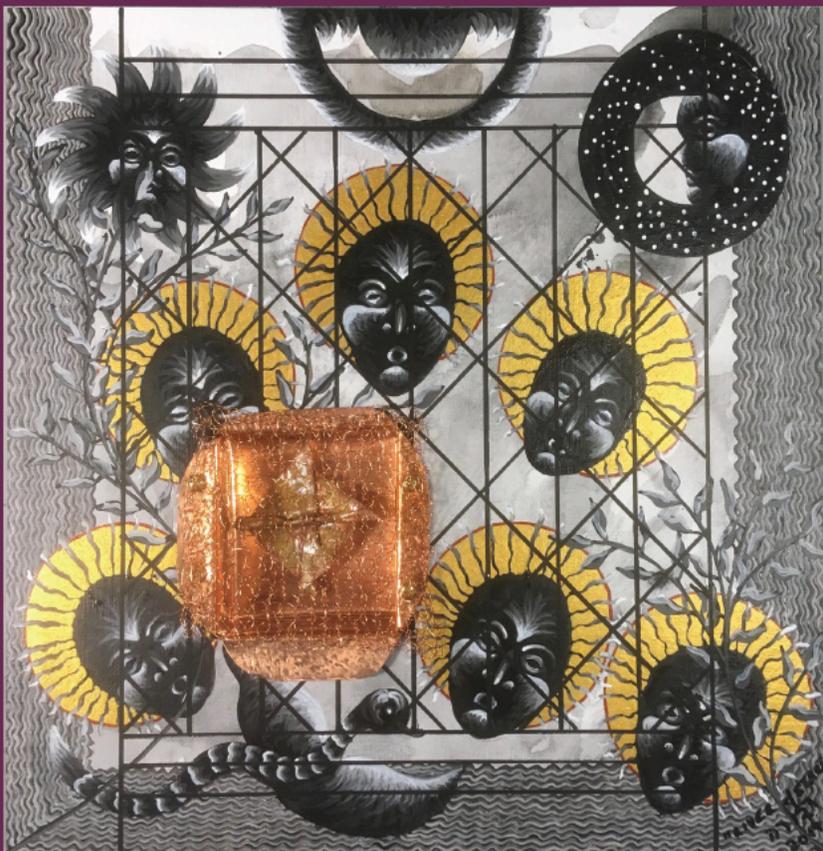


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Updates to the Revised Common Lectionary

In 2012 the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT) received a petition expressing concern over the potential for anti-Jewish interpretations of the lectionary readings for Holy Week. As the ecumenical body responsible for the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), the CCT has carefully considered this matter, engaging with biblical experts, church historians, and liturgical leaders, including a forum with consultation and participation of Jewish scholars. The CCT now proposes alternate readings for Palm/Passion Sunday and Good Friday, along with revisions to the lectionary for the season of Easter and the time after Pentecost. This provisional update to the RCL is now commended to the churches for a three-year trial period, beginning in Advent of 2025.

The update was announced around the time this Lectionary Companion went to press, so the new readings are not reflected in this issue.

Highlights of the provisional update include:

- guidance on interpreting references to “the Jews” in John and Acts;
- a brief statement on the lectionary readings, renouncing anti-Judaism;
- alternate readings for Good Friday and Palm/Passion Sunday;
- readings from the Hebrew Scriptures throughout the season of Easter;
- and a new schedule for reading Acts during the time after Pentecost.

For more information, or to see the full lists of readings, visit the CCT website:
<https://www.commontexts.org/2025-update/>.

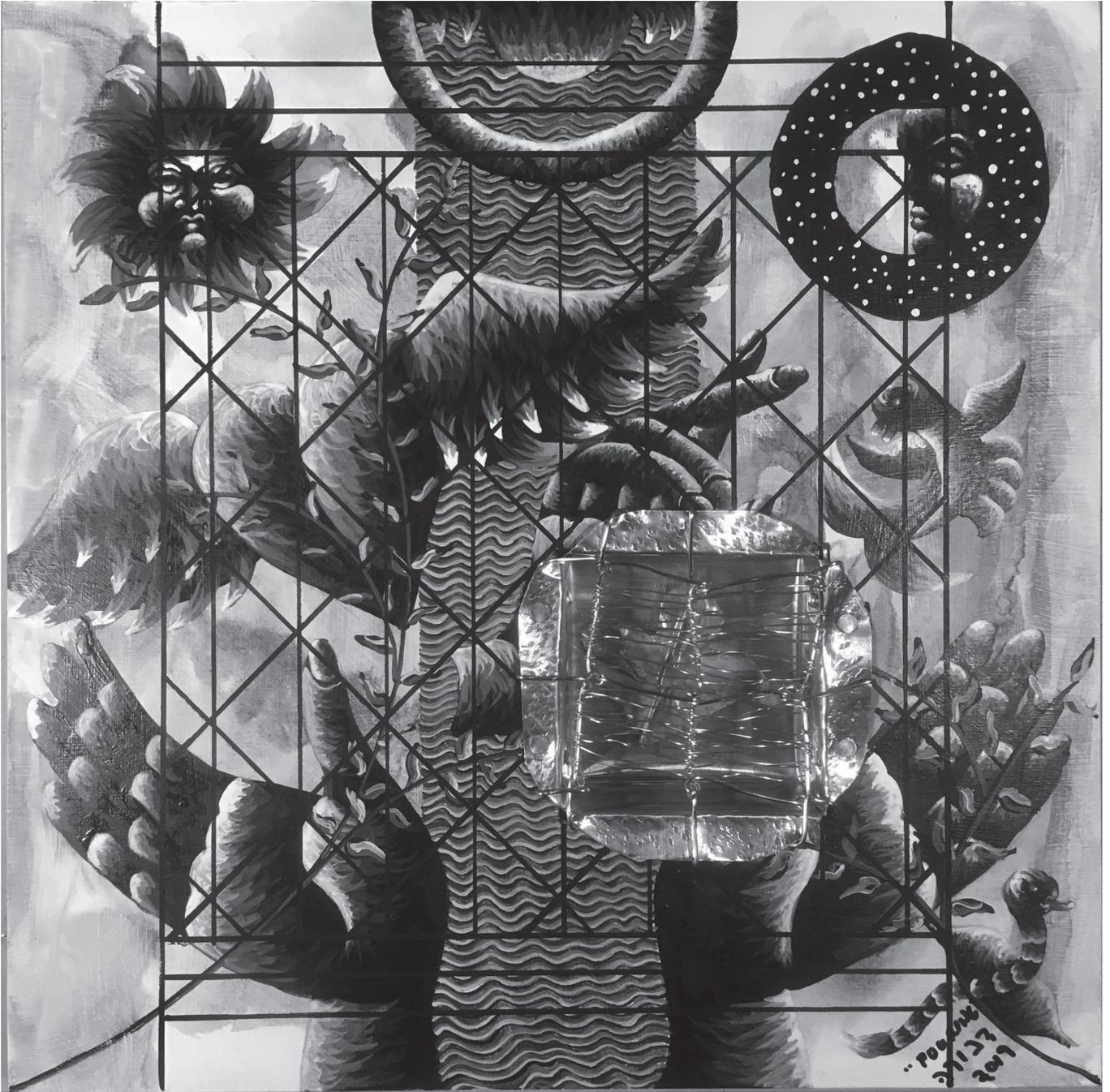
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Deborah Sokolove,
"Reliquary Series: Pouring," mixed media (acrylic on panel with copper inset and relic), 2019,
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Introduction to the Lectionary Companion

Year A (2025–2026)

Sally Ann McKinsey

Weekly worship brings us back again and again to the corporate actions that form us in faith. We gather, give thanks, confess sin, and hear God's word. We respond with word and song, at table and font, and are sent out to serve. Liturgical time brings us back around to expectant Advent. Repetition makes the patterns that sustain and transform us. What a responsibility to accompany the body in the kind of repetition that brings us to life. May this resource support you in your community's sacred pattern, that we might join God's mission of love and justice in this urgent time.

In this issue you will find weekly and seasonal suggestions for liturgy, music, and art responding to Scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A. I am grateful for the musicians who have offered a wide range of ideas for music, from congregational song to anthems for adult, youth, and children's choirs to piano and organ music. Special thanks to Phillip Morgan, music editor, whose tireless efforts have been vital to this edition and to the journal.

A few notes about music featured in this issue: suggestions for psalms and canticles have been compiled by Drs. Joshua Taylor and Michael Conrady and include suggestions from advanced and graduate students as part of a course at the University of North Texas. This approach reflects the journal's efforts to affirm collaborative partnership and provide space for new voices. Many thanks to the students whose ideas will enliven worship in the coming year. Vocal solos, offered this year by Jeanine Wagner, appear seasonally from Advent to Easter and weekly from Pentecost to Reign of Christ Sunday. We hope this supports congregations whose choirs take a summer break. Piano music appears weekly rather than seasonally to support those who prefer piano or do not have an organ.

I give thanks for the gifts of the writers who contributed liturgy to this edition. Four unique voices approached common elements of liturgy with wisdom. Avery Arden writes for Advent and Christmas with attention to accessible and inclusive

language. Esta Jarrett offers beautiful prayers that accompany us through Lent and Easter. Natarsha Sanders gives us the gift of shorter, repeatable pieces that come from psalms and hymn texts to use in the first half of the Time after Pentecost. Sam Lundquist crafts poetic liturgy that turns us toward issues of justice and carries us through Ordinary Time until Reign of Christ Sunday.

Liturgy found here remains adaptable. The prayer of the day for each Sunday and festival can be used as an opening prayer, as a prayer around the sermon, or as an opening or closing collect in the prayers of the people. Seasonal confession and lament sequences encourage you to repeat them throughout a season or for several weeks. We hope that repetition, particularly for liturgy spoken in unison, increases participation by creating a recognizable pattern.

Seasonal invitations to discipleship offer language that can be used following the proclamation of the word, as part of the offertory, or as a sending action. Prayers of Great Thanksgiving for use at the table range in length. Though these prayers are listed with the seasons, they can be adapted for any time.

I am grateful for the recent addition of <https://calltoworshipjournal.org> to the life of the journal. Here you can find full weekly orders of worship under the "Lectionary Companion" tab. These services include the new liturgy in this edition and additional pieces not printed here. If you rely upon weekly prayers of confession, for example, you may turn to the services published online, which feature prayers from the *Call to Worship* archives and show liturgy in the context of a full Lord's Day service.

The collective work of the many contributors to this resource teaches us that we are not alone in the planning and practice of worship. May worship both comfort and challenge us as we learn God's love and enact God's justice together. Blessings in your worship planning in the year ahead!

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Key to Abbreviations

Psalms and Canticles

FYC *Flor y Canto* [OCP]

GTG *Glory to God* [Westminster John Knox Press]

LP *The Lyric Psalter: Solemnities, Feasts and Other Occasions* [GIA]

LPGA *Lectionary Psalms Grail/Gelineau* [GIA]

LUYH *Lift Up Your Hearts* [Faith Alive]

PAS *Psalms for All Seasons* [Faith Alive]

PFCW *Psalter for Christian Worship* [Witherspoon Press]

PH *The Presbyterian Hymnal (1990)* [Westminster John Knox Press]

PRCL *Psalms for the Revised Common Lectionary* [GIA]

PSA *The Psalter: Psalms & Canticles for Singing* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993)

PP *The People's Psalter* [MSM]

UMH *The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)* [United Methodist Publishing House]

Hymnals

AAHH	<i>African American Heritage Hymnal</i> (GIA Publications, 2001)
ACS	<i>All Creation Sings</i> (Augsburg Fortress, 2020)
CCLI	Christian Copyright Licensing International, us.ccli.com
CH4	<i>Church Hymnary</i> , 4th ed. (Canterbury Press, Norwich, UK, 2005)
EH	<i>The Hymnal 1982</i> [Episcopal] (Church Publishing, 1982)
ELW	<i>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</i> (Augsburg Fortress Press, 2006)
FYC	<i>Flor y Canto</i> (Oregon Catholic Press, 1989)
G3	<i>Gather</i> , 3rd ed. (GIA, 2011)
GTG	<i>Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal</i> (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)
IHLC	<i>Inclusive Hymns for Liberating Christians</i> (Eakin Press, 2006)
LBW	<i>Lutheran Book of Worship</i> (AF, 1990)
LUYH	<i>Lift Up Your Hearts</i> (Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2013)
NCH	<i>The New Century Hymnal</i> (Pilgrim Press, 1995)
OLOF	<i>One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism</i> (GIA, 2018)
PH	<i>The Presbyterian Hymnal</i> (Westminster John Knox Press, 1990)
SON	<i>Songs of Faith and Praise</i> (Howard Books, 1994)
SSS	<i>Santo, Santo, Santo</i> (GIA, 2019)
STB	<i>Sound the Bamboo</i> (Christian Conference of Asia, 2000; now GIA)
STF	<i>Sing the Faith</i> (Geneva Press, 2003)
TFF	<i>This Far by Faith</i> (AF, 1990)
UMH	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> (Abingdon Press, 1989)
VT	<i>Voices Together</i> (MennoMedia, 2020)
WAS	<i>Worship & Song</i> (Abingdon Press, 2011)

Handbell Music

The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR) rating method uses a scale of 1 to 6, with 6 being most difficult.

Key to Difficulty

(E)	Easy
(M)	Moderate
(ME)	Moderately Easy
(MA)	Moderately Advanced
(A)	Advanced

Lectionary References for Hymns

[O]	Old Testament
[Os]	Old Testament: Semicontinuous
[Oc]	Old Testament: Complementary
[A]	Acts
[P]	Psalm or Canticle
[E]	Epistle
[R]	Revelation
[G]	Gospel

Art

AK	Anneke Kaai (annekekaai.nl/en/)
ATLA	Atla Digital Library (dl.atla.com)
EYE	Eyecons (eyekons.com)
JR	Jan Richardson Images (www.janrichardsonimages.com)
JST	Joel Schoon-Tanis (www.joelschoontanisgallery.com)
MET	Metropolitan Museum of Art (metmuseum.org)
NAT	National Gallery of Art (nga.gov/collection)
PD	public domain
SECC	Socially Engaged Craft Collective (sociallyengagedcraftcollective.org)
VCS	The Visual Commentary on Scripture (thevcs.org)
VDL	Vanderbilt Divinity Library (lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/)
WA	WikiArt (wikiart.org)

Publishers

ABP	Abingdon Press (abingdonpress.com)
AF	Augsburg Fortress (augzburgfortress.org)
AGEHR	AGEHR Music (handbellmusicians.org)
AL	Alphonse Leduc (alphonseleduc.com)
ALF	Alfred Publishing Company (alfred.com)
AMP	Alliance Music Publications (alliancemusic.com)
AMSI	Art Masters Studios Inc.
AP	Allegis Publications (available through sheetmusicplus.com)
AUR	Aureole Editions (morningstarmusic.com)
BFP	Brookfield Press (available through sheetmusicplus.com)
BH	Boosey & Hawkes (boosey.com)
BKH	Breitkopf and Hartel
BMP	Belwyn Mills Publishing (c/o Alfred Publishing, alfred.com)
BP	Beckenhorst Press (beckenhorstpress.com)
BRI	BriLee Music (brileemusic.com)
BV	Bärenreiter-Verlag
CF	Carl Fischer (carlfischer.com)
CFP	CF Peters (edition-peters.com)
CGA	Choristers Guild (choristersguild.org)
CMP	Composers Music Company (available from Handbell World; handbellworld.com)
CON	Concordia Publishing House (cph.org)
CPDL	Choral Public Domain Library
CPP	Columbia Pictures Publications
CV	Colla Voce (collavoce.com)
DP	Dover Publications
DSE	Éditions Durand, Salibert, and Eschig
EC	Editions Combrel, Paris
ECS	E. C. Schirmer (ecspublishing.com)
EHP	Epiphany House Publishing (epiphanyhappens.com)
FB	Fred Bock (fredbock.com)
FJH	FJH Music
FTM	From the Top Music (fromthetop.org)
GIA	GIA Publications, Inc. (giamusic.com)
GMC	Galaxy Music Corporation (https://ecspublishing.com)
GSH	G. Schirmer (available through Sheet Music Plus; sheetmusicplus.com)
GSP	GlorySound Press (c/o Shawnee Press, shawneepress.com)
HAL	Hal Leonard Corporation (halleonard.com)
HF	Harold Flammer, Inc. (available through Shawnee Press; shawneepress.com)
HIN	Hinshaw Music, Inc. (hinshawmusic.com)
HMP	Heritage Music Press (heritagemusicpress.com)
HOPE	Hope Publishing Company (hopepublishing.com)
HWG	H. W. Gray (available through Alfred Publishing; alfred.com)
JH	Jubal House (brehmcenter.com/initiatives/fredbock/jubal-house)
JHS	Jeffers Handbell Supply (handbellworld.com)
JM	Jubilate Music (https://jubilatemusic.com)
JWP	JW Pepper & Son (jwpepper.com)
KAL	Kalmus (kalmus.com)
KBM	Ken Barker Music
KJO	Neil Kjos Music Company (kjos.com)
LOR	Lorenz Corporation (lorenz.com)
MMP	Masters Music Publications

