

## Hymns for the Lenten Season

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The following list includes some of the most excellent hymns appropriate for Lenten worship from the section "Jesus Christ: Passion and Death" (hymns 194-228), as well as other sections, in the Presbyterian hymnal *Glory to God*. The list below highlights some hymns that may not be as familiar to many congregations but that may, for that very reason, enrich your church's worship in song during Lent. (The hymn numbers below come from *Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal*.)

### 206 – *This Is the Night*

Text: Peter Abélard, 12<sup>th</sup> cent.; trans. Richard Lyman Sturch, 1990  
Music: Margaret R. Tucker, 1991

### 211 – *Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice*

Text: Michael Morgan, 1995  
Music: *The United States Sacred Harmony*, 1799

### 217 – *On a Barren Hilltop (Come Boldly)*

Text: Christopher L. Webber, 2008  
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925  
Note: This hymn works particularly well as a Call to Confession, as it invites worshipers into the assurance that "It is finished"—Christ is already "triumphant over sin and death," and by his incarnation our "weakness is so fully known."

### 226 – *There In God's Garden*

Text: Pécselyi Király Imre, c. 1641; trans. Erik Routley, 1974  
Music: K. Lee Scott, 1976

### 423 – *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Text: Para. John Carter, 1997  
Music: John Carter, 1997

### 442 – *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 2834  
Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849

### 695 – *Change My Heart, O God*

Text and Music: Eddie Espinosa, 1982

### 809 – *Why Has God Forsaken Me?*

Text: Bill Wallace, 1980  
Music: Taihei Sato, 1981

### 829 – *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Text: Ray Palmer, 1830  
Music: Lowell Mason, 1831