

The Logic of Lent

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Theme	Sunday	Gospel	Epistle	Collect
"Behold we go up to Jerusalem." The call to pilgrimage	Septuagesima	Parable of the vineyard. Call to labour. The free gift of grace.	"They that run in a race" The discipline of athletes. An incorruptible crown.	justly punished; mercifully delivered
	Sexagesima	Parable of the sower. Cherish the seed; bring forth fruit.	In labours more abundant. "If I must needs glory..."	by thy power defended against all adversity
	Quinquagesima	"Behold we go up to Jerusalem." Healing of the blind man.	Hymn to Charity - the character of our journey.	that most excellent <u>gift</u> of charity (1549)
The hazards of the journey Conflicts with devils.	Lent 1	Jesus tempted in the wilderness.	Workers together with him in much patience.	<u>grace</u> to use such abstinence (1549)
	Lent 2	Healing of Canaanite woman's daughter vexed with a devil.	Diabolical temptations in our lives. Your sanctification.	no power of ourselves to help ourselves
	Lent 3	Jesus casts out devil - the house swept and garnished.	Diabolical temptations in our lives. Walk in love - as children of light.	our defence against all our enemies
Journey's End Jerusalem above. Divine mediation	Lent 4	Jesus feeds the multitude - the bread of heaven.	Jerusalem our mother. Stand fast in liberty.	comfort of thy grace
	Passion Sunday	Before Abraham was, I am. (1962 - Mother of Zebedee's children)	Christ, high priest, mediator of a new covenant.	governed and preserved evermore
	Palm Sunday	Passion according to St. Matthew	"Let this mind be in you..."	example of great humility