MSM	MorningStar Music Publishers (morningstarmusic.com)
NOV	Novello & Company Limited (musicsalesclassical.com)
OCP	Oregon Catholic Press (ocp.org)
OMD	Organ Music Downloads (organmusicdownloads.com)
OUP	Oxford University Press (ukcatalogue.oup.com/category/music.do)
PAR	Paraclete Press (paracletepress.com)
ROP	Ring Out Press (ringoutpress.com)
RRM	Red River Music (available through Handbell World; handbellworld.com)
RW	Ringling Word Publications (ringingword.com)
SAC	Sacred Music Press (available through Lorenz Corporation; lorenz.com)
SBMP	Santa Barbara Music Publishing (sbmp.com)
SEL	Selah Publishing Company (selahpub.com)
SFP	Sound Forth Publishers (soundforth.com)
SHAW	Shawnee Press (shawneepress.com)
SJMP	St. James Music Press (sjmp.com)
SM	Shaw Music (shawmusic.org)
SMP	Sheet Music Plus (sheetmusicplus.com)
TPR	Theodore Presser Company (presser.com)
WAL	Walton Music
WLE	Wayne Leupold Editions (wayneleupold.com)
WORD	Word Music (wordmusic.com)

Musical Terms

acap	a cappella	org	organ
bari	baritone	perc	percussion
bng	bongo	pno	piano
bsn	bassoon	qrt	quartet
cga	congas	quin	quintet
cl	clarinet	rain	rainstick
cong	congregation	rec	recorder
cont	continuo	SA	soprano, alto
ct	chime tree	SAB	soprano, alto, baritone
cym	cymbal	SATB	soprano, alto, tenor, bass
desc	descant	sax	saxophone
div	divisi	sb	string bass
fc	finger cymbals	sop	soprano (vocal solo)
fl	flute	stngs	strings
glock	glockenspiel	str qrt	string quartet
gtr	guitar	sus cym	suspended cymbal
hb	handbells	synth	synthesizer
hc	handchimes	tamb	tambourine
hd	hand drum	timp	timpani
hn	horn	tpt	trumpet
hp	harp	trb	trombone
inst	instrument	tri	triangle
keybd	keyboard	tub	tuba
mx	mixed	2 pt	two-part
narr	narrator	3 pt	three-part
ob	oboe	uni	unison
oct	octave(s)	vc	cello
opt	optional	vln	violin
orch	orchestration	xyl	xylophone

About Anthems for Children's Choirs

Carefully chosen children's anthems enhance worship and give children an opportunity to participate throughout the liturgical year. The anthems I have chosen reflect the Scriptures and themes of each season and allow children to learn and sing their faith. An anthem may be presented as a call to worship, offertory anthem, or response to the reading of Scripture or the sermon. The anthems selected offer flexibility with a variety of ability levels; most can be sung easily in unison, but many may be adapted with the addition of a second part to provide a more challenging experience for older children or more advanced choirs. Most of the anthems chosen are marked with an E, indicating

they are appropriate for all ability levels and choir sizes, or with ME, indicating there may be a few challenges that can be overcome. Anthems marked with an M or MA are appropriate for more advanced groups and will include multiple challenges and learning opportunities. Most importantly, the anthems chosen provide children's choirs of all sizes and ability levels with opportunities to lead worship while giving children space for faith formation through engagement with Scripture, well-loved hymn tunes, and singable melodies.

Margaret Downs

About Anthems for Youth Choirs

Advent through Pentecost

When seeking repertoire for youth choirs, I look for the following criteria (generally in order of priority): faith formation application, worship application, musical interest (for conductor, singers, and congregation), accessibility, and pedagogical application. Overall, there are a variety of levels and styles in this list that are intended to achieve your goals for this year. Best wishes on service planning.

Kenney Potter

Time after Pentecost

As we celebrate the season after Pentecost, a time of renewal, unity, and the Spirit's outpouring, this collection of anthems has been thoughtfully selected to inspire and engage youth choirs. Recognizing the diverse talents and traditions within our choirs, the list features a variety of styles, ensuring that each piece brings its unique voice to the season's themes.

Flexibility was a priority in curating this list. Many anthems include options for flexible voicing, making them accessible to choirs of varying sizes and experience levels. From accessible arrangements for developing ensembles to more challenging pieces for advanced groups, there's something here to suit every choir's needs and encourage growth.

May these anthems fill your worship spaces with the vibrant energy of Pentecost and inspire singers and listeners alike to reflect on the Spirit's work in and through us all.

Mandy Keathley

About Organ Music

The role of the organist in worship is a privilege and joyful responsibility. Through music, organists have a unique opportunity to bring Scripture to life, enriching the liturgy and drawing hearts closer to God. By thoughtfully selecting pieces that echo the day's readings and align with the rhythms of the liturgical season, organists help weave a spiritual and thematic unity into the service. Although the organ prelude and postlude lack words, their melodies, harmonies, and moods speak deeply, setting the tone for worship and leaving a lasting impression as the congregation carries the day's message into the world.

Many of the organ music suggestions in this volume are rooted in chorales and hymn tunes that may also be sung during the service. This intentional harmony between the sung and played will enhance the flow of worship and help congregants feel a seamless connection between the music and the day's theme. Recognizing the diverse needs

of organists, I have carefully curated a selection of pieces that vary in length, difficulty, style, and mood. Whether reflective and meditative or vibrant and uplifting, these suggestions are meant to offer something for every context—be it a small, intimate gathering or a bustling congregation.

Additionally, I have included familiar tunes arranged in fresh and creative ways. These arrangements introduce fresh perspectives while honoring beloved melodies that hold deep meaning for the congregation. By blending tradition with innovation, these selections aim to allow church musicians to honor the richness of tradition while embracing opportunities to explore and develop new expressions of faith through music.

I pray these suggestions inspire and support you as you enrich your ministry through the beautiful gift of music.

Sunghee Kim

About Piano Music

There is such a diverse range of classical piano repertoire appropriate for use in a worship service, ranging from the seventeenth century to the present day, from many different parts of the world. There is so much to choose from that pianists and other church musicians may not know where to start looking. Some may be looking for ways to engage piano students in worship or may think that classical repertoire is too difficult to include. The suggestions included here represent six continents and span hundreds of years. I have focused on the tone or theme of a particular lectionary text each week and asked how it might be reflected in music. Many of these pieces are suitable for multiple occasions. To assign a difficulty level to each piece, I referred first to the scale outlined in Maurice Hinson's

Guide to the Pianist's Repertoire and sorted accordingly with the difficulty scale used here. A few of the pieces suggested are right on the border between two difficulty levels, so I listed both. For editions, many scores in the public domain are available on IMSLP Petrucci Music Library, a free online sheet music database, but generally if you're looking for the best editions, look for Urtext editions, which are intended to reproduce the original intentions of the composer. I've noted which edition I recommend for each piece listed, and you can find recordings for all included pieces online.

Kirsten Homdrom

About Vocal Solos

“Where words fail, music speaks.”

Hans Christian Andersen

Music in worship provides unique ways to experience or express the liturgy. When asked to provide suggestions for solo pieces to be included in the Lectionary Companion, I utilized the same constraints I would in assigning repertoire to a specific singer for a specific occasion. The first consideration was the text of the song and its context within the worship service. Songs that incorporate two voices or an instrumental obbligato offer opportunities for musicians to collaborate in a small chamber setting. I attempted to suggest music with a wide variety of styles, composers, and technical challenges for both the singer and collaborators.

I have tried to choose multiple works from single collections for pure practicality. It is also my hope that these collections will provide the inspiration to further explore certain composers or genres. As I worked, I welcomed the opportunity to share pieces from somewhat unknown composers. Moreover, I was delighted to discover some works that were new to me as well.

Consider these vocal suggestions as a place to begin your own journey to find composers and music that deepen your own liturgical experience.

Jeanine Wagner

About Adult Choral Anthems

Every church's music library is different, diverse, and tells the story of the worship leaders who have helped shepherd the musical life of the congregation and choirs. One of my goals for this Lectionary Companion is to include a mix of pieces that may already live in your library (“standard church music anthems”) and pieces that may be unfamiliar to many music directors (“new [to some of us] music”). Predominantly, I focused on texts that correspond to the Scriptures that are often familiar and regularly set to hymn tunes. As such, there are often multiple settings of the same text suggested for the same day.

I attempted to include a variety of genres, accompaniment, vocal forces, and textures. Anthems that are listed as E are typically more accessible, for fewer voices, and can often be learned successfully in one or two rehearsals. On the other end of the

spectrum, anthems that are listed as A are often quite challenging, call for large forces, and require six to eight weeks of preparation. Those that are listed as ME, M, and MA fall on a spectrum of moderately easy to moderately advanced, based on the challenges each anthem represents. For each entry, the pieces are listed from most accessible (E) to most challenging (A).

It is an honor and a privilege to collaborate on this edition of *Call to Worship*. I hope and pray that these suggestions and selections are helpful to you and serve as an inspiration and gift to your planning and ministry.

Meg Granum Gurtcheff

About Psalms and Canticles

This year's psalms and canticles recommendations were prepared by students in the sacred music program at the University of North Texas under the supervision of Drs. Joshua Taylor and Michael Conrady. The recommendations reflect the diversity of the students, who represent different denominational identities, ethnic backgrounds, ages, and roles in the church. Many of the selections come from *Glory to God* as well

as *Psalms for All Seasons*. However, there are other sources listed throughout. It is our hope that the fresh eyes of upperclassmen undergraduates and graduate students give new opportunities to examine those settings which have worked well historically while also seeking to grow the corpus of congregational psalm settings used by the church.

Joshua Taylor

About Visual Art

What we see matters, especially within the context of worship. When we consider the different ways that we learn, process, and reflect, it is important to remember that many people benefit from a visual element. Visual arts add vibrancy to worship spaces and can invite viewers into deeper conversation with Scripture and with the Divine. Printed or digital art can supplement sermon ideas, bring liturgy and music to life, and open conversation with Scripture.

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Consider artists in your congregation and community who may be willing to create or offer art for use in worship. Ultimately, when selecting an image for worship, I encourage you not to take the most literal option for connection with your Scripture text. Consider how a specific word, phrase, or feeling might guide your selection of a visual element and leave space for interpretations and wonder.

Rachel Hood Vogado

About the Art in This Issue

Over thirty years ago, I began to develop a visual vocabulary of symbols and techniques using the relatively restricted color palette of red and yellow ochers, chromium green oxides, and ultramarine, with copper leaf taking the place of the gold that is typical of historical Christian iconography. Imagery included knot-work patterns that referenced both Celtic and Islamic sources, motifs borrowed from ancient prayerbooks, and juxtapositions that arose from my own dreams and memories.

As I approached retirement from my work as the Director of the Center for Arts and Religion at Wesley Theological Seminary in 2019, a new series of works began to emerge. Using the same visual

vocabulary, but this time virtually drained of color, I began to explore the idea of reliquaries, in which something simple and precious is hidden within an ornate and symbolic container. In these works, however, the relics are not the bones of saints or other bits and pieces of the past, but rather pieces of copper newly shaped with fire and hammers in my studio. Now, in a very different time, these Night Visions continue to speak to me in dimly heard murmurs and whispers. I hope to someday know what they mean.

Deborah Sokolove

The Season of Advent

These liturgical texts are appropriate for use throughout the Season of Advent and may be repeated from week to week

Confession and Lament

1

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

Repent! God's kin-dom¹ is on its way.

But how do we repent?

**Trusting in God's grace,
we confess our fear and sin,
and we turn to God with imagination and hope.**

God,

we confess that we struggle
to imagine the possibility of a better world.

**We are too exhausted
to dream of a reality
where rest is a sacred right;
too alienated from each other
to come together in mutual care
or to enact justice.**

Forgive us.

Teach us to hear your prophets crying out:

Prepare the way! Amen.

Friends,

God has forgiven us and freed us,
through the mercy of Jesus Christ
and the power of the Holy Spirit,
to imagine and enact the better world
that is breaking into this one, even now.
In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

2

Let us humbly confess our sin together
with confidence in God's grace.

Triune God,
we long for your new creation.

We do not know the hour,
and your people are suffering now.

**Nation wars against nation
and the powerful preserve their privilege at any
cost, blaming the stranger.**

Come quickly, Jesus!

How desperately we need your revolution,
and how often we fail to be that revolution.

**Forgive us when we do not answer lies and
bigotry with truth,**

**when we fail to resist injustice and do not insist
on peace.**

Come now, Holy Spirit!

Flood our hearts with love.

**Forgive us when we choose violence over mercy,
and teach us to forge peace out of evil. Amen.**

By God's grace, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven
and called to beat our swords into plowshares,
to change our words of harm against the stranger
into songs of love and welcome. **Amen.**

Invitations to Discipleship

1

In Advent, we practice hoping
against hope, hoping
in spite:

in spite of fear,
in spite of uncertainty,
in spite of ruthlessness.

In Advent, we practice waiting
without falling into passivity.
Let us wait alert as midwives,
making ready for the world
that God is birthing.

2

In Advent, God's Spirit comes in dreams,
daring us to conceive of impossible things:

that wolf and lamb
might live in harmony;
that the world's despised
might rise to greatest glory;
that war-torn wastes might bloom
and grow good fruit.

This Advent, let us live like we believe
we have the power, through God's Spirit,
to dream this better world
into reality.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The triune God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift up all that we are
to the One who created all that we are.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

God our liberator,
we give you thanks for your abiding love and grace,
for creating the world good,
and for your faithfulness and promise.

Blessed is Jesus, God with us, and blessed are you
for giving us glimpses of liberation in his life.
We thank you for holy surprises
and subversions of the status quo
that remind us of the coming of your kin-dom.
We remember his death in this humble meal,
a sign and symbol of your salvation.

Send your Spirit upon this bread and cup
and on all of us gathered here
in anticipation of your coming.
With this bread, your body, we practice
the feast we will share in heaven
together with your saints of all races, ages,
genders, and dis/abilities.
With this drink, we practice
what it means to be kin,
what it means to partake
in the coming of your new creation,
already among us and not yet realized.
Energize us for the work ahead
as we seek to serve you,
triune God. **Amen.**

Note

1. The term "kin-dom of God" was first used by Latina theologian Ada María Isasi-Díaz instead of "kingdom of God" to resist patriarchal, hierarchical power structures. Removing just one letter subverts human conceptions of sovereignty, just as Jesus did in his parables: In God's realm, the last are first; we are not God's servants, but friends; not subjects, but family. As a queer person, I also appreciate the visual gap that the hyphen in "kin-dom" creates; alongside society's outcasts, God is found in the gaps and at the edges, blurring borders and exploding order till margins meet in the middle. (Avery Arden)

Congregational Song in Advent

Songs with refrains might be sung refrain only, or stanzas might be used week to week either sequentially or cumulatively.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

- Come, Come Emmanuel GTG 91
- God Is Our Help, Refuge, and Strength GTG 380
- The Lord Is My Light GTG 842
- Bless the Lord GTG 544
- Come Now, O Prince of Peace GTG 103
- He Came Down GTG 137
- Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (STUTTGART) GTG 83
- Prepare the Way of the Lord GTG 95
- Prepare the Way, O Zion (different stanzas week by week, then all 3 on Advent IV) GTG 106
- People, Look East (refrain only, as an echo/call-and-response) GTG 105
- Muéstranos, Señor / Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness SSS 70
- Restáuranos, oh Dios / Restore Us, O God (refrain only or with stanzas) SSS 72
- Preparen el camino / Make Ready a Highway (refrain only or with stanzas) SSS 76
- Christmas Is Coming *Innkeepers and Light Sleepers*, Wild Goose Publications

These songs might be used in different ways within a Sequence of Confession and Lament or a Confession and Pardon liturgy as part of a Call to Confession, the Prayer of Confession, or as a bridge from Confession to Pardon.

