



A “Lenten Look” for the church:

A change in the appearance of the church can really mark Lent as a “different” season. An austere look seems appropriate to its character as a time of fast and preparation. A feast is best appreciated after a fast.

In some places, the Lenten array (traditionally unbleached linen trimmed in red and black) is used for vestments and hangings. If purple or violet vestments seem too ornate, and a substitute is not practical, a parish might consider the bare minimum of just a fair linen on the altar, with no hangings at all. Traditionally flowers are not used during Lent, and this might be a good time to remove extra candles and other ornamentation which clutters up the chancel and draws the eye away from the cross. The return of these items at the Easter Feast will have added meaning. Many places veil the crosses – a custom which is certainly appropriate for a Christus Rex or jeweled cross, but makes no sense for a crucifix or simple cross. In all cases, the mood created should be simple, subdued and serious.

In the Lenten liturgy, signs of festivity are customarily omitted. *Alleluia* is not said or sung, and the *Gloria in excelsis* is not used at the entrance rite. The Great Litany (*BCP, p. 148*) is appropriate on the First Sunday in Lent, and A Penitential Order (*BCP, p. 319 or 351*) on other occasions as the entrance rite.

The Book of Occasional Services provides *Prayers Over the People* (*p. 25*) as Lenten blessings. In actual fact, this form of blessing is more ancient than the more recent Trinitarian form commonly used.

Lent is an ideal time to increase the use of silence in the liturgy. In the Prayer Book the rubric “*silence may follow*” has been inserted at many points in the various services. The parish musician is in a unique position to provide for this period of silence after each of the first two readings, and again at the Breaking of the Bread where the rubric indicates that “*a period of silence is kept.*” The Fraction Anthem, after the silence should be of sufficient length to allow for preparation of the bread and wine needed for the communion of the people which follows.

HYMNS

(* indicates hymns appropriate for use between the epistle and gospel)

Ash Wednesday - ABC

02/18/26

Proper Liturgy today - BCP, p. 264
No prelude or opening hymn
Omit *Gloria in excelsis* and *Alleluia* during Lent

142* Lord, who throughout these forty days
143* The glory of these forty days
150 Forty days and forty nights
151 From deepest woe I cry to thee
152* Kind Maker of the world
313 Let thy blood in mercy poured
470* There's a wideness in God's mercy
693 Just as I am, without one plea
697 My God, accept my heart this day
707 Take my life and let it be

WLP

727 As panting deer
773 Heal me, hands of Jesus

LEVAS II

55 In God we trust
65 Bless the Lord, O my soul

Lent 1-A

02/22/26

142 Lord, who throughout these forty days
143 The glory of these forty days
150* Forty days and forty nights
445 Praise to the holiest in the heights
448* O love, how deep, how broad, how high
559 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
652 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
669 Commit thou all that grieves thee
688 A mighty fortress
690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

WLP

810 You who dwell in the shelter
of the Lord

LEVAS II

124 Give me a clean heart
170 Yield not to temptation

LENT 2-A

03/01/26

152* Kind Maker of the world, O hear
401* The God of Abraham praise
440 Blessed Jesus, at thy word
474 When I survey the wondrous cross
482 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
489 The great Creator of the worlds
637 How firm a foundation

668 I to the hills will lift mine eyes
691 My faith looks up to thee
701 Jesus, all my gladness

WLP

LEVAS II

121 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit

LENT 3-A

03/08/26

143 The glory of these forty days
343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
455 O love of God, how strong and true
457 Thou art the Way
458 My song is love unknown
658* As longs the deer for cooling streams
671 Amazing grace!
685* Rock of ages
690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
700 O love that casts out fear

WLP

LEVAS II

29 Jesus, keep me near the cross
166 Lord, my soul is thirsting

LENT 4-A [Mid-Lent]

03/15/26

371 Thou, whose almighty word
414 God, my King, thy might confessing
429* I'll praise my maker while I've breath
478 Jesus, our mighty Lord
490* I want to walk as a child of the light
533 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
542 Christ is the world's true light
567 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
645 The King of love my Shepherd is (metrical psalm of the day)
672 O very God, of very God

WLP

LEVAS II

772 O Christ, the healer 145 Have thine own way, Lord
774 From miles around 183 Be not dismayed

Lent 5-A

03/22/26

151 From deepest woe I cry to thee (metrical psalm of the day)
313 Let thy blood in mercy poured
332 O God, unseen, yet ever near
382 King of glory, King of peace
455* O love of God, how strong and true
457* Thou art the Way, to thee alone
467 Sing, my soul, his wondrous love
508* Breathe on me, breath of God

657 Love divine, all loves excelling
665 All my hope on God is founded

WLP

LEVAS II

760 O wheat, whose crushing was for bread

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (Palm Sunday)

03/29/26

153 The Liturgy of the Palms
154 All glory, laud, and honor
156 Ride on! ride on in majesty
For the Eucharist
158* Ah! holy Jesus
164* Alone, thou goest forth, O Lord
168* O sacred head, sore wounded
313 Let thy blood in mercy poured
448 O love how deep, how broad, how high
458* My song is love unknown
479 Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pain

WLP

LEVAS II

734	You laid aside your rightful reputation	34	When on the cross of Calvary
737	Faithful cross! above all others	97	Ride on, King Jesus

MAUNDY THURSDAY

04/02/26

*Additional liturgical material is found on page 274, BCP, and pages 93-96 of BOS
A Seder meal **is not appropriate today** - see BOS, page 95*

193 Go to dark Gethsemane
301* Bread of the world, in mercy broken
321 My God, thy table now is spread
329 Now, my tongue, the mystery telling
330 Therefore, we before him bending
337 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
439* What wondrous love is this
448* O love, how deep, how broad, how high
458 My song is love unknown
602 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

WLP

LEVAS II

729	As in that upper room	146	Break thou the bread of life
831	Ubi caritas	152	Let us break bread together

Music for the foot washing may be found in the Service Music Accompaniment Appendix (S-344 - S-347) and may be reproduced for use with choirs and congregations.

GOOD FRIDAY

04/03/26

The order of service for this day begins on page 276, BCP. Service music for this liturgy is located in the Service Music Accompaniment Appendix (S-348 - S-352) and may be reproduced for use with choirs and congregations.

There is no prelude or entrance hymn

158* Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
 159 At the cross her vigil keeping
 164* Alone, thou goest forth, O Lord
 166* Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle
 (for a simpler, harmonized tune, use #58 - *St. Thomas*)
 168* O sacred head, sore wounded
 171 Go to dark Gethsemane
 172 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 471 We sing the praise of him who died
 474 When I survey the wondrous cross
 598 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

WLP

731/32/33 Three holy days enfold us now
 736 When Jesus came to Golgotha

LEVAS II

30 Alas! and did my Savior bleed
 49 O Jesus, scourged

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER / EASTER DAY

*The order of service for the Vigil begins on page 285, BCP See S-68-S-70 for proper music
 Music for the psalms and canticles may be found in the Hymnal 1982 or in A New Metrical Psalter.
 Music for the dismissal during the Great Fifty Days is found at S-175.*

At the Great Vigil, the Eucharist begins with one of the following hymns:

*Gloria in excelsis deo
 Pascha Nostrum - WLP #880
 Te Deum laudamus*

174* *At the Lamb's high feast we sing*
 175 *Hail thee, festival day!*
 178 *Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*
 179 *"Welcome, happy morning!"*
 180 *He is risen, He is risen*
 187* *Through the Red Sea brought at last*
 192 *This joyful Eastertide*
 194 *Jesus lives! thy terrors now*
 199* *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*
 205 *Good Christians, all, rejoice and sing!*
 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*
 210* *The day of resurrection!*
 296* *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*

WLP

738 Day of delight and beauty
 783 Heleluyan
 830 Laudate omnes gentes

LEVAS II

41 Christ has arisen, Alleluia
 42 I serve a risen Savior
 43 God sent his Son, they called him
 Jesus

**Recommended for the Great Fifty Days:
 In place of the Gloria - *Christ our Passover* ~ WLP #880**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - A (Thomas Sunday)

04/12/26

7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
174 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
191 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise
193* That Easter day with joy was bright
205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
206* Alleluia! O sons and daughters, let us sing!
212* Awake, arise, lift up your voice
318 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face
420 When in our music God is glorified
486 Hosanna to the living Lord!

WLP

LEVAS II

88 My faith looks up to thee
153 Lord, I have seen thy salvation

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - A

04/19/26

8 Morning has broken
11 Awake my soul, and with the sun
188 Love's redeeming work is done
205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
208* Alleluia! the strife is o'er, the battle done
210 The day of resurrection
255 We sing the glorious conquest before Damascus' gate
305* Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest
417 This is the feast of victory for our God
460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus

WLP

LEVAS II

799 Abide with me
146 Break thou the bread of life
150 Jesus, the bread of life

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - A (*Good Shepherd Sunday*)

04/26/26

180 He is risen
187 Through the Red Sea brought at last
193 That Easter Day with joy was bright
304* I come with joy to meet my Lord
316 This is the hour of banquet and of song
343* Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
377 All people that on earth do dwell
391 Before the Lord's eternal throne
645* The King of love my shepherd is
708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

WLP

LEVAS II

104 The Lord is my shepherd
110 You hear the lambs a-cryin'

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - A

05/03/26

47 On this day, the first of days
48 O day of radiant gladness
194 Jesus lives! thy terrors now
414 God, my King, thy might confessing
432 O praise ye the Lord
457* Thou art the Way, to thee alone
467* Sing, my soul, his wondrous love
487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
522 Glorious things of thee are spoken
525 The Church's one foundation

WLP

779 The Church of Christ in every age

LEVAS II

126 Hark! the voice of Jesus calling

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - A (Rogation)

05/10/26

11 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
291 We plow the field and scatter
292* O Jesus, crowned with all renown
345 Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise
400 All creatures of our God and King
409* The spacious firmament on high
488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
505 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God
516 Come down, O Love divine
694 God be in my head

WLP

749 The tree of life my soul hath seen

LEVAS II

60 O Lord my God

ASCENSION DAY

05/14/26

214* Hail the day that sees him rise
215* See the Conqueror mounts in triumph
216* Hail thee, festival day!
450 All hail, the power of Jesus' Name!
460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
483* The head that once was crowned with thorns
494 Crown him with many crowns
495* Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - A

05/17/26

214 Hail the day that sees him rise
215* See the Conqueror mounts in triumph
307 Lord, throned in heavenly splendor
321 My God, thy table now is spread
401 The God of Abraham praise
410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

450 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
460* Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
494 Crown him with many crowns
563 Go forward, Christian soldier, beneath his banner true

WLP

806 If you believe and I believe

LEVAS II

183 Be not dismayed