

GESIMA SEASON

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Collect. O Lord, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10 God Puts His Words in Jeremiah's Mouth

Alt. Exodus 17:1-7 Water from the rock

Epistle. 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5 Christ the spiritual Rock

Gospel. Matthew 20:1-16 Laborers in the Vineyard

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

Collect. O Lord God, Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do: Mercifully grant that by Thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10-13 The Word accomplishes its purpose

Epistle. 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9 Boasting in infirmities

Gospel. Luke 8:4-15 Sower The Sower and the Seed

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Collect. O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully hear our prayers, and, having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:3-7 The Eyes of the Blind Shall Be Opened

OT alt: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 The anointing of David

Epistle. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 The greatest of these is love

Gospel. Luke 18:31-43 Healing of the blind man or Jesus goes up to Jerusalem

Alleluias in Graduals are replaced with tracts.

MINOR FESTIVALS IN GESIMA

MARCH 17—ST. PATRICK, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR (WHITE)

Collect. O God, who didst call Patrick to preach the Gospel, grant to Thy servants steadfastness in the confession of the true faith that they would preach that unchanging Gospel in the midst of the darkness of this age, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Epistle. Hebrews 7:23-27 The Unchangeable High Priest

Gospel. Matthew 25:14-23 The Parable of the Tenants (without v.24-30)

MARCH 19—ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND GUARDIAN OF OUR LORD (WHITE)

Collect. O Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit, Thou didst inspire in St. Joseph a quiet obedience to the Word: guide and direct us to emulate such virtue in our life and conversation as shall glorify Thee in faithfulness day and night, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

OT: Ecclesiasticus 45:1-6, “Sirach” KJV Apoc.

Lesson. 2 Samuel 7:4, 8–16 The LORD tells you that He will make you a house

Gospel. Matthew 1:18–21 The Angel Speaks to Joseph

MARCH 25—THE FESTIVAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION (WHITE)

Collect. We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

OT: Micah 5:2-4 Out of Bethlehem Ephrathah, a ruler in Israel

Epistle. Isaiah 7:10–16; Alt. Epistle: Galatians 4:4–7; Alt. 2nd Epistle: Hebrews 10:4–10

Gospel. Luke 1:26–38 The Angelic Announcement to Mary

There are no Ember Days in the Gesima season.

Office Hymn for Gesima Prayer Services

AM *Primo Die, Quo Trinitas* Hail Day! Whereon the One in Three

PM *Lucis Creator Optime* **Blest Creator of the Light BPB p.267**

Iam Sol Recedit Igneus **Now Doth the Fiery Sun Decline**

Hymn of the Day for Sundays in Gesima

ASBH 16	Salvation unto Us Has Come (LW 355)	Septuagesima
	Alt. LW 369 “Through Jesus Blood and Righteousness”	
ASBH 17	May God Bestow on Us His Grace (LW 288)	Sexagesima
	Alt LW 334 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”	
ASBH 18	If Thy Beloved Son, O God (TLH 375)	Quinquagesima
	Alt LW 257 “Let Me Be Yours Forever”	
	TLH 353	

Hymns for Minor Festivals

ASBH 82	Look from Thy Sphere of Endless Day	St. Patrick Mar 17
ASBH 83	In House and Home Where Man and Wife	St. Joseph Mar 19
ASBH 75	All Glory Be to God on High	Annunciation Mar 25

Like Advent the *Gloria in Excelsis* goes away.
But in Pre-Lent and Lent the Alleluias go away too.