Confession

- Comfort, Comfort Now My People (different stanzas week by week, then all 3 on Advent IV) GTG 87
- Be Still and Know That I Am God GTG 414
- O Come unto the Lord (refrain only or with stanza 2) GTG 416
- Forgive Us, Lord / Perdón, Señor GTG 431
- God Is Our Help, Refuge, and Strength GTG 380
- Listen, God Is Calling GTG 456
- Give Us Light GTG 467
- Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior, stanza 1 UMH 351, AAHH 435
- Over My Head AAHH 169
- I Will Trust in the Lord AAHH 391

Pardon

- Glory to God / Gloria, gloria GTG 583
- Glory, Glory, Glory GTG 584
- Glory to God / Gloria a Dios GTG 585
- In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful GTG 654
- Do Not Be Afraid (different stanzas week by week, then all 3 on Advent IV) GTG 76
- Peace of God Be with You GTG 448
- Dona nobis pacem GTG 752

Anthems for Children's Choirs in Advent

- "Let Every Heart Prepare a Throne," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni, pno (ME)
- "Sing a Song of Advent," Hal H. Hopson, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt fl, hb, cong (M)
- "Light One Candle," Natalie Sleeth, HIN, 2 pt (E)

Anthems for Youth Choirs in Advent

- "The Wexford Carol," Victor Johnson, CGA, 3 pt mx, pno (ME)
- "Huron Carol," Mark Burrows, CGA, 3 pt mx, pno (M)
- "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," Mark Miller, CGA, 3 pt mx, pno (ME)
- "Call to Advent," J. Jerome Williams, HOPE, 2 pt mx, acap (E)

Handbell Music in Advent

- "Advent Carol," VENI EMMANUEL, arr. Hal Hopson, 3 or 5 oct, CGA, CGB154, Level 2
- "Advent Fantasy," GENEVAN 42, PICARDY, NUN KOMM, PUER NOBIS, arr. Judy Phillips, 3-6 oct, opt 2 oct hc, tri, tamb, CGA, CGB751, Level 3
- "The Angel Gabriel," arr. Jeffrey Honoré, 3-5 oct, CON, 97-6760, Level 3+
- "Advent Suite," GENEVAN 42, NUN KOMM, BEREDAN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, arr. Sondra Tucker, 3-5 oct, opt 2 oct hc, opt sleighbells, fc, wind chimes, hd, BP, HB444, Level 3
- "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," arr. John Behnke, 2-3 oct, AGEHR, AG23052, Level 2
- "People, Look East," arr. Tammy Waldrop, 3-5 oct, opt 3-5 hc, CGA, CGB410, Level 3-
- "Lost in the Night," arr. Cathy Moklebust, 3-5 oct, opt hc, opt vln, CGA, CGB1014, Level 2+
- "Savior of the Nations, Come," arr. Joshua Kramer, 3-5 oct, AGEHR, AG35328, Level 2
- "Advent Joy," BEREDAN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, HYFRYDOL, arr. Brian Childers, 3-6 oct, JM, 00-45746, Level 3
- "People, Look East," arr. Sandra Eithun, 2 or 3 oct, opt tamb, CGA, CGB1271, Level 1+

Vocal Solos in Advent

- "Some Children See Him," *Alfred Burt Christmas Carols*, Alfred Burt, HAL (E)
- "Come, Thou Dear Redeemer," *Solos for the Church Year*, César Franck, GSH, high/low (M)
- "In the Bleak Midwinter," *Classical Singers Christmas Album*, arr. Richard Walters, HAL (ME)
- "What Songs Were Sung," *12 Christmas Vocal Solos for Classical Singers*, John Jacob Niles, HAL, high/low (E)
- "Hosanna," arr. James Christian Pfohl, HAL, duet, 2 equal voices (ME)
- "Mothering God," *Still All My Song Shall Be*, Thomas Trenney, MSM, medium/high (M)
- "Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)," Amy Grant, Chris Eaton, Musicnotes.com (E)
- "For Everyone Born," *Still All My Song Shall Be*, Thomas Trenney, MSM, medium/high (ME)
- "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel," Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Musicnotes.com, medium low (E)
- "Away in a Manger," *15 Easy Christmas Carol Arrangements*, arr. Christopher Ruck, HAL, low/high (E)
- "The Night That Love Was Born," *Three Christmas Solos with opt cello obbligato*, arr. Fred Bock, cello arr. Allan Robert Petker, FB, medium (M)
- "It Was On a Starry Night," Joy Webb, sheetmusicdirect.com (ME)

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5	Turn swords into plowshares; walk in the light of the Lord.
Psalm 122	I was glad when they said, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Romans 13:11-14	Salvation is near: wake up; live honorably; put on Jesus Christ.
Matthew 24:36-44	The Lord is coming; keep awake; no one knows the day or hour.

Opening Sentences

Wake up; wake up! The day of God is near.
We do not know the hour, so we will live like the time is here and now.
God is here, now!

Let us go to the house of our Living God.
We journey with all peoples of all creeds.
 Let us go and bask in Holy Wisdom's warmth
so that we can learn her ways and choose her paths.

To enter the house of God, we must wake up to the nightmare of hate and violence; all oppression must cease.
We will beat our weapons into tools for love.
We will take the walls we raise against the stranger
and build a house where all can live in peace.

Prayer of the Day

God of justice, God of peace,
 even now you are breaking into our weary world.
 Make your presence known
 to those who wait and watch for you.
 Send your Spirit of justice rolling over the earth;
 sweep away all war and suffering
 so that all of your creation
 can glorify you in peace—
 the kin-dom that Jesus promised us
 come down to earth at last. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Creator of the Stars of Night (OG)
 CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM GTG 84
 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (G)
 TRURO GTG 93
 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (OEG)
 REJOICE, REJOICE GTG 107

WORD

The People Who Walked in Darkness (OG)
 ISAIAH 9 GTG 86
 For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits (G)
 MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS GTG 89
 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night (EG)
 ABERYSTWYTH GTG 97
 Savior of the Nations, Come (G)
 NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND GTG 102

EUCCHARIST

Come Now, O Prince of Peace (O) O-SO-SO GTG 103
 While We Are Waiting, Come (G)
 WAITING (Cason) GTG 92
 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (O)
 HOUSTON GTG 377
 You Have Put On Christ (E)
 BAPTIZED IN CHRIST GTG 491

SENDING

Keep Your Lamps (EG) KEEP YOUR LAMPS GTG 350
Soon and Very Soon (G)

SOON AND VERY SOON GTG 384

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (OEG)

TIF IN VELDELE GTG 85

The Prophets Caught a Vision (O) LLANGLOFFAN

Protest of Praise, David Bjorlin, GIA, 98

View the Present through the Promise (OEG)

FRANKLIN PARK LUYH 470

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 122

Metrical

Rejoice, Rejoice, Come Sing with Me [FOREST
GREEN]; PAS 122A

I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say [ENGLAND];

GTG 400, PAS 122B

Let Us Go Rejoicing [POINT HILL]; PAS 122E

With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim [SUSSEX
CAROL]; PAS 122F

Responsorial

Psalm 122, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 122D

Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord;
LPGA 1

Organ Music

“Christ, Be Our Light,” *Augsburg Organ Library:*
Advent II, Nancy Raabe, AF (E)

“Creator of the Star of Night,” *Augsburg Organ*
Library: Advent I, Richard Warner, AF (ME)

“Wachet Auf: Prelude,” *Five Chorale Preludes & Free*
Accompaniments, Faythe Freese, MSM (M)

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645,” J. S.
Bach, various publishers; IMSLP.org (MA)

Piano Music

“Chaconne in G Major, HWV 435,” *Klaviersuiten und*
Klavierstücke (London 1733), Georg Friederich
Händel, HEN (MA)

“Méditation, Op. 31,” Mélanie (Mel) Bonis, IMSLP.org
(ME)

“Entrance, Op. 82, No. 1,” *Forest Scenes*, Op. 82,
Robert Schumann, KAL (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Wake, Awake!” Lynn Zettlemyer, CGA, 3 pt,
pno (E)

“Walk in the Light,” Andre Thomas, CGA, SATB
or opt 2 pt, pno (E)

“Processional on ‘Let All Mortal Flesh Keep
Silence,’” Robert Hobby, MSM, SATB, org, opt
brass, opt hb (ME)

“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come,” Paul Manz,
MSM, SATB, acap (MA)

“Wake, Awake,” F. Melius Christiansen, AF,
SSAATTBB, acap (MA)

“I Was Glad When They Said unto Me,” Hubert
Parry, JM, SATB div, org (A)

“Final Chorus,” *Dona Nobis Pacem*, Ralph Vaughan
Williams, OUP, SATB, orch (A)

Art

Let Us Beat Our Swords into Plowshares, Evgenly
Viktorovich Vuchetich, 1959 (VDL)

Swords into Plowshares, Peter Koenig, 20th century
(VDL)

Cardboard Cathedral, Shigeru Ban, 1957 (VDL)
Where Advent Begins, Jan Richardson (JR)

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10	From Jesse's root, a child will come with the spirit of the Lord.
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	May the king rule with righteousness and defend the poor.
Romans 15:4-13	Trust God's promises in Scripture; rejoice and live in hope.
Matthew 3:1-12	John calls for repentance: prepare the way of the Lord.

Opening Sentences

Adapted from Isaiah 11

A tree stump left to rot puts forth new shoots.

Could it be that heaven is near at hand?

A wolf slinks toward sheep and joins their fold.

Could it be that heaven is near at hand?

A child plays while serpents slumber.

Could it be that heaven is near at hand?

A prophet cries out from the wild places:

Prepare the way! For heaven is near at hand.

Prayer of the Day

God of the barren places,
whose Spirit rouses stagnant hearts to life,
come baptize us in fire that clears away
the detritus of despair and apathy.
Set our spirits ablaze with impossible dreams
of oppressors giving up their power for peace
and children at play where war once reigned,
that, in dreaming, we might come to believe
a better world is possible, and begin
to ready the way for your incoming kin-dom.

Amen.

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (G)

JEFFERSON GTG 94

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (OE)

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN GTG 104

Prepare the Way, O Zion (OEG)

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN GTG 106

WORD

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old (O)

SAMANTHRA GTG 77

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (O)

ES IST EIN' ROS' GTG 129

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (G)

WINCHESTER NEW GTG 96

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice (G)

ABERYSTWYTH GTG 163

Who Hears the Voice of the Hungry / Imagine (OE)

IMAGINE LUYH 72

EUCCHARIST

Prepare the Way of the Lord (G)

PREPARE THE WAY GTG 95

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name (E)

COME, SHARE THE LORD GTG 510

Sheaves of Wheat (E) UNA ESPIGA GTG 532

Jesus Came (OE) OLOF 295

SENDING

Comfort, Comfort Now My People (G)

GENEVAN 42 GTG 87

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers (E)

LLANGLOFFAN GTG 362

Dream On, Dream On (O) DREAM ON GTG 383

May the God of Hope Go with Us (E)

ARGENTINA GTG 765

The Time Has Come (OG) WEXFORD CAROL *Sing No*

Empty Alleluias, Chris Shelton, GIA, 123

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Metrical

Hail to the Lord's Anointed [ES FLOG EIN KLEINS

WALDVÖGELEIN]; PAS 72A

All Hail to God's Anointed [ROCKPORT]; GTG 149

Responsorial

In His Days Justice Will Flourish; PAS 72C

I Will Give You as a Light; UMH 795

Organ Music

"Gabriel's Message," *Augsburg Organ Library: Advent I*,
Paul Manz, AF (ME)

"Prepare the Way," *Carols Before, Carols After*, James
Mansfield, LOR (E)

"The King of Glory," *Augsburg Organ Library: Advent II*,
Aaron David Miller, AF (MA)

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night," *Carols Before,*
Carols After, James Mansfield, LOR (ME)

Piano Music

"Allemande," *French Suite V in G Major*, BWV 816,
Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (M)

"Moderato on Fire, Op. 78a, No. 2," *Pleiades Dances*
VI VII VIII IX, Takashi Yoshimatsu, Ongaku no
Tomo (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," Marianne
Forman, CGA, SATB, pno (E)

"Prepare the Way of the Lord," Michael Larkin,
MSM, SATB, pno (ME)

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People," John Ferguson,
AF, SATB, org, opt tamb, picc, 2 cl (ME)

"The Rose," Joel Thompson, OUP, SATB, bari solo,
pno (M)

"The Dream Isaiah Saw," Glen Rudolph, OUP, SATB,
org, opt brass and perc (MA)

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," Brandon
Waddles, GIA, SATB, acap (A)

"A Spotless Rose," Herbert Howells, OUP, SATB,
tenor or bass solo, acap (A)

Art

Joyful Mountain Landscape, Paul Klee, 1929 (VDL)

St. John the Baptist, El Greco (Dominikos
Theotokopoulos), 1597-1607 (PD)

Tree of Jesse, Absolon Stumme, 1499 (VDL)

John the Baptist Preaching to the Masses in the
Wilderness, Pieter Bruegel, 1566 (VDL)

Prepare the Way, Jan Richardson (JR)

The Desert in Advent, Jan Richardson (JR)

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10	The desert will blossom; God's people will return with joy.
Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55	The maker of heaven and earth gives justice and reigns forever. Mary rejoices in God, who helps the poor and lifts up the lowly.
James 5:7-10	Be patient; have courage; the coming of the Lord is near.
Matthew 11:2-11	Jesus praises John, the messenger who has prepared the way.

Opening Sentences

Soon parched lands will blossom into life
and burst into joyful song—very soon.
Say to those who are drowning in fear,
“Take courage! Here is God, coming to save you.”

Soon every creature will have what it needs in
abundance.
**All peoples of all dis/abilities and ages
will shout for joy in freedom—very soon.**
A highway stretches heavenward, smooth and level.
All may walk or roll there unimpeded.

Soon happiness and joy will overwhelm us!
Grief and groaning will flee for good—very soon.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Subversive God, you revel in
reversing human hierarchies.
Inspire us to sing with teenage Mary
of tyrants toppled; and the last made first.
Ignite our hearts
until we truly understand what this means.
Embolden us to risk everything for the chance
to serve as midwives to your new creation,
so that, with Mary, our spirits will rejoice
in God our Savior—Jesus Christ her son—
and magnify Christ's love in all we do. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (O)
HYFRYDOL/STUTTGART GTG 82, 83
Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (OG)
JEFFERSON GTG 94
People, Look East (O) BESANÇON GTG 105

WORD
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (G)
AZMON GTG 610
Joy to the World (O) ANTIOCH GTG 134
The Desert Shall Rejoice (O) STERLING PH 18
All Earth Is Hopeful (O) TODA LA TIERRA ELW 266
We Wait for You (E) WACHTEN *Protest of Praise*,
David Bjorlin, GIA, 106

EUCCHARIST
Wait for the Lord (E) WAIT FOR THE LORD GTG 90
While We Are Waiting, Come (E)
WAITING (Cason) GTG 92
Prepare the Way with Quietness (EG)
JOURNEY LANE *At the Weaving of Creation*,
Benjamin Brody, GIA, 138

SENDING
You Shall Go Out with Joy (O)
THE TREES OF THE FIELD GTG 80
My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (G)
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN GTG 100
Prepare the Way, O Zion (OEG)
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN GTG 106

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 146:5-10

Metrical

Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah! [RIPLEY]; PAS 146D
I'll Praise My Maker [OLD 113TH]; GTG 8o6,
PAS 146A
Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! [LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR];
GTG 39o

Responsorial

Come, O Lord, and Save Us; PSA 151
Lord, Come and Save Us; LPGA 7

Organ Music

“An Advent Meditation,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Advent II*, David Lasky, AF (E)
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,” *Carols Before, Carols After*, Edward Broughton, LOR (E)
“Magnificat noni toni, BuxWV 205,” *Dietrich Buxtehude*, various publishers; IMSLP.org (M)
“Wachet auf: III. Final,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Advent*, Wayne L. Wold, AF (MA)

Piano Music

“Prelude in G Major,” *Well-Tempered Clavier Book I*, Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (M)
“Fugue in G Major,” *Well-Tempered Clavier Book I*, Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (MA)
“Young Birches, Op. 128, No. 2,” *Three Pieces, Op. 128*, Amy Beach, IMSLP.org (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Go and Tell John,” Lloyd Pfautsch, HOPE, SAB, acap (E)
“A New Magnificat,” Carolyn Jennings, AF, SATB, 2 sop or alto soloists, opt cong, org (E)
“He Comes to Us as One Unknown,” John Ferguson, AF, SATB, org (ME)
“As the Dark Awaits the Dawn,” Carl Schalk, AF, SATB, acap (M)
“God’s Mother Be,” Matthew Culloton, MSM, SATB, hp or pno, opt gtr (MA)
“O Thou, the Central Orb,” Charles Wood, HAL, SATB div, org (MA)

Art

Sojourner Truth, Kelly Latimore, 2018 (VDL)
Annunciation of the Angel to Mary, Lamidi O. Fakeye, 20th century (VDL)
The Annunciation of a Woman, Harmonia Rosales, 2018 (WA)
Annunciation to the Virgin Mary, Jacopo da Pontormo, 1527 (VDL)
Annunciation, Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1898 (VDL)
Annunciation, John August Swanson, 1992 (EYE)
Shall Overshadow You, Jan Richardson (JR)

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 7:10-16	The young woman will bear a child and name him Immanuel.
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Restore us, O God; let your face shine, and save us.
Romans 1:1-7	Paul greets the saints in Rome; Jesus is the promised Son of God.
Matthew 1:18-25	Mary is with child; an angel visits Joseph; Jesus is "God with us."

Opening Sentences

Behold! a teenage girl is pregnant with the God who knit her in her own mother's womb, **strange signs from a strange God who upturns expectations.**

She said yes to divine revolution even though it meant social condemnation, **strange signs from a strange God who upturns expectations.**

God's Spirit stokes subversive dreams in us to help us defy the status quo, **strange signs from a strange God who upturns expectations. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Immanuel, God with us, you folded your infinity into an infant's body just to share in human life. Hold us as close as Mary, your mother, held you, safe and warm within herself.

Whenever our bodies are used against us and we struggle to love our embodied selves, help us to feel your presence in our every cell making us sacred, exactly as we are. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (O)

VENI EMMANUEL GTG 88

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits (G)

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS GTG 89

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (OEG)

REJOICE, REJOICE GTG 107

Come Now, O God, When Our Love Is Forsaken

(OE) LOST IN THE NIGHT ACS 902

WORD

Savior of the Nations, Come (G)

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND GTG 102

Of the Father's Love Begotten (OEG)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM GTG 108

Unexpected and Mysterious (OEG)

ST. HELENA ELW 258

EUCCHARIST

Come, Come Emmanuel (O)

COME, COME EMMANUEL GTG 91

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (OEG)

PICARDY GTG 347

In the Singing (EG) BREAD OF PEACE GTG 533

SENDING

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (G)

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN GTG 100

Love Has Come (G) BRING A TORCH GTG 110

O Joseph, Awaken (G) GARCEAU *Sing No Empty*

Alleluias, Chris Shelton, GIA, 101

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Metrical

O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock [ST. LOUIS];
PAS 80C

O Hear Our Cry, O Lord [VINEYARD HAVEN];
GTG 355, PH 206, PAS 80B

Responsorial

Restore Us Again, O Lord God of Hosts; PAS 80A
I Am the Vine; UMH 801

Organ Music

“Comfort, Comfort, Now My People,” FREU DICH
SEHR, *Augsburg Organ Library: Advent*, Egil
Hovland, AF (E)

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence,” *Carols Before,*
Carols After, David Cherwien, LOR (M)

“Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599,” J. S.
Bach, various publishers; IMSLP.org (MA)

“The Advent of Our King,” ST. THOMAS, *Augsburg*
Organ Library: Advent II, Emma Lou Diemer,
AF (E)

“Wachet auf: Proclaim,” *Oxford Hymn Settings for*
Organists: Advent and Christmas, Vol. 1, Aaron
David Miller, OUP (MA)

Piano Music

“The Spruce, Op. 75, No. 5,” *Five Pieces, Op. 75*, Jean
Sibelius, Ludwig Masters Publications (M)

“Romanze in F Major, Op. 118, No. 5,” *Johannes*
Brahms Complete Shorter Works for Solo Piano,
Johannes Brahms, DP (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,” Cathy Moglebust,
CGA, SATB, hb, brass, timp, org, opt cong (E)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” Alice Parker, ALF,
SATB, acap (ME)

“Lost in the Night,” Kyle Haugen, AF, SAB, pno (ME)

“The Angel Gabriel,” HAL, SATB, pno, opt orch (M)

“The Hands That First Held Mary’s Child,” Dan
Forrest, BP, SATB, pno, opt vc (M)

“Mary Had a Baby,” William Dawson, KJO, SATB,
sop solo, acap (MA)

“Glory Hallelujah to the Newborn King,” Mark
Butler, HIN, SSAATTBB, tenor solo, acap (A)

“All Is Well,” Jamey Ray, Voctave Publishing,
SSAATTBB, acap (A)

Art

The Virgin Mother, Damien Hurst, 2000–2006 (VDL)

The Salutation, Evelyn De Morgan, 1883 (PD)

Immanuel—Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive . . .,
Joseph Nuttgens, 1952 (VDL)

Longest Night, Jan Richardson (JR)

The Season of Christmas

These liturgical texts are appropriate for use throughout the Season of Christmas and may be repeated from week to week.

Confession and Lament

1
Come, let us turn to God, who is gracious,
and confess our sin.

**Holy God,
your incarnation delivers all creation
into abundant life.
Forgive us when we fail
to bear witness to your abundance.
Even when we are eager to share our faith,
we do not recognize what our neighbor's faith
could teach us about you.**

**Forgive us for acting as if
we are the only ones
who have encountered you
and for living as though
we are the only agents of your blessing.
Teach us to treasure your wisdom
in all its variety.
Grant us the humility to recognize your Spirit
as she moves wherever she wills,
binding humankind together. Amen.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
God freely gives us mercy
and sends us out to seek God's face in every face,
to tend to the divine spark wherever there is life,
and to love the world as God first loved us.
Go now, forgiven and freed. **Amen.**

2
A voice is heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation:
Rachel weeping for her children,
refusing to be consoled, because they are no more.
God calls us to mourn with those who mourn;
God suffers with all persons made in their image.
Therefore, let us lament together
and confess our sin, trusting in our merciful God.

**God, your love permeates all creation,
with a particular concern for children
and for all who are vulnerable.**

**We lament with every family
that has endured the loss of a child
through tragedy, illness, war,
or lack of access to basic resources.
We confess our sin, our complacency,
and our sense of hopelessness
in the face of the world's agony.
We have become desensitized to stories
of suffering.**

**Forgive us for failing to seek paths to liberation
in our distracted struggle to get through each day.
Unite us in your Spirit to work for the day when
every child is full-bellied, safe, and loved. Amen.**

Siblings, in the name of Christ, we are forgiven.
Freed by the saving love of Jesus and accompanied
by God's Spirit,
we are defiant in our hope
of the coming world that Jesus dreamed,
where violence and weeping are no more. **Amen.**

Invitations to Discipleship

1

Creation sings a new song;
God's prophets proclaim good news:
The Word of God has become flesh
so that we might meet the divine face-to-face.

Through Jesus, our newborn brother,
we are adopted into God's chosen family.
Let us share this good news
wherever we go
in deeds as much as with words,
and let us stay alert
for other messengers
whose holy wisdom can deepen ours. **Amen.**

2

A guiding star leads to an infant king
whose kingdom is kinship
among all peoples.
God shows no partiality;
God's Spirit pours forth love
that breaks human borders.

Come! Let us travel
into this peculiar kin-dom,
demolishing every dividing wall
and deposing every throne
that does not belong to Christ.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The triune God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift up all that we are
to the One who created all that we are.**
Let us give thanks to our God.
**It is right to give thanks and praise
for God's abiding love and grace.**

Blessed are you, faithful God,
creator, liberator,
and merciful companion in the wilderness.

Your word to us became flesh in an infant.
In Jesus Christ, our sibling and savior,
you share humanity with us.
You emptied yourself of omnipotence
to be born into poverty
and to die on a cross.
We share this meal
remembering your solidarity with us in Christ
and the abundant life you have brought us.
Send your Spirit among us
and upon the bread and cup we share today.

Nourish us with your body
for the work of sharing your abundance with the
world.

Energize us with your blood,
which pulses through our collective heart,
connecting us to one another and to you
until we feast together in heaven.
In your triune name we pray. **Amen.**

Congregational Song in Christmas

Lighting the Christ Candle on the Advent Wreath (Christmas Eve)

- Come Now, O Prince of Peace GTG 103
- Love Has Come (all stanzas) GTG 110
- Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light GTG 130
- Go, Tell It on the Mountain GTG 136, UMH 251, AAHH 202
- From Heaven Above (stanza 5) GTG 111
- Heaven Is Singing for Joy GTG 382, SSS 13
- Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child GTG 126
- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing / Jesus, the Light of the World GTG 127, AAHH 217
- Angels, from the Realms of Glory GTG 143
(mix-match stanzas for Christmas/Epiphany, stanza 4 regardless)
- Vamos todos a Belén / Let Us Go to Bethlehem (refrain only or with some stanzas) SSS 84
- Wonderful Counselor AAHH 210

Pardon

- Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain) GTG 113
- Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GTG 582
- Glory to God / Gloria, gloria GTG 583
- Glory, Glory, Glory GTG 584
- Glory to God / Gloria a Dios GTG 585
- Sing Out, My Soul / Magnificat GTG 646

Doxology Alternatives

- Love Has Come (stanza 3) GTG 110
- Angels, from the Realms of Glory (stanza 4) GTG 143
- What Child Is This (stanza 3 or 1) GTG 145
- Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord GTG 635
- Give Thanks GTG 647

Anthems for Children's Choirs for Christmas and Epiphany

- "No Room," Lloyd Larson, FB, 2 pt, accompanied (MA)
- "Star Light, Star Bright," Robert Lau, LOR, 2 pt, pno (M)
- "A Stable Lamp Is Lighted," David Hurd, GIA, uni, keybd or hp (ME)
- "On This Christmas Night," Mary Kay Beall, HOPE, 2 pt, keybd (MA)
- "Once in Royal David's City," arr. Howard Helvey, BP, uni/2 pt, keybd, opt hb and vln / C inst (M)
- "Stars Are for Those Who Lift Their Eyes," Pauline Delmonte, CGA, uni or SA with hp or pno and opt vln, also has general or Thanksgiving text (MA)
- "Angels' Carol," John Rutter, HIN, 2 pt, pno or hp (MA)
- "Hodie Christus Natus Est," Michael Bedford, CGA, uni/2 pt or antiphonal voices, keybd (MA)
- "A Joyful Noel," Victor C. Johnson, LOR, SSA with pno, fl (A)
- "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light," Benjamin Harlan, JM, SATB with opt uni children's choir and cong (E)

Anthems for Youth Choirs for Christmas and Epiphany

- “Angels We Have Heard on High,” arr. Trevor Manor, CGA, SATB, pno (M)
- “Glory Be to God on High,” arr. Mark Hahn, CGA, SAB, pno (M)
- “Jazz Gloria,” Natalie Sleeth, CF, SATB, bass (ME)
- “Jesus, What a Wonderful Child,” Rollo Dilworth, HAL, SATB, pno (M)

Handbell Music for Christmas and Epiphany

- “And the Glory of the Lord,” arr. Kevin McChesney, 3–5 oct, Agape, 1607, Level 3
- “Angels We Have Heard on High,” arr. John Behnke, 3–6 oct, opt 3 or 4 oct hc, CON, 97-7007, Level 4
- “Carol of the Bells / God Rest Ye Merry,” arr. Lloyd Larson, 3–5 oct, Agape, 1912, Level 3
- “Coventry Carol,” arr. Julie Stitt, 3–5 oct, opt 3 oct hc, opt C inst, AGEHR, AG35349, Level 2
- “Away in a Manger,” arr. John Behnke, 2–5 oct, AGEHR, AG25006, Level 1
- “I Wonder as I Wander,” arr. Brenda Austin, 3–6 oct, opt 3–5 oct hc, BP, HB711-3, Level 3
- “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,” arr. Barbara Kinyon, 2–3 oct, Agape, 1431, Level 2
- “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” arr. Cynthia Dobrinski, 3–5 oct, Agape, 1295, Level 3
- “Christmas Carols of Twelve Bells,” arr. Jason Krug, 12 bells (F5–C7), CGA, CGB790, Level 2
- “For Unto Us a Child is Born,” arr. Lorie Line and Kevin McChesney, 3–7 oct and keybd, JHS, JHS9460, Level 3-
- “We Three Kings,” arr. Bock/McChesney, 3 oct, opt 1 oct hc, FB, FB BGo997, Level 2
- “We Three Kings,” arr. Cynthia Dobrinski, 3–5 oct, Agape, 1390, Level 3

Vocal Solos for Christmas and Epiphany

- “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” *10 Spirituals for Solo Voice*, arr. Mark Hayes, HAL (M)
- “Slumber Song,” Alexander Gretchaninoff, GSH, high (E)
- “Come Sing and Dance,” Herbert Howells, OUP (MA)
- “Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella,” Thomas Fettke, LOR (E)
- “Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head,” *12 Christmas Vocal Solos for Classical Singers*, John Jacob Niles, HAL, high/low (E)
- “Birthday of a King,” *The Christmas Collection*, William Harold Neidlinger, arr. Richard Walters, HAL (M)
- “The Holly and the Ivy,” *The Christmas Collection*, arr. Richard Walters, 2 equal voices, fl obbligato, HAL (M)
- “Oh, What a Wonderful Child,” *The Mark Hayes Vocal Solo Collection*, arr. Mark Hayes, AMP (M)
- “Mary’s Little Boy Child,” Jester Hairston, sheetmusicdirect.com, medium (ME)
- “All Is Well,” *The Essential Collection for the Church Soloist*, Vol. 1, arr. Lloyd Larson, HOPE, med (ME)

December 24, 2025

Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Eve

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 9:2-7	Light shines on people in darkness; a child has been born for us.
Psalm 96	Sing a new song to the Lord, all the earth; declare God's glory.
Titus 2:11-14	The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)	Jesus is born in Bethlehem; angels tell shepherds the good news.

Opening Sentences

Sing a new song to God, all the earth!
The oceans roar, the forests sing for joy.
 For God has shattered the yoke
 and tossed the boots of the oppressor into the fire.
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
among all people of goodwill!
 Do not be afraid, for good news thrills creation:
Today our liberator has been born!

Prayer of the Day

Incarnate God, born this day
 into the bustling heart of a peasant home
 to poor parents in occupied Palestine,
 make your home among
 the poor, the prisoner, the despised
 of every time and place.

Let your good news resound
 from the lips of outcasts
 until all people have opened their homes and hearts
 to them in you and you in them. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Love Has Come (OG) BRING A TORCH GTG 110
 Angels We Have Heard on High (G) GLORIA GTG 113
 Angels, from the Realms of Glory (G)
 REGENT SQUARE GTG 143

WORD

Blest Be the God of Israel (O)
 MERLE'S TUNE GTG 109
 O Little Town of Bethlehem (EG) ST. LOUIS GTG 121
 Who Would Think That What Was Needed (E)
 WHITE ROSETTES GTG 138
 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (G)
 WINCHESTER OLD GTG 117
 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (G)
 MENDELSSOHN GTG 119

EUCCHARIST

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt (OG)
 MANGER SONG GTG 120
 Away in a Manger (G)
 CRADLE SONG/MUELLER GTG 114, 115
 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (G)
 CAROL GTG 123
 Before the Marvel of This Night (G)
 MARVEL GTG 125
 What Child Is This (G) GREENSLEEVES GTG 145

SENDING

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (EG)

SUSSEX CAROL GTG 112

The Snow Lay on the Ground (G)

VENITE ADOREMUS GTG 116

Silent Night, Holy Night! (G) STILLE NACHT GTG 122

There's a Star in the East (G) FOLLOW GTG 135

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 96

Metrical

O Sing a New Song to the Lord [GONFALON ROYAL];

GTG 304

Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise [WESLEY];

LUYH 515

Come and Sing a New Song [Punjabi melody];

PAS 96A

Responsorial

Bring an Offering and Enter God's Courts; PSA 91

O Sing a New Song to the Lord; PSA 92

O Sing a New Song to the Lord; PRCL 13, 101, 159

(PT #29), LP 779, GTG 639

Sing to the Lord; PP 176

Organ Music

"Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122, No. 8,"

Elf Choralvorspiele, Johannes Brahms, various publishers; IMSLP.org (ME)

"Cradle Song: Lullaby," *Oxford Hymn Settings for*

Organists: Advent and Christmas, Vol. 1, Malcolm Archer, OUP (ME)

"Joy to the World," *All the Best for Christmas Organ:*

A Treasury of Yuletide Favorites, Kenneth D. Varner, Lillenas Publishing (M)

"Mueller: Reflection," *Oxford Hymn Settings for*

Organists: Advent and Christmas, Vol. 1, David Schelat, OUP (M)

"Still, Still, Still," *Augsburg Organ Library: Advent II*,

Paul Manz, AF (ME)

Piano Music

"Prelude," *Suite Bergamasque*, L. 75, Claude Debussy, HEN (A)

"Arabesque No. 1," *Two Arabesques*, Claude Debussy, HEN (M)

"Intermezzo in E-flat Major, Op. 117, No. 1," *Johannes Brahms Complete Shorter Works for Solo Piano*, Johannes Brahms, DP (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Night of Silence," John Ferguson, GIA, SATB, pno and org, opt fl and ob (E)

"Before the Marvel of This Night," Carl Schalk, AF, SATB, org, opt orch (ME)

"Sussex Carol," Elaine Hagenberg, BP, SATB, pno, opt orch (ME)

"Angels We Have Heard on High," Craig Courtney, BP, SATB div, acap (M)

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," Dan Forrest (2023), BP, SATB, 4-hand pno or orch (M)

"Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day," John Gardner, OUP, SATB, pno, perc (MA)

"O Magnum Mysterium," Morten Lauridsen, Southern Music Publishing, SATB div, acap (A)

Art

Virgin and Child, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)

Holy Family, Margaret Hofheinz-Döring, 1973 (VDL)

Kenyan Nativity, anonymous, 21st century (VDL)

Manger, Liz Valente, 2021 (VDL)

Virgin and Child with Archangels Michael and Gabriel, Ethiopian Gospel Book, 1504 (VDL)

Shepherds, John August Swanson, 2023 (VDL)

Madonna and Child 1, Laura James, 2016 (EYE)

The Lord Is My Light, Mike Moyers, 2014 (VDL)

December 25, 2025

Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10	How beautiful is the messenger who brings good news and peace.
Psalm 98	Make a joyful noise to the Lord; give thanks for God's victory.
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)	Now God has spoken to us by a Son, the reflection of God's glory.
John 1:1-14	The Word of God became flesh and lived among us.

