

# “Roll Down Justice”

Lent 2017



*I hate, I reject your festivals;  
I don't enjoy your joyous assemblies.  
If you bring me your entirely burned offerings and gifts of  
food— I won't be pleased;  
I won't even look at your offerings of well-fed animals.  
Take away the noise of your songs;  
I won't listen to the melody of your harps.  
**But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**  
- Amos 5: 21-24 (CEB)*

**Lent is a time for reminding ourselves who we are called to be in this world. Our worship during Lent—the 40 days before Easter—is inspired by Amos, a prophet whose message is that God calls us to let “justice roll down like waters.”**

**Worship without justice is not what God wants from us. Our songs, our prayers, our rituals must move us to action on behalf of the oppressed. All through this season, powerful music and reminders of the rituals of baptism will offer paths for reflection and renewed commitment to the heart of the Gospel: God's love for all people.**

**What prejudices are we challenged to “give up” as a Lent practice?  
How are we willing to “give” of ourselves for the sake of the world?**