The Sunday called Septuagesima
or the Third Sunday before Lent
February 1, 2026

PROCESSIONAL HYMN **377** O worship the King, all glorious above *Lyons*

1. O worship the King, all glorious above! / O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, / Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might! O sing of his grace! / Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, / And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth, with its share of wonders untold, / Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
Hath stablished it fast with a changeless decree, / And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? / It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, / And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, / In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end! / Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Text: Robert Grant, 1833, alt.; based on Psalm 104. Tune: attr. J. Hichael Haydn (1737-1806).

SEQUENCE HYMN **516** Come, labor on! *Ora Labora*

1. Come, labor on!
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, / While all around him waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, / "Go work today."

2. Come, labor on!
The enemy is watching night and day, / To sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;
While we in sleep our duty have forgot, / He slumber'd not

3. Come, labor on!
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! / No arm so weak but may do service here:
By feeblest agents may our God fulfil / His righteous will.

4. Come, labor on!
Claim the high calling angels cannot share— / To young and old the gospel gladness bear:
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. / The night draws nigh.

5. Come, labor on!
No time for rest, till glows the western sky, / Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun, / "Servants, well done."

Text: Jane Borthwick, 1859, alt. Tune: T. Tertius Noble, 1918.

ABLUTION HYMN **599** Before thy throne, O God, we kneel *St. Petersburg*

1. Before thy throne, O God, we kneel; / Give us a conscience quick to feel,
A ready mind to understand / The meaning of thy chast'ning hand;
Whate'er the pain and shame may be, / Bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

2. Search out our hearts and make us true, / Wishful to give to all their due;
From love of pleasure, lust of gold, / From sins which make the heart grow cold,
Wean us and train us with thy rod; / Teach us to know our faults, O God.

3. For sins of heedless word and deed, / For pride ambitious to succeed,
For crafty trade and subtle snare / To catch the simple unaware,
For lives bereft of purpose high, / Forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

4. Let the fierce fires which burn and try, / Our inmost spirits purify,
Consume the ill; purge out the shame; / O God, be with us in the flame;
A newborn people may we rise, / More pure, more true, more nobly wise.

Text: William Boyd Carpenter, 1841-1918. Tune:. From Dmitri S. Bortniansky, 1825.

RECESSIONAL HYMN **346** O God, our help in ages past *St. Anne*

1. O God, our help in ages past, / Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, / And our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of thy throne / Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, / And our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, / Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, / To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight, / Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night / Before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, / Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream / Dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past, / Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last, / And our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; based on Psalm 90. Tune: William Croft, 1708.