Opening Sentences

How beautiful on the mountaintops
are the feet of those who declare peace!
**How beautiful the one who brings good news,
who proclaims God's liberation.**
Listen!
Those who have watched and waited so long
are shouting for joy as God enters the land.
The Word has become flesh!
God lives among us, now and forevermore.

Prayer of the Day

Fantastically scandalous God,
in being born a human
you burst through the rigid binary between
worshiper and deity, Creator and creation.

Inspire us to proclaim your astonishing news
wherever we go, not only with words,
but with actions of justice and love.
Push us to prophesy
against hoarding and exploitation.
Empower us to rise up
with oppressed peoples everywhere.
Illuminate our path
as we tend to your poisoned planet,
so that all creation may feel your embrace
through us—
your hands, your feet, your body here on earth.
Amen.

Congregational Song

GATHERING

O Come, All Ye Faithful (G)
ADESTE FIDELES GTG 133
Joy to the World (O) ANTIOCH GTG 134
There's a Star in the East (O) FOLLOW GTG 135

WORD

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (OEG)
MENDELSSOHN GTG 119
Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child (E)
WONDERFUL CHILD GTG 126
In the Beginning (G) LASST UNS ERFREUEN *Sing No
Empty Alleuias*, Chris Shelton, GIA, 72
In the Heavens Shone a Star (E) KALINGA GTG 131

EUCCHARIST

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt (O)
MANGER SONG GTG 120
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (G)
IN DULCI JUBILO GTG 132

SENDING

Of the Father's Love Begotten (G)
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM GTG 108
Go Tell It on the Mountain (OG) GO TELL IT GTG 136
O Splendor of God's Glory Bright (EG)
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR GTG 666

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 98

Metrical

Sing a New Song unto the Lord [SING A NEW SONG];
GTG 276

New Songs of Celebration Render [RENDEZ À DIEU];
GTG 371

Responsorial

Sing a New Song to the Lord; PRCL 15, 71 (PT #14),
88 (PT #16), 181 (PT #14), LP 781

Sing Psalms to the Lord with the Harp; PRCL 173
(PT #14)

Organ Music

“Adeste, fideles: Fantasia,” *Oxford Hymn Settings for Organists: Advent and Christmas*, Vol. 1, David Blackwell, OUP (MA)

“Angels from the Realms of Glory,” *All the Best for Christmas Organ: A Treasury of Yuletide Favorites*, Ethel Tench Rogers, Lillenas Publishing (M)

“Away in a Manger,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Advent II*, David Lasky, AF (E)

“Chorale Prelude, BWV 729,” IN DULCI JUBILO, J. S. Bach, various publishers; IMSLP.org (MA)

Piano Music

“Prelude in C Major,” *Well-Tempered Clavier Book I*, Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (ME)

“Regard du Père,” *Vingt Regards sur L'enfant-Jésus*, Olivier Messiaen, DSE (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Christ Was Born on Christmas Day,” Pat Messick, CGA, 2 pt, pno (E)

“Glory Hallelujah to the Newborn King,” Becki Slagle Mayo, LOR, SATB, pno (E)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,” Craig Curry, CGA, SATB, pno, opt hb (ME)

“Rejoice, Rejoice, This Happy Morn,” John Ferguson, MSM, SATB div, viola (M)

“African Noel,” Andre Thomas, ALF, SATB div, perc (MA)

“Christmas Day,” Gustav Holst, NOV, SATB, SATB soli, org or orch (MA)

“For Unto Us a Child Is Born,” *Messiah*, George Frederic Handel, NOV, SATB, orch (MA)

“Hodie Christus Natus Est,” Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, OUP, SSATB, acap (A)

Art

Nativity, Adriana Varejão, 1987 (WA)

Lumina, Silviu Oravitzan, 1998 (WA)

Birth of Christ, Greco, 1600 (VDL)

Nativity, John August Swanson, 2022 (EYE)

Mother and Child, Njideka Akunyili Crosby, 2016 (WA)

Birth of Christ, Bernardo Daddi, 1325 (VDL)

John 1:14, Timothy Botts (EYE)

African Nativity, Nuremberg, Germany (VDL)

December 28, 2025

First Sunday of Christmas

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 63:7-9	The people were saved not by an angel, but by the Lord's presence.
Psalm 148	Let everything in the whole creation praise the name of the Lord.
Hebrews 2:10-18	Jesus calls us brothers and sisters; he became human to save us.
Matthew 2:13-23	Joseph and Mary flee to Egypt to escape persecution from Herod.

Opening Sentences

We gather to worship the Word made flesh,
who fled
from the wrath of human powers into Egypt.
The God we worship was a refugee.

We remember the children,
from the time of Christ to today,
caught in the cross-fires of fear and greed.
The God we worship was a refugee.

We gather to dream and build a better world
where all children grow up, all exiles return home.
The God we worship was a refugee.

Prayer of the Day

Loving Parent God,
Jesus shared our flesh and blood,
and we share closeness with you.
We thank you for making us your children,
a divine chosen family.

Make visible to us the ties that bind
us to each other, to all creatures, and to you.
Move us to guard each other's well-being
and to treat each other's struggles as our own,
that we may live into the perfect kinship
already ours through Jesus our brother,
woven together by his Spirit. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (O)
ES IST EIN' ROS' GTG 129
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light (O)
ERMUNTRE DICH GTG 130
Once in Royal David's City (E) IRBY GTG 140

WORD

That Boy-Child of Mary (E) BLANTYRE GTG 139
In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy (G)
IN BETHLEHEM GTG 153
Jesus Entered Egypt (G) KING'S WESTON GTG 154
Blest Are the Innocents (G) BETA LUYH 108

EUCCHARIST

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (OE)
PICARDY GTG 347
O God, We Bear the Imprint (E)
TODOS LOS COLORES GTG 759
In a Far-Off Place, Jesus Comes (OE)
TENTH NIGHT ACS 908

SENDING

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (E)
IN DULCI JUBILO GTG 132
Joy to the World (O) ANTIOCH GTG 134
Gentle Joseph Heard a Warning (G) PLEADING
SAVIOR ACS 1060

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 148

Metrical

Let the Whole Creation Cry [SALZBURG]; GTG 679
Let All Creation's Wonders [THAXTED]; PAS 148A

Responsorial

Psalm 148, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 148G
Let All Things Their Creator Bless; UMH 861

Organ Music

- "In dulci jubilo, Op. 28, no. 41," *Seventy-Nine Chorales for the Organ*, Op. 28, Marcel Dupré, various publishers; IMSLP.org (ME)
"Love Has Come," *Eight Chorale Preludes for Manuals Only*, Vol. 2, Aaron David Miller, AF (M)
"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising," QUEM PASTORES, *Augsburg Organ Library: Christmas*, Helmut Walcha, AF (ME)
"Treasures Bring, Anthems Sing (We Three Kings / What Child Is This)," *Honor and Majesty*, Lyndell Leatherman, FJH (M)

Piano Music

- "Lament in Tremolo Form," *Piano Music of Africa and the African Diaspora Volume 2: Intermediate*, Laurindo Almeida, OUP (ME)
"Nocturne in E Minor, Op. 72, No. 1," *Nocturnes*, Frédéric Chopin, HEN (MA)
"Takk (Gratitude), Op. 62, No. 2," *Complete Lyric Pieces for Piano*, Edvard Grieg, GSH (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

- "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice," Trevor Manor, CGA, 2 pt, pno, opt hb (E)
"Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him," Hal Hopson, LOR, 2 pt, org (E)
"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light," Johann Sebastian Bach, AF, SATB, org (ME)
"Coventry Carol," Malcom Archer, OUP, SATB, opt sop solo, org (ME)
"Psalm 148," Emma Lou Diemer, GIA, SATB, org, opt hb (M)
"Love Came Down at Christmas," Matthew Oldman, HIN, SATB div, acap (MA)

Art

- Birth of Christ*, fresco, Cathedral of Fara, Sudan, 10th–11th century (VDL)
Altar of Keur Moussa Abbey, Father George Saget, 1963 (VDL)
Our Lady of Regla, Harmonia Rosales, 2019 (WA)
Flight to Egypt, Solomon Raj, 2016 (EYE)
Rest on Flight to Egypt, Wayne Forte, 2016 (EYE)

January 4, 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14	God will bring the people home, turning their mourning into joy.
Psalm 147:12-20	The word of the Lord goes forth; God fills us with good things.
Ephesians 1:3-14	We were chosen in Christ from the beginning to give glory to God.
John 1:(1-9) 10-18	Those who trust in Christ have power to become children of God.

Opening Sentences

Before the foundation of the world,
God destined us for love.
 Through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
God adopted us into her own family.
 From the farthest edges of the earth,
God shepherds their family home.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal Word, you loved us into being,
 and your love sustains us still.
 Shepherd us toward your abundant life;
 teach us to tend to the earth until it blooms.
 And, when time has reached its fullness,
 gather us into yourself so that, with you,
 we may nestle close to the heart of Parent God.
Amen.

Congregational Song

GATHERING
 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (EG)
 IN DULCI JUBILO GTG 132
 Joy to the World (O) ANTIOCH GTG 134
 He Came Down (G) HE CAME DOWN GTG 137
 In the Beginning (G) LASST UNS ERFREUEN *Sing No*
Empty Alleuias, Chris Shelton, GIA, 72

WORD

Of the Father's Love Begotten (G)
 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM GTG 108
 Who Would Think That What Was Needed (G)
 WHITE ROSETTES GTG 138
 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (OEG)
 KINGDOM GTG 486
 Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (EG)
 MY CHAINS ARE GONE LUYH 693
 I Am Not Forgotten (OE) NO ESTOY OLVIDADO
Sing No Empty Alleuias, Chris Shelton, GIA, 50

EUCCHARIST

Light Dawns on a Weary World (O)
 TEMPLE OF PEACE GTG 79
 In the Bleak Midwinter (EG) CRANHAM GTG 144
 God Is Here Today (E) DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ GTG 411
 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (E)
 IN BABILONE GTG 435

SENDING

All Things Bright and Beautiful (O)
 ROYAL OAK GTG 20
 Go, Tell It on the Mountain (E) GO TELL IT GTG 136
 On This Day Earth Shall Ring (G)
 PERSONENT HODIE GTG 141

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 147:12–20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15–21
Metrical

Jesus, Lover of My Soul [ABERYSTWYTH]; GTG 440
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! [MARION]; GTG 804

Responsorial

Alleluia, Alleluia; PAS 147A

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above; UMH 859

Organ Music

“From Heaven Above,” *A Wittenberg Collection: Lutheran Chorales for Organ*, Karl Osterland, AF (M)

“Glory to God, Glory in the Highest,” GLORIA PERU, *Augsburg Organ Library: Christmas*, Emily Maxson Porter, AF (M)

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring,” *All the Best for Christmas Organ: A Treasury of Yuletide Favorites*, J. S. Bach, arr. Carroll Thomas Andrews, Lillenas Publishing (ME)

“Noël Suisse: Grand Jeu et Duo,” *Livre de Noël*, Op. 2, Louis-Claude Daquin, various publishers; IMSLP.org (M)

Piano Music

“Story of Our Town,” *Our Town*, Aaron Copland, BH (M)

“The ‘Chosen’ Tune,” *Herbert Howells Piano Music*, Volume I, Herbert Howells, Thames (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Come Be the Light,” Mark Patterson, CGA, 2 pt, pno, opt hb or hc (E)

“Angels from the Realms of Glory,” Dan Wells, CGA, SATB, pno, opt brass quin (E)

“Sing to God,” Jane Marshall, BMP, SATB, org (M)

“Domine Fili Unigenite,” *Gloria in D*, Antonio Vivaldi, ALF, SATB, org or stngs (M)

“The Word Was God,” Rosephanye Powell, Gentry Publications, SSAATTBB, acap (MA)

“The Glory of the Father,” Egil Hovland, WAL, SATB div, acap (MA)

Art

Paz—Peace, Emnamizouni, 2015 (VDL)

The Newborn Child, Georges de la Tour, 1645 (VCS)

Ephesians 1:3–5, Timothy R. Botts, 2016 (EYE)

John 1:14–B, Timothy R. Botts, 2016 (EYE)

Awake My Soul, Mike Moyers, 2011 (VDL)

January 6, 2026

Epiphany of the Lord Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6	Arise, shine; your light has come; the glory of the Lord appears.
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	May the king reign forever and deliver the needy.
Ephesians 3:1-12	An ancient mystery is revealed; Gentiles are fellow heirs in Christ.
Matthew 2:1-12	Following a star, wise men visit Jesus and bring him gifts.

Opening Sentences

Come! Let us seek
the upside-down kin-dom of God
**where there is no king—
except an infant child.**

How do we get to this
upside-down kin-dom of God?
**We follow a star to society's outskirts.
We dare to dream impossible dreams.
We worship a baby born to those deemed "least."**

What is it like, the upside-down kin-dom of God?
**There the oppressed are precious
and oppressed no more.
There outsiders are welcomed in
not as guests, but kin.**

When we worship together,
we practice what it will be like
to live in the upside-down kin-dom of God.

Prayer of the Day

Jesus of the guiding star,
defender of the defenseless,
let us revere no human leader,
bow down to no king but you,
who relinquished your crown
to live among your people.
As we seek you, illuminate our way
until we realize your guiding light
shining out of every face we meet
and proceed to worship you by loving them. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

All Hail to God's Anointed (E) ROCKPORT GTG 149
On This Day Earth Shall Ring (G)
PERSONENT HODIE GTG 141
The First Nowell (G) THE FIRST NOWELL GTG 147

WORD

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (G)
UNE JEUNE PUCELLE GTG 142
What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright (OG)
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR GTG 152
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (EG)
WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET GTG 827
Carol of the Epiphany (EG) FIRST HAND STF 2094

EUCCHARIST

We Three Kings of Orient Are (G)
KINGS OF ORIENT GTG 151
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (E)
RATISBON GTG 662
Come, Light, Light of God (O)
COME, LIGHT OF GOD LUYH 107

SENDING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (OG)
WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT GTG 127
As with Gladness Men of Old (G) DIX GTG 150
Arise, Your Light Is Come! (O)
FESTAL SONG GTG 744

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**Metrical**

All Hail to God's Anointed [ROCKPORT]; GTG 149

The Church of Christ in Every Age [WAREHAM];
GTG 320Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor [RHUDDLAN];
GTG 342**Responsorial**

Come, Lord, Come Soon [KELVINGROVE]; PP 133

O God Give Your Judgement to the King; PRCL 4
(PT #5), 18 (PT #5), LP 786

Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free; PSA 64

All Kings Shall Bow Down before You; PSA 65

Organ Music

"Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair, or Oh,
Love, How Deep," DEO GRACIAS, *Augsburg Organ
Library: Epiphany*, Aaron David Miller, AF (MA)"Now the Silence," NOW, *Augsburg Organ Library:
Baptism and Holy Communion*, Michael Helman,
AF (ME)"What Star Is This?" *Carols Before, Carols After:
Settings of Advent and Epiphany Carols for Organ*,
Franklin Ritter, LOR (ME)"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" WIE SCHÖN
LEUCHTET, *Augsburg Organ Library: Epiphany*, Paul
Manz, AF (M)

Piano Music

"Dance toward East, Op. 50, No. 6," *Pleiades Dances
III, IV, V*, Takashi Yoshimatsu, Ongaku no Tomo
(ME)"Clair de lune," *Suite Bergamasque*, L. 75, Claude
Debussy, HEN (M)"Prestissimo from Sonata No. 30 in E Major, Op.
109," Ludwig van Beethoven, HEN (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Christmas Light," Kris Crunk, CGA, 2 pt, pno (E)

"Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come," Allen Pote,
TPR, SATB, pno (ME)"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem," Keith Christopher,
HAL, SATB, pno, opt fiddle, opt gtr, opt mandolin
(ME)"There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob," Felix
Mendelssohn, GSH, SATB, org (M)"Fairest Lord Jesus," Charles Forsberg, AF, SATB,
pno (MA)"O Nata Lux," Rene Claussen, ECS, SSAATTBB,
acap (A)

Art

Untitled, Luchita Hurtado, 1975 (WA)*Interior of the Church of the Light*, Tadao Andō, 1999
(VDL)*Magi and Mystery*, Jan Richardson (JR)*Three Wise Men Visit the Baby Jesus*, China, 20th
century (VDL)*Three More Kings*, Annette Gandy Fortt, 21st
century (VDL)*Journey of the Magi*, James Tissot, 1894 (VDL)*Heavenly Window*, Villeneuve-sur-Lot, France (VDL)

The Time after Epiphany / Ordinary Time

These liturgical texts are appropriate for use throughout the Time after Epiphany and may be repeated from week to week.

