

On A Journey Together 2009-2011
Season I: Awakening to 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 this first 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 good, general Ordinary Time pieces dealing with evangelization, service, discipleship, praise, and Christian living.
- 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 in 2011 that parishes will be invited to use and/or teach to their assemblies.

Generally Seasonally Appropriate

All Creatures of Our God and King (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Gather Your People (Bob Hurd/OCP)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (NICAEA)

Now Thank We All Our God

O Beauty, Ever Ancient (Roc O'Connor/OCP)

O God, Beyond All Praising (THAXTED)

The Stars Declare His Glory (Timothy Dudley-Smith, ALDINE/GIA)

We Are Called (David Haas/GIA)

Any of the following songs and hymns from the particular sessions

Session 2

*I Am the Bread of Life (Suzanne Toolan/OCP)

We Walk By Faith (Marty Haugen/GIA)

Where Two or Three (/OCP)

Where Two or Three Have Gathered (M.D. Ridge/OCP)

Without Seeing You (David Haas/GIA)

Session 3

*Be Not Afraid (Bob Dufford/OCP)
Bread for the World (Bernadette Farrell/OCP)
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (KINGSFOLD)
On Eagle's Wings (Michael Joncas/GIA)
You Are Mine (David Haas/GIA)
You Are Near (Dan Schutte/OCP)

Session 4

Come Taste and See (John Becker/OCP)
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (KINGSFOLD)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Kathleen Thomerson, HOUSTON/GIA)
Jesus, the Lord (Roc O'Connor/OCP)
Take Up Your Cross (ERHALT UNS, HERR)
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)

Session 5

*Amén. El Cuerpo de Cristo (John Schiavone/OCP)
Pan de Vida (Hurd/OCP)
Here at This Table (Janèt Sullivan Whitaker and Max Whitaker/OCP)
Ubi Caritas (Bob Hurd/OCP)
Ubi Caritas (CHANT/Trans. Richard Proulx/GIA)
Ubi Caritas (Laurence Rosania/OCP)
We Gather in Worship (Bob Moore/GIA)
Where Your Treasure Is (Marty Haugen/GIA)

Session 6

*Envía Tu Espíritu (Bob Hurd/OCP)
In the Breaking of the Bread (Bob Hurd/OCP)
Community of Christ (Bernadette Farrell/OCP)
Go Make of All Disciples (ELLACOMBE)
In the Breaking of the Bread (Michael Ward/WLP)
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (BEACH SPRING)
Send Forth Your Spirit (Psalm 104) (Steven C. Warner/WLP)
We Have Been Told (David Haas/GIA)

Session 7

Any of the general suggestions or songs from any of the sessions that seem to have spoken to people during this season of faith sharing

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 I. 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 our parish be more fully awakened to Christ during these weeks of small group faith sharing. We pray to the Lord:

For each of us, that we may live from the experience of Christ here in the breaking of the bread and in our lives outside this assembly. We pray to the Lord:

Session 1

That those about to begin the new small group faith sharing process, *On a Journey Together* know Christ's presence in their midst. We pray to the Lord:

For the gifts of prayerfulness and openness as our parish begins to experience Christ in newly formed small groups. We pray to the Lord:

Session 2

That, through prayer and conversation together, our doubts may give way to deeper faith in Christ. We pray to the Lord:

For this worshipping assembly, that we may be known to our wider community be of one heart and mind. We pray to the Lord:

Session 3

That in our time of fear or anxiety we may trust in Christ who redeemed and calls us. We pray to the Lord:

For those in our world who suffer, that as we are awakened to Christ's presence in them and respond in loving service, their burdens may be lifted. We pray to the Lord:

Session 4

That when our trust in God is shaken, we might be awakened to God's loving presence in our friends, families, and parish communities. We pray to the Lord:

For all who are seeking to deepen their relationship with Jesus, that they may experience the beauty of creation and the love of their friends and families as signs of Christ's presence. We pray to the Lord:

Session 5

That we may realize our giftedness as children of God and be willing to put our gifts at the service of those in need. We pray to the Lord:

For us on the journey toward Christ, that we may persevere in faith and joy even when much seems to be asked of us. We pray to the Lord:

Session 6

That we, the members of this faith community, echo Paul and not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus. We pray to the Lord:

For openness to the relationships developed during our small group faith sharing process, that together we may remain in Christ's love with each other and share it with those in need. We pray to the Lord:

Session 7

For the members of this community who have completed this season of faith sharing, that the fruits of their conversations and prayer may continue to be known in their lives and in this assembly. We pray to the Lord:

That at the end of this first season of faith sharing, our parish may know the joy that comes from strengthened relationships in Christ. We pray to the Lord: