* groups and goals.

When rooted in the Baptism of the Lord and in our own individual baptisms, links to participating in a small group faith sharing opportunity flows naturally from the waters of baptism—whether we were washed clean in those waters at infancy or any time later in life.

General Notes on Ordinary Time: Between the Seasons of Christmas and Lent

The Gospel passages heard during weeks of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent are filled with accounts of the ministry of Jesus: miracles, signs, teaching. In the wake of the Church's celebration of the Incarnation, we turn to consider how Jesus' incarnation—the Word of God made Flesh—made a difference in the lives of first-century Palestinians. A natural question arising from hearing these accounts is: how does Jesus' incarnation make a difference today? Does our common belief that Jesus healed, taught, and worked miracles nearly 2,000 years ago translate into a common belief that Jesus is still healing, teaching, and working miracles in our lives today?

The Baptism of the Lord: Knowing our Giftedness

A liturgical "pivot" point, the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord is at once part of the Christmas season and the first Sunday in Ordinary Time. We end the Christmas season with the recognition of the reason for the Incarnation: that God might live among human beings as one of us. This short season of Ordinary Time is really read through the lens of the Baptism of the Lord. We begin Ordinary Time by hearing of Jesus' baptism, which inaugurated his formal ministry of teaching, healing, love, and compassion.

Then, until Ash Wednesday, we hear of the miracles of Jesus' ministry, worked out of his living the fullest human life that has ever been lived. He was gifted with the knowledge of having been chosen for a specific type of self-giving love, and he was able to do this out of his knowledge also of the love shown him by God his loving Father. Imbued with the Holy Spirit, Jesus, the Word made Flesh, was and is able to show us how to live as individuals claiming our unique giftedness in God, but doing so in a community of trusted friends. We have that call, as well: to imitate Christ's self-giving love, with other companions on our journey.