Confession and Lament

1
God is gracious. Therefore, let us confess together
the sin that separates us from God and one another.

**God,
all that you require of us
is to do justice, love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.**

**We confess we are ensnared in systems
that trade justice for the luxury of the few.
Forgive us for fearing the risks
of following you in a culture
where money is king
and for failing to trust the grace you give freely.
Teach us again that we cannot earn your grace,
only humbly accept it.**

**Audacious Spirit, give us the courage
to do your justice.
Compassionate Christ, teach us to love kindness
and to share each other's burdens gladly. Amen.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
In thirsting for justice, we receive living water;
in sharing pain, we also share joy;
in facing human judgment,
God heaps blessings upon us
beyond anything the world has power to give.
Amen.

2
Let us approach God with humility, trusting in
God's grace through Jesus Christ.

**God of the oppressed,
we confess we have made a mess of your creation.
We come to seek your mercy
and to hear again your promise
to make all things new.**

**We have placed conditions on kinship,
and we often feel powerless to enact justice.
We are tempted to give up in despair.
Forgive us, we pray.**

**When despair beckons, teach us defiant hope
in the face of oppressive powers.
When we sink in grief and uncertainty,
inspire us together to act. Amen.**

Friends, believe the good news:
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Jesus sets us free and calls us to join
in God's revolution. **Amen.**

Invitations to Discipleship

1

The story of Scripture
is the story of God in love.
From age to age,
God has given glimpses of their glory
cloaked in cloud.

God calls us beloved.
God calls us by name.
God calls us home.
So let us follow in the way of Jesus
and share our Spirit-given gifts.

2

When we follow Jesus,
some will call us fools
for choosing compassion
over self-preservation,
for the wisdom of God is at odds
with what human powers think is wise.
But Jesus calls us blessed,
and the Spirit gives us what we need
to be salt for the earth
and light to the world.

3

Jesus sets us free and empowers us to join
in God's revolution.
When we witness exploitation and abuse,
we will not despair.
Together, we will act.
When we learn how many people
live hungry and housing-insecure,
we will not despair.
Together, we will act.
When we learn how many queer children and
adults
need love or affirming health care,
we will not despair.
Together, we will act,
by the grace of Christ, in the unity of the Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The triune God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift up all that we are
to the One who created all that we are.**
Let us give thanks to our God.
**It is right to give thanks and praise
for God's abiding love and grace.**

Blessed are you, O God, divine parent.
You created us in your own image
and set us free to serve you.
You gave us your word to guide us
into the promise of a new creation.

Blessed is Jesus, your begotten, beloved Son.
We thank you for inviting us into life with you
through Jesus Christ,
for claiming us in baptismal waters,
and for affirming us when the world rejects us.
Remembering Christ's saving death,
we share this meal in his name
and offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise.

Just as the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism,
pour out your Spirit now upon us
and upon this bread and cup.
As we eat at your table,
we say "yes" to follow you
wherever your Spirit takes us.
As we share your cup,
we say "yes" to unity and solidarity
with all who suffer here on earth,
until, at the heavenly banquet,
we behold you face-to-face at last.
All this we pray in your holy, triune name. **Amen.**

Congregational Song for the Time after Epiphany

A change in liturgical seasons creates opportunities to use congregational responses unique to the season and to repeat liturgical responses set to new and different music. Following are suggestions for use during the Time after Epiphany.

Confession

- Be Still and Know That I Am God GTG 414
- Healer of Our Every Ill GTG 795 (refrain; stanzas could be used in different ways)
- Kyrie eleison, Señor, ten piedad / Kyrie eleison, Show Mercy, O Lord SSS 521
- Make Your Face to Shine / Haz resplandecer tu rostro GTG 811, SSS 514
- The Lord Is My Light GTG 842

Pardon

- Amen, We Praise Your Name / Amen siakudumisa GTG 598
- I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness / Tu fidelidad GTG 831, SSS 40
- I Will Do a New Thing AAHH 568
- Know That God Is Good GTG 659
- Praise to God the Father / Da n'ase GTG 605

Prayer for Illumination

- Listen, God Is Calling GTG 456
- Open the Eyes of My Heart GTG 452
- Over My Head AAHH 169
- Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet GTG 458

Anthems for Children's Choirs for the Time after Epiphany

- "May a Rainbow Run beside You," Mark Burrows, ALF, 2 pt with pno (ME)
- "Living God's Love," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt 3 hb (M)
- "Surrounded by Love," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni, pno, opt desc (ME)
- "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" Roger Emerson, HAL, 2 pt, pno (A)

Anthems for Youth Choirs for the Time after Epiphany

- "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree," Mark Patterson, CGA, SATB, pno (M)
- "From the Apple in the Garden," Roy Hopp, AF, SATB, pno (M)
- "Jubilate Deo," Dan Edwards, CGA, 3 pt mx, pno (M)
- "O Praise the Mighty Lord," G. F. Handel, CF, SATB, keybd (M)
- "Yesi Azali (Jesus IS Here with Us)," Mark Burrows, CGA, SATB, perc (ME)
- "O for a Thousand Tongues," Mark Patterson, CGA, SATB, pno (M)
- "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing," Kenneth T. Kosche, CGA, 3 pt mx, pno (M)
- "Sanctus No. III," J. S. Bach, HIN, SATB, pno (M)
- "Take Me to the Water," Rollo Dilworth, HAL, SATB, pno (M)
- "Beside a Stream of Living Water," Thomas Keesecker, CGA, SATB, pno (M)
- "Serve the Lord with Gladness," Rollo Dilworth, HAL, SATB, pno (M)
- "Abide with Me," Brian Hanson, CGA, 3 pt mx, pno (M)

Handbell Music for the Time after Epiphany

“Baptism of Our Lord—Gospel Reading,” Diana Meux, 2 oct, rain, opt wind chime, Download Church Music, Level 1+

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” arr. Sandra Eithun, 3–5 oct, opt 3 oct hc, HOPE, 2801, Level 2+

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,” arr. Cathy Moglebust, 3–5 oct, opt B-flat or C inst, CGA, CGB832, Level 2 (also available for 2–3 oct, opt B-flat or C inst, CGB831)

“I’m Gonna Let It Shine,” arr. David Angerman, 2–3 oct, ALF, 16461, Level 1

“For Everyone Born,” arr. Sandra Eithun, 3–7 oct, opt 3–5 hc, LOR, 20/2141L, Level 3+

“Fantasy on Immortal, Invisible,” arr. Douglas Floyd Smith, 3–5 oct, HOPE, 2346, Level 2

“O Love, How Deep (O Wondrous Type),” arr. Cathy Moglebust, 3–5 oct, opt fc, bng, ct, CGA, CGB716, Level 2–

Vocal Solos for the Time after Epiphany

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow,” arr. Luigi Zaninelli, medium, Classical Vocal Reprints (ME)

“His Name So Sweet,” *The Hall Johnson Collection*, Hall Johnson, CF (M)

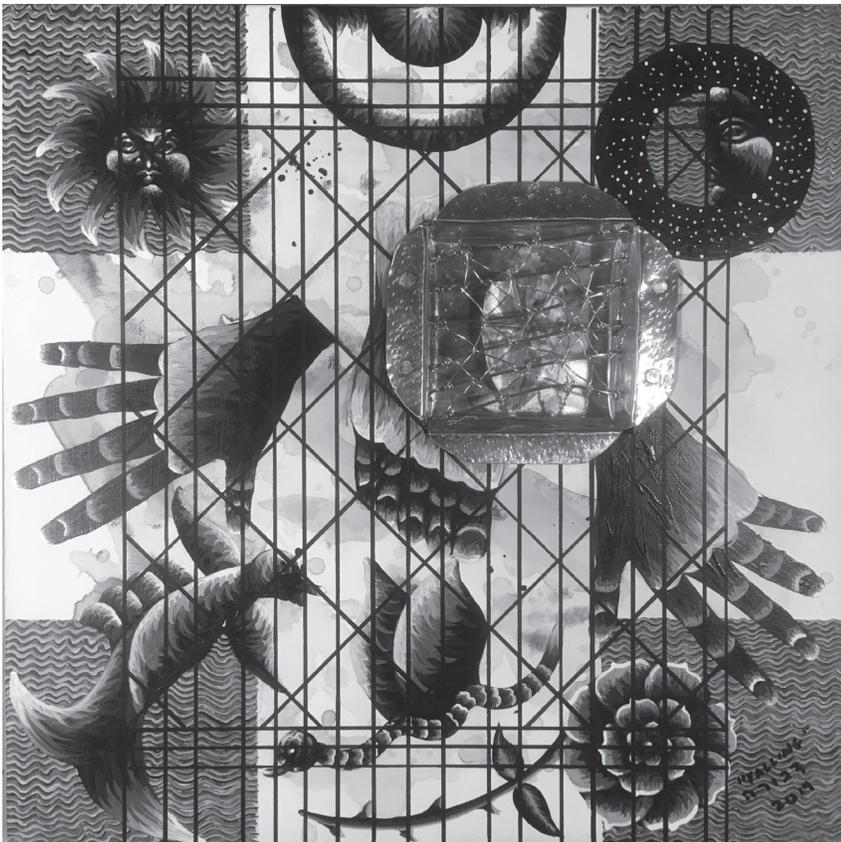
“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us,” arr. Luigi Zaninelli, medium, Classical Vocal Reprints (ME)

“Eye Hath Not Seen,” *The Holy City*, Alfred R. Gaul, Freehandmusic.com, mezzo soprano (M)

“Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord,” *Vocal Solos for the Church Year*, Dale A. Witte, Northwestern Publishing House (ME)

“As the Deer,” *Contemporary Classics for Two Voices*, arr. Lloyd Larson, HOPE (ME)

“How Great Is Our God,” Chris Tomlin, HAL (M)



Deborah Sokolove
“Reliquary Series: Falling,” mixed media
(acrylic on panel with copper inset and
relic), 2019, 12 × 12 × 1½ in.

January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

Color: White

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9	The Lord says: Here is my servant, my chosen, in whom I delight.
Psalm 29	Give glory to God; the voice of the Lord is over the waters.
Acts 10:34-43	Peter preaches: God shows no partiality; Jesus is Lord of all.
Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus is baptized; the Spirit descends; a voice says: This is my Son.

Opening Sentences

In the waters of baptism,
God marks us as kindred in his name.
 In the waters of baptism,
the heavens open up
and the Spirit pours out love.
 In the waters of baptism,
God names us Beloved.
 In the waters of baptism,
God claims us as her own.

Prayer of the Day

Jesus, Beloved Son of God,
 all that you ask of us, you first did yourself.
 Help us to follow the way you first traveled:
 to serve others and to let ourselves be served;
 to love stranger and neighbor, enemy and friend.
 When we struggle, remind us of our baptism,
 the waters that slake the soul's deepest thirst,
 and unite our hearts as one,
 so that we can carry out your work. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice (G)
 ABERYSTWYTH GTG 163
 God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice! (O)
 MARION GTG 365
 God Welcomes All (E) THEMBA AMEN GTG 399
 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (O)
 AZMON GTG 610

WORD

When God Restored Our Common Life (O)
 RESIGNATION GTG 74
 Down Galilee's Slow Roadways (G)
 WEST MAIN GTG 164
 Breathe on Me, Breath of God (O)
 TRENTHAM GTG 286
 Take Me to the Water (G)
 TAKE ME TO THE WATER GTG 480
 Christ Has Broken Down the Wall (E)
 BROKEN WALLS VT 174

EUCCHARIST

Open the Eyes of My Heart (O)
 OPEN THE EYES GTG 452
 We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace (OE)
 PEACEFUL VALLEY AAHH 497

SENDING

Sing of God Made Manifest (G) SALZBURG GTG 156

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (OE)

DUKE STREET GTG 265

For the Healing of the Nations (O) ST. THOMAS
(Wade) GTG 346

In Christ There Is No East or West (E)

MC KEE GTG 317

Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

RENDEZ À DIEU LUYH 113

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 29**Metrical**

Sing Glory to the Name of God [LASST UNS
ERFREUEN]; GTG 10

All on Earth and All in Heaven [EBENEZER];
PAS 29A

Responsorial

Your Voice, O Lord; PAS 29D

With Joy the Lord of Hosts Proclaim; UMH 761

Organ Music

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky," *Epiphany Mosaics*,
Jacob B. Weber, CON (ME)

"Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BuxWV 180,"
Dietrich Buxtehude, various publishers;
IMSLP.org (MA)

"Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684," J.
S. Bach, various publishers; IMSLP.org (A)

"By All Your Saints in Warfare / When Jesus Came
to Jordan," *Evening and Morning*, David Cherwien,
AF (M)

Piano Music

"Nocturne," Dobrinka Tabakova, Schott (M)

"Deep River," *Piano Music of Africa and the African
Diaspora, Volume 3: Early Advanced*, Samuel
Coleridge-Taylor, OUP (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"The Baptism of Our Lord," Charles Callahan,
MSM, uni, opt desc, org (E)

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart," Bradley
Ellingboe, KJO, SATB, cl, hb, opt wind chimes
(ME)

"Down to the River to Pray," Sheldon Curry, SATB,
opt solo, pno, opt stngs (ME)

"Behold My Servant," Bruce Begston, AF, SATB, org,
opt cong (ME)

"For the Gift of Water," Daniel Pinkham, ECS,
SATB, org (M)

"Take Me to the Water," Rollo Dilworth, HAL, SATB
div, pno (MA)

"Down to the River to Pray," Jennaya Robinson,
Pavane Publishing, SATB div, djembe (MA)

Art

Baptism of Christ, Dave Zalenka, 2005 (VDL)

Bayou Baptism, Lauren Wright Pittman (VDL)

Baptism of Christ, Xač'atur, 1455 (VDL)

Baptism of Jesus, Liz Valente, 2021 (VDL)

The Sacrament, Solomon Raj, 2016 (EYE)

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after Epiphany Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 49:1-7	The servant of the Lord is given as a light to the nations.
Psalm 40:1-11	I waited for the Lord, who saved me; now I sing God's praise.
1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Paul writes to the church at Corinth, giving thanks for God's grace.
John 1:29-42	John says Jesus is the Lamb of God; Jesus calls Andrew and Peter.

Opening Sentences

To those who want to follow him,
Jesus asks, "What are you seeking?"
**Teacher, we do not seek worldly power,
but a better way to live.**
"What are you seeking?"
**Teacher, we do not seek worldly wealth,
nor the prizes of paradise,
but simply to be with you.**
"What are you seeking?"
**Teacher, we do not seek worldly praise or fame,
only that you call us by name. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Lamb of God, you take on the sins
and suffering of the world.
Call us into partnership with you,
to love and serve your people by your side.
Call us to witness to your goodness
and to join your ongoing work of liberation.
Call to us by name,
and we will delight in your ways.
Call to us by name,
and we will follow you forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Womb of Life and Source of Being (O)
RAQUEL GTG 3
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (OE)
FAITHFULNESS GTG 39
O God, Who Gives Us Life (O) NOEL GTG 53
There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (G)
SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT GTG 408

WORD

Do Not Be Afraid (OG) ISAIAH 43 GTG 76
Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice (G)
ABERYSTWYTH GTG 163
Down Galilee's Slow Roadways (G)
WEST MAIN GTG 164
Just as I Am, without One Plea (EG)
WOODWORTH GTG 442
We Are Forgiven (E) WE ARE FORGIVEN GTG 447
In My Life (O) LORD, BE GLORIFIED GTG 468
As a Mother Loves Her Children (OG)
TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA *Protest of Praise*,
David Bjorlin, GIA, 14

EUCCHARIST

There Is a Redeemer (EG) GREEN GTG 443
Take Us as We Are, O God (O)
ENDLESS FEAST GTG 312
Your Only Son (G) LAMB OF GOD GTG 518
You Are My Strength When I Am Weak (G)
JERNIGAN GTG 519

SENDING

How Firm a Foundation (E) FOUNDATION GTG 463
Will You Come and Follow Me (G) KELVINGROVE

GTG 726

Arise, Your Light Is Come! (O)

FESTAL SONG GTG 744

God Is My Strong Salvation (E) WEDLOCK GTG 841

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 40:1–11

Metrical

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less [SOLID ROCK];
GTG 353

Open My Eyes, That I May See [OPEN MY EYES];
GTG 451

I Waited Patiently for God [AMAZING GRACE/NEW
BRITAIN]; PAS 40B

God Is My Strong Salvation [WEDLOCK]; GTG 841

Responsorial

Here I Am, Lord; PAS 40A

Lord, You Are Great and Do Marvelous Deeds;
PSA 36

Organ Music

“Brightest and Best,” *Carols Before, Carols After: Settings of Advent and Epiphany Carols for Organ*, John M. Rasley, LOR (ME)

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731,” J. S. Bach, various publishers; IMSLP.org (ME)

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, *Augsburg Organ Library: Epiphany*, Max Drischner, AF (M)

“Within the Father’s House: Fanfare Prelude,” *Proclaim! Preludes and Harmonizations for the Hymn of the Day: Epiphany, Vol. 1*, J. William Greene, CON (M)

Piano Music

“Psalm 40,” *Psalms for Piano*, Emma Lou Diemer, Lauren Keiser (M)

“Prayer, Op. 31, No. 25,” *Preludes, Op. 31*, Charles-Valentin Alkan, IMSLP.org (ME)

“Adagio Cantabile—Allegro ma non troppo from Sonata no. 24 in F-sharp Major, Op. 78,” Ludwig van Beethoven, HEN (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Agnus Dei,” Jason McCoy, CGA, SATB, pno (E)

“Just as I Am, I Come,” Victor Johnson, LOR, SATB, pno, opt cl (ME)

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms,” Eric Nelson, MSM, SATB, pno, fl, vc (ME)

“Lamb of God,” F. Melius Christiansen, AF, SATB, acap (M)

“Nunc Dimittis,” Rene Clausen, AF, SATB div, org (M)

“Light Everlasting,” Olaf C. Christiansen, KJO, SATB, acap (MA)

“And He Shall Purify,” *Messiah*, George Frideric Handel, NOV, SATB, orch (A)

Art

Cathedral of the Light, Craig W. Hartman, 2009 (VDL)

Calling of Saints Peter and Matthew, Michelangelo Caravaggio, 1602 (VDL)

Planets in My Head (Trumpet Girl), Yinka Shonibare, 2018 (WA)

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday after Epiphany Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4	Light shines on those who walk in darkness; the people rejoice.
Psalm 27:1, 4-9	The Lord is my light and salvation; therefore I am not afraid.
1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Paul calls for unity and proclaims the message of the cross.
Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls four disciples: Follow me, and you will fish for people.

Opening Sentences

In the sea of life's daily stress and strife,
in the struggle to keep our heads above the waves,
Jesus calls us from the shore:
"Follow me, and be fishers of people!"
**God gathers us into new boats
built with room for friend and stranger.**

"Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose.
Follow me, and build abundant life."
**We will be weavers of community,
architects of justice,
gardeners of peace.**

Prayer of the Day

God our light and our rescue,
our fortress in times of trouble,
when human powers seek to crush us,
protect us in the hidden places of your heart.
Ease our fears and let us rest in you.
When we are safe, but other lives are threatened,
fortify our resolve to be your protection
for all our kin and all your good creation.
When the work is done,
we ask only to live in your house
and enjoy your beauty forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

You Walk along Our Shoreline (G)
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN GTG 170
Jesus Calls Us (G) GALILEE GTG 720
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (O) MARION GTG 804
For Such a Time as This (G) COULD IT BE ACS 1003

WORD

The People Who Walked in Darkness (O)
ISAIAH 9 GTG 86
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (E)
HAMBURG/ROCKINGHAM GTG 223, 224
You Have Put On Christ (E)
BAPTIZED IN CHRIST GTG 491
Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (G)
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES GTG 721
Will You Come and Follow Me (G)
KELVINGROVE GTG 726

EUCCHARIST

The Church's One Foundation (E) AURELIA GTG 321
The Bread and the Wine Are Here (E)
LOVE FEAST GTG 512
For the Bread Which You Have Broken (EG)
KINGDOM GTG 516

SENDING

Light Dawns on a Weary World (O)
TEMPLE OF PEACE GTG 79
From the Nets of Our Labor (G) HAMILTON GTG 751
Lift High the Cross (E) CRUCIFER GTG 826
Make Our Church One Joyful Choir (E)
DIX OLOF 452

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Metrical

O Lord, You Are My Light [RHOSYMEDRE]; PAS 27C
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise [ST. DENIO];
GTG 12

Responsorial

The Lord is My Light; PAS 27A
Wait for the Lord; GTG 90
For with You Is the Fountain of Life; UMH 758

Organ Music

“As with Gladness Men of Old,” *Three Epiphany Preludes, Set 1*, Robert A. Hobby, MSM (M)
“Chorale Fantasia on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223,” Dietrich Buxtehude, various publishers; IMSLP.org (MA)
“Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered,” *Epiphany Mosaics*, Jacob B. Weber, CON (ME)
“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” *A Wittenberg Collection: Lutheran Chorales for Organ*, Karl Osterland, AF (M)

Piano Music

“Prelude in C Major, Op. 11, No. 1,” *24 Preludes, Op. 11*, Alexander Skrjabin, HEN (M)
“Andante cantabile from Sonata in C Major, K. 330,” *Sonatas and Three Fantasias*, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, KAL (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“The Lord Is My Light,” Jacques Berthier, uni in canon, acap (E)
“Who at My Door Is Standing?” K. Lee Scott, HIN, 2 pt, pno (E)
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,” Paul Manz, MSM, SATB, org, opt cong (ME)
“The Summons,” Tom Fettke, JM, SATB, pno, opt orch (ME)
“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies,” Gilbert Martin, LOR, SATB, pno (M)
“Heavenly Light,” Peter Wilhousky, CF, SATB, acap (A)
“Light Dawns on a Weary World,” Mack Wilberg, OUP, SATB, 4-hand pno (A)

Art

Sunlight, Yayoi Kusama, 1998 (WA)
For Those in Darkness (Light Is Dawning), Lauren Wright Pittman (VDL)
Calling of Saint James and Saint John, James Tissot 1894 (VDL)
Hands, All Together, Avondale Pattillo United Methodist Church, Decatur, GA, 2007 (VDL)
Christ Calling the Apostles Peter and Andrew, Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1311 (VDL)

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Micah 6:1-8	What does the Lord require? Justice, kindness, and humility.
Psalm 15	Those who do what is right live in the presence of God.
1 Corinthians 1:18-31	The foolishness of the cross shames the wisdom of the world.
Matthew 5:1-12	Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes.

Opening Sentences

In a world that rewards selfishness,
**it is wise to hoard resources,
foolish to share.**

In a world built on violence,
**it is wise to be suspicious,
foolish to risk compassion.**

But God's wisdom is not the wisdom of the world:
**Greed will not serve us in heaven.
Self-preservation will not save us in the end,
so we will choose to be foolish;
we will choose the way of love.
Let us worship God.**

Prayer of the Day

Mysterious God, you whose wisdom baffles kings,
make us foolhardy enough to dare to live
as if peace is truly possible, here and now.
Grant us the audacity to seek justice.
Give us courage to risk kindness and love recklessly
so that, in Jesus' footsteps,
and through your Spirit's surprising blessings,
we can journey humbly with you all our days.
Amen.

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Fairest Lord Jesus (E) CRUSADERS' HYMN GTG 630
O for a Closer Walk with God (O)
CAITHNESS GTG 739

WORD

Come like Driving Wind, O God (O)
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND GTG 55
What Does the Lord Require of You? (O)
MOON GTG 70
In the Cross of Christ I Glory (E) RATHBUN GTG 213
What Is the World Like (G) NEW WORLD GTG 771
What Gift Can We Bring That Will Please You, O
God? (O) FOUNDATION *Sing No Empty Alleluias*,
Chris Shelton, GIA, 144

EUCCHARIST

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (O)
CHEREPONI GTG 203
For Everyone Born (OG)
FOR EVERYONE BORN GTG 769
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (E)
HAMBURG/ROCKINGHAM GTG 223, 224

SENDING

O for a World (E) AZMON GTG 372
Help Us Accept Each Other (OE) BARONITA GTG 754
Go Gently, Go Lightly (OG) BIRDSALL *At the Weaving
of Creation*, Benjamin Brody, GIA, 64

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 15

Metrical

Lift Up the Gates Eternal [GILU HAGALILIM];
GTG 364

Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House
[RIDGEMOOR]; GTG 419

Who Are They That They May Dwell [STELLA
CARMEL]; PAS 15A

Responsorial

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me [I'M GONNA
LIVE]; GTG 700, PAS 15C

You Pure in Heart on Zion's Hill [DOVE OF PEACE];
PP 26

Those Who Do Justice Will Live; PSA 9

Organ Music

"Angelic Songs: O Zion, Haste," *Augsburg Organ
Library: Epiphany*, Mark Sedio, AF (M)

"Come, Let Us Eat," *Amen: World Hymns for Organ*, J.
Wayne Kerr, AF (E)

"Song of Thankfulness and Praise," *Carols Before,
Carols After: Settings of Advent and Epiphany
Carols for Organ*, Lani Smith, LOR (ME)

"This Little Light of Mine," *Eight Chorale Preludes for
Manuals Only, Vol. 2*, Aaron David Miller, AF (ME)

Piano Music

"Prelude No. 2, 'Poor Mourner's Got a Home,'" *Piano
Music of Africa and the African Diaspora, Volume 2:
Intermediate*, Wallace McClain Cheatham,
OUP (M)

"Romance in F-sharp Major, Op. 28, No. 2," *Drei
Romanzen, Op. 28*, Robert Schumann, HEN (MA)

"Prelude No. 14 (Berceuse)," *Preludes Book II*, Keane
Southard, available from www.keanesouthard.com (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"What Does the Lord Require?" Mark Burrows,
CGA, 2 pt, pno (E)

"Blessed Are They," Lee Dengler, SHAW, SATB,
pno (E)

"Psalm 15," Walter Pelz, AF, SAB, gtr, fl (ME)

"The Old Rugged Cross," Mary McDonald, HOPE,
SATB, pno, opt orch (ME)

"Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee," Robert Powell,
MSM, SATB, org (M)

"What Does the Lord Require," Eric Nelson, MSM,
SAB, pno (M)

"Ubi Caritas," Ola Gjelo, WAL, SATB, acap (MA)

"Ubi Caritas," *Quatre Motets sur des themes
gregoriens, Op. 10*, Maurice Duruflé, Durand
Editions Musicales, SATB, acap (A)

Art

Sermon on the Mount, Laura James, 2010 (VDL)

Dorothy Day with Homeless Christ, Kelly Latimore,
2015 (VDL)

The Sermon on the Mount, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)

Litany of the Blessed, Jan Richardson (JR)

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) The fast God chooses: do justice, release captives, help the poor.
 Psalm 112:1-9 (10) Those who do God's will and seek what is right will be happy.
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Paul preaches Christ, crucified; the Spirit reveals God's wisdom.
 (13-16)
 Matthew 5:13-20 Jesus says: You are salt and light; I have come to fulfill the law.

Opening Sentences

We are salt for the earth.
We are a light for the world.
 Just as no one hides a lamp away,
we will offer the world what only we can give.
 In shining our lights, we will remember:
We are not the only ones with vital wisdom.
 Grateful for mutual enlightenment,
we will not drown out another's beam with ours.

Prayer of the Day

O God from whom all blessings flow,
 help us to embrace the unique gifts
 your Spirit has instilled in each of us.
 Give us the wisdom to discern
 where your world could use our talents most,
 and grant us humility to recognize
 where we rely on the strength and insight of others,
 so that, in mutual giving and receiving,
 all needs may be met,
 according to the way of Jesus
 through his life and death. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
 Come, Great God of All the Ages (OE)
 ABBOT'S LEIGH GTG 309
 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (OG)
 CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT GTG 314
 Here in This Place (G) GATHER US IN GTG 401

WORD
 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (E) SPIRIT GTG 291
 Open the Eyes of My Heart (E)
 OPEN THE EYES GTG 452
 When the Poor Ones (O) EL CAMINO GTG 762
 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (OG)
 PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS GTG 753
 Bring Forth the Kingdom (OG)
 BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM STF 2190

EUCCHARIST
 Take Us as We Are, O God (G)
 ENDLESS FEAST GTG 312
 For the Troubles and the Sufferings (OG)
 PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO GTG 764
 As the Wind Song (E) WAIRUA TAPU GTG 292
 Together We Serve (OG) SAN ANSELMO GTG 767

SENDING

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (G)
HOUSTON GTG 377
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (OE)
LOBE DEN HERREN GTG 35
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (O)
CWM RHONDDA GTG 65
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (OG)
KINGSFOLD GTG 757
We All Are One in Mission (G) ES FLOG EIN KLEINS
WALDVÖGELEIN GTG 733

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 112:1–9 (10)

Metrical

How Blest Are Those Who Fear the Lord
[MELCOMBE]; PAS 112A
When Morning Gilds the Skies [LAUDES DOMINI];
GTG 667

Responsorial

Happy Are They; PAS 112B
Light Rises in Darkness; UMH 833

Organ Music

“A Prayer for Peace,” *Three Hymns of Meditation*,
David Maxwell, MSM (ME)
“All Creatures of Our God and King,” *Voluntaries for
Worship*, Donald Busarow, MSM (M)
“Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works,”
Augsburg Organ Library: Epiphany, Emma Lou
Diemer, AF (M)
“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise,” *Three Epiphany
Preludes, Set 1*, Robert A. Hobby, MSM (MA)

Piano Music

“Song without Words in A Major, Op. 19, No. 4,”
Lieder ohne Worte, Felix Mendelssohn, HEN (M)
“Prelude in E-flat Major,” *Well-Tempered Clavier
Book II*, Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“You Are the Salt and Light,” Pepper Choplin, HAL,
SATB, pno, opt hb or hc (E)
“Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come,” Allen Pote,
TPR, SATB, pno (ME)
“Light of the World,” Mark Hayes, LOR, SATB,
pno (ME)
“Light of the World,” Karen Marroli, MSM, SATB,
pno, vln (M)
“True Light,” Keith Hampton, Earthsongs, SATB,
solo, pno (MA)
“Beatus Vir,” Antonio Vivaldi, IMSLP.org, SATB,
SSA soli, stngs, cont (A)

Art

Has Your Salt Lost Its Flavor, Steve Prince (EYE)
The Light Inside, James Turrell, 1999 (WA)
Luminarias along the Path, Danae Hurst, 2007 (VDL)
Artist's Garden at Giverny, Claude Monet, 1900
(VDL)
Blessing of Salt, Blessing of Light, Jan Richardson
(JR)

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of the Lord

Color: White

Lectionary Readings

Exodus 24:12-18	The glory of God settles on Sinai, where Moses spends forty days.
Psalm 2	God says: You are my son; the nations will serve the Lord.
or Psalm 99	The Lord reigns; worship God on the holy mountain.
2 Peter 1:16-21	The apostle recounts Jesus' transfiguration, fulfilling prophecy.
Matthew 17:1-9	On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.

Opening Sentences

Though finite human minds
cannot fathom God's fullness,
**God gives us glimpses of her glory every day
in the night sky's depths
and in the simplest flower,**
in shared meals, shared stories,
and shared struggles.
**In the face of every person made in her image,
God's beauty glows like sunlight behind clouds.**

We share God's sacred longing to be known,
to be truly seen and loved for all we are.

**But to be fully known,
we must risk vulnerability.**

When we dare to share ourselves with one another,
when we work to understand a friend or stranger,
**we come closer to catch a glimpse
of God's presence.**

Let us worship God together.

Prayer of the Day

Word made flesh, Eternal Mystery,
on that mountain, you came out
to three of your closest friends:
a fabulous, though temporary,
transition into your authentic truth.

Transfigure our hearts and minds
until we can share this honor.
Pierce through our clouds of unknowing,
the presumptions and failures of imagination
that shroud our capacity to see the real you.

Inspire us to seek to know you better
through relationships with people of all faiths,
all cultures and experiences not our own,
so that we might see, and know, and love you fully
as we are fully known and loved by you. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud (O)

ABERYSTWYTH GTG 11

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (O)

ST. DENIO GTG 12

Do Not Be Afraid (G) ISAIAH 43 GTG 76

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair (EG)

DEO GRACIAS GTG 189

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (G)

UNSER HERRSCHER GTG 193

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (EG)

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET GTG 827

WORD

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (OG)

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT GTG 127

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory (EG)

GENEVA GTG 190

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (OEG)

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE GTG 192

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (EG)

RATISBON GTG 662

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain (EG)

WAVERLY ACS 917

God Who Dwells in Light and Darkness (OEG)

BEACH SPRING *Sing No Empty Alleluias*, Chris
Shelton, GIA, 44

EUCCHARIST

- We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding (EG)
 BREWER GTG 191
 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd (EG)
 PICARDY GTG 274
 We Are Standing on Holy Ground (O)
 HOLY GROUND GTG 406
 The Bread and the Wine Are Here (EG)
 LOVE FEAST GTG 512
 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen (EG)
 SURGE ECCLESIA GTG 536
 Fairest Lord Jesus (EG) CRUSADERS' HYMN GTG 630

SENDING

- I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes (OG)
 DUNDEE GTG 45
 Sing of God Made Manifest (EG) SALZBURG GTG 156
 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (EG)
 BATTLE HYMN GTG 354
 God, Give Us Eyes to See Your Reign (EG)
 KINGSFOLD *Protest of Praise*, David Bjorlin, GIA 42

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 2

Metrical

- Why Do Nations Rage Together [EBENEZER];
 GTG 758
 Why This Dark Conspiracy [CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN];
 PAS 2C

Responsorial

- You Are My Son; This Day I Have Begotten You;
 PAS 2D
 God Is the Lord, the Lord of Heav'n and Earth; PP 7

Organ Music

- "Built on the Rock," *Reflection for Organ*, Mark Sedio, CON (M)
 "Jesus on the Mountain Peak," *Eleven Compositions for Organ, Set IX*, Charles W. Ore, CON (MA)
 "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654," J. S. Bach, various publishers; IMSLP.org (MA)
 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven / Alleluia, Song of Gladness," *John A. Behnke: The Essential Organ Preludes*, John A. Behnke, CON (ME)

Piano Music

- "Prelude in D-flat Major," *Lili Boulanger*, IMSLP.org (MA)
 "Ancient Melody of the Synagogue, Op. 31, No. 6," *Preludes, Op. 31*, Charles-Valentin Alkan, IMSLP.org (ME)
 "La Cathédrale engloutie," *Préludes*, Claude Debussy, Durand (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

- "Climbin' Up the Mountain," Mark Patterson, CGA, 2 pt, pno (E)
 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies," Victor Johnson, LOR, SATB, pno (ME)
 "Be Thou My Vision," Alice Parker, HIN, SATB, pno or hp (ME)
 "Immortal, Invisible," Craig Courtney, BP, SATB, pno, opt tpt (M)
 "This Is My Beloved Son," Knut Nystedt, CON, SAB, org (M)
 "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art," AF, SATB div, acap (MA)
 "Alleluia," Randall Thompson, ECS, SATB, acap (A)

Art

- Transfiguration*, Theophanes, 15th century (PD)
Moses with the Law and the Veil, stained glass, Abbey of St. Denis, Paris, France, 12th century (PD)
Transfigure, Jan Richardson (JR)
Transfiguration, Fra Angelico, 1400–1455 (VDL) (PD)
Transfiguration, Kelly Latimore, 2014 (VDL)
Be Thou My Vision, Mike Moyers, 2013 (VDL)

The Season of Lent

These liturgical texts are appropriate for use throughout the Season of Lent and may be repeated from week to week.

This statement on the lectionary readings for Holy Week and Easter may be spoken in worship and/or printed or projected in service materials.

Throughout Christian history, references to “the Jews” in Scripture—particularly in John and Acts—have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people. We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbors and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.

Confession and Lament

We are in need of grace, and we are not alone.
Thanks be to God,
the grace of Jesus Christ is poured out for all.
With honesty we name our fears and our hopes,
knowing that we are loved, redeemed,
and set free from the power of sin.

**Merciful God,
afraid and despairing, we cry for your redemption.
The demands of our society overwhelm us,
separating us from you and one another.
Fear consumes us,
greed manipulates us,
and violence occupies us.
Forgive us, we pray.
Keep our feet planted in the wisdom of the Spirit
and our lungs filled with your breath of mercy,
that we might be made new.
We place our trust in you alone,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Friends, there is no need for fear or shame.
We are forgiven.
Through the love of Christ, the powers of sin and
death have lost their hold on us.
Nothing can destroy us,
for anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
Let this news sink into your body and soul,
and be at peace. **Amen.**

Invitation to Discipleship

In God alone we breathe and have our being.
We have come to hear God’s word
and to be changed:
centered, cleansed, renewed,
and energized for service.
Let us go from here with hopeful curiosity
about what God is doing among us.
God blesses our hands and feet, hearts, and minds,
so that as Christ’s body,
we may travel through these weeks of Lent
ready to hear God’s call and to answer. **Amen.**

Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Come to God's table of welcome,
where we learn God's good news for us:
All is not lost. Life will triumph.
Love saves us. We are not alone.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Triune God, praising you makes us whole.
At this table you ground us again in
your faithfulness as we remember
the story of how you love and save us.
In the beginning you, Creator God,
breathed life into the mist,
and you have given us life
throughout history and every day.
You brought your people out from powers
of oppression, violence, genocide, and abuse,
and with your justice you challenge these powers
in the world today.
You have always been a home for your people.
When we have erred, you have corrected us.
When we return to you, you receive us with joy.
Your still, small voice
has opened the souls of your prophets,
and your redemptive word
has inspired them to share it.
Together with believers of every time and place,
we forever sing to the glory of your name:

The Sanctus may be sung (GTG 551-609) or spoken.

When human prophecy failed
against institutions of systemic evil, injustice,
and violence, and despair gripped the world,
you sent Jesus, your only Son, to be at home with us,
as we have always been at home with you.
In the face of evil, hatred, and fear,
he gave unexpected love, defiant mercy,
and courageous hope.
He shared space with outcasts,

welcomed sinners, and overturned norms.
His ministry of healing
inspires our ministry in a rapidly changing world.
Jesus willingly went to his death
and hung in shame to rise again in glory.
We give you thanks that Death
could not hold Jesus in the tomb,
and we offer our lives as a living sacrifice,
proclaiming this good news:

*The memorial acclamation may be sung (GTG 551-609)
or spoken.*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this cup,
that we may serve as your body resurrected,
turning from despair and anger,
hatred and narrow self-interest.
In this Lenten season, most Holy God,
remake us in the image of Jesus.
Feed us at this table,
that we might feed those who are hungry,
claim as siblings those who are outcast,
shelter those who are unhoused,
heal those who are sick or injured,
companion those who are abandoned,
rebuke those who act unjustly,
and work together
with fierce purpose as your beloved community.

We delight in being yours, claimed and beloved.
From the depth of our hearts, we praise you,
Triune God, and we pray together as Jesus Christ
taught us, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer After Communion

In this season of Lent, Holy God,
we thank you for feeding us at this table.
We pray for courage and faith,
that we might face your message of transformation
and let it remake us again in your image.
How deep our need for mercy;
how deep our joy in learning your grace.
We praise you, Triune God. **Amen.**

Congregational Song in Lent

A change in liturgical seasons creates opportunities to use congregational responses unique to the season and to repeat liturgical responses set to new and different music. Following are suggestions for use during the Season of Lent.

Confession

As the Deer GTG 626
Change My Heart, O God GTG 695
Come, Bring Your Burdens to God GTG 851
Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God GTG 849
Examíname, oh Dios / Search and Know Me, O My God SSS 510
Forgive Us, Lord / Perdón, Señor GTG 431
God, Be Merciful to Me / Dios, ten compasión de mí (stanza 1) SSS 509
Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand / Kwake Yesu Nasimama GTG 832
Hoy perdóname / Mercy, Lord, We Pray SSS 512
Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart GTG 427
Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come / Saranam, saranam (refrain; stanzas varied) GTG 789
Just a Closer Walk with Thee (refrain; stanzas varied) GTG 835
My Soul Is at Rest GTG 843
Search Me, O God GTG 426
Yo tengo sed de Dios / My Soul Thirsts for God SSS 592

Pardon

I Will Trust in the Lord AAHH 391
Mayenziwe AAHH 666
Peace of God Be with You GTG 448
Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace (stanza 1) GTG 425

Prayer for Illumination

Over My Head AAHH 169
Prepare Our Hearts, O God / Prepáranos, Señor SSS 560
Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet GTG 458
To the Hills I Lift My Eyes GTG 845
To You, O Lord / A ti, Señor SSS 575

Prayers of the People

Come by Here, My Lord AAHH 438
Fix Me, Jesus AAHH 436
I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry GTG 799, AAHH 395
In Silence My Soul Thirsts GTG 790
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying GTG 469, SSS 577
Shepherd Me, O God GTG 473
We've Come This Far by Faith AAHH 412, GTG 656

Anthems for Children's Choirs in Lent and Holy Week

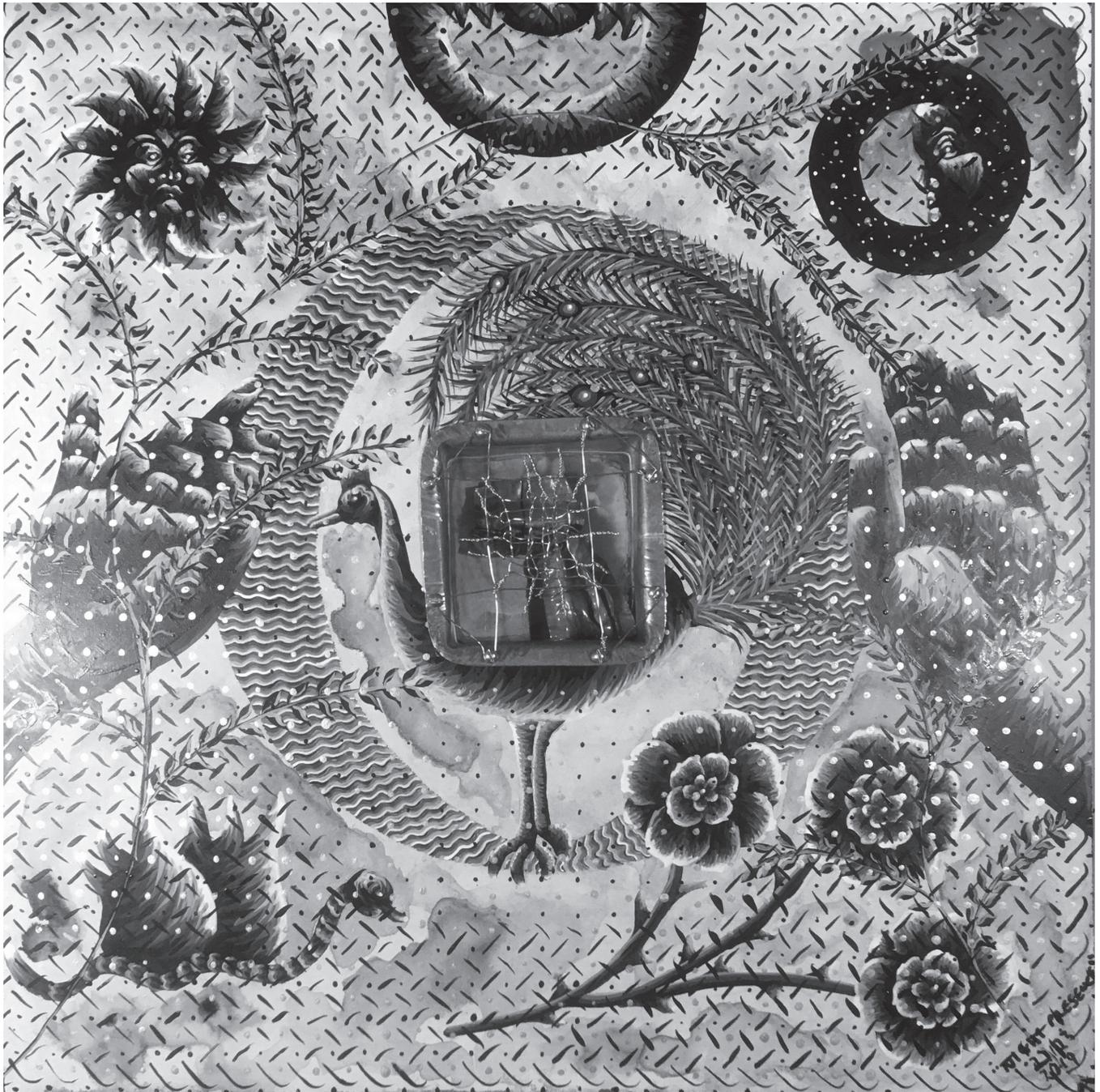
- "Little Grey Donkey," Natalie Sleeth, CGA, uni, keybd, ob, sandblock, woodblock (E)
- "Meditation for Lent," Michael Bedford, AF, uni or 2 pt, keybd (E)
- "Forty Days of Lent," Brian Childers, CGA, uni, pno, opt 2-oct hb or hc (E)
- "A Lenten Love Song," Helen Kemp, CGA, uni, keybd, opt narr introduction (MA)
- "Look, Now, Your King Is Coming," Deborah Govenor, BP, 2 pt, pno (MA)
- "Sing Glad Hosannas," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni, pno, opt hb or hc (3 oct) (MA)
- "Antiphonal Hosanna," G. Alan Smith, HOPE, 2 equal voices or 2 choirs, pno (ME)

Anthems for Youth Choirs in Lent

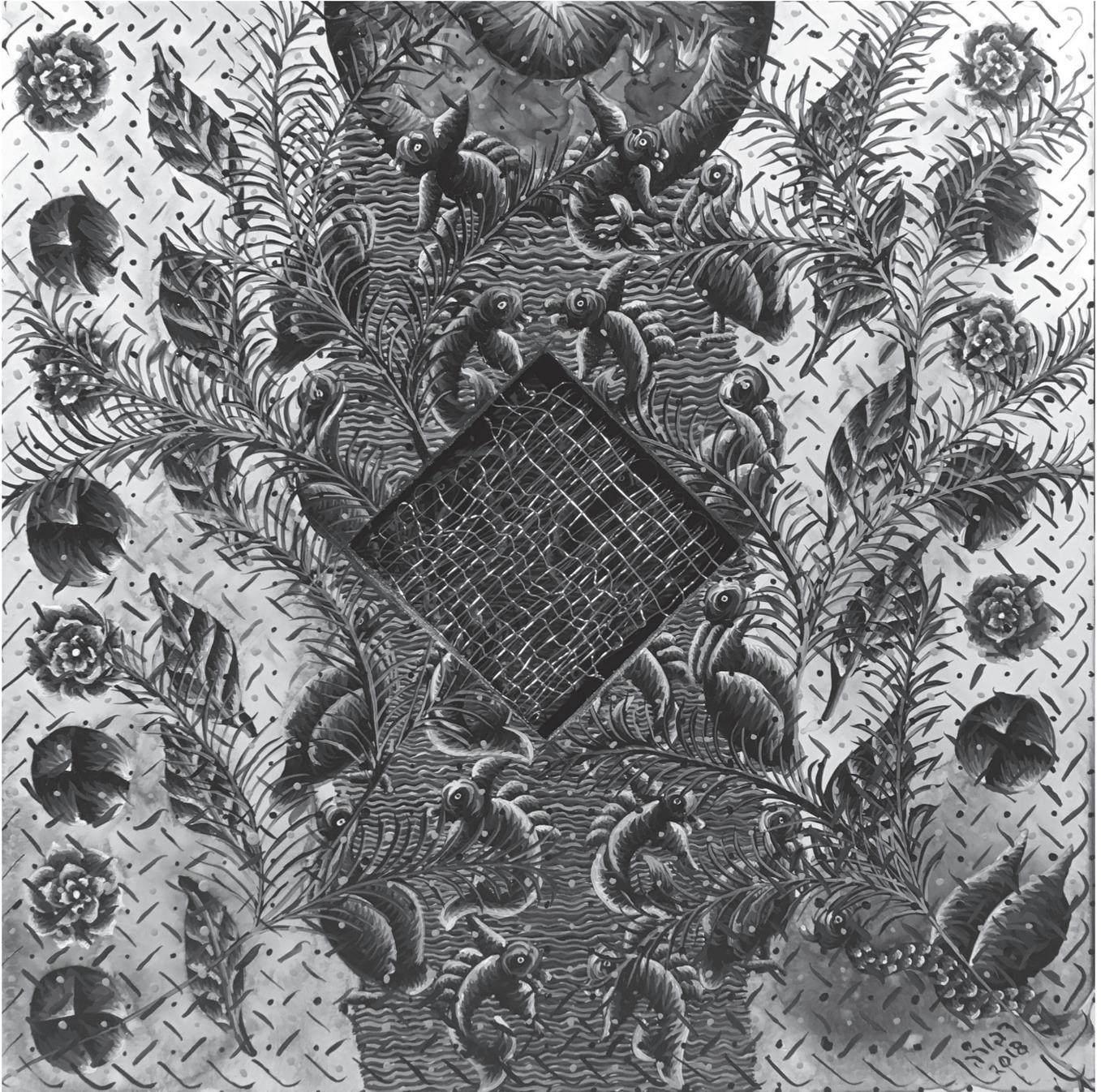
- "I Saw the Cross of Jesus," Victor Johnson, CGA, SATB, pno (MA)
- "When Jesus Wept," Peter Paul Olejar, MSM, 3 pt mx, pno (E)
- "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," John Helgen, CGA, SAB, pno (M)
- "To Your Table We Come," Stan Pethel, CGA, SATB, pno (M)

Handbell Music in Lent

- "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door," arr. Anna Laura Page, 3-5 oct, ALF, 16479, Level 2
- "Take My Life and Let It Be," arr. Sandra Eithun, 3-5 oct, opt 3-5 oct hc, HOPE, 2710, Level 3
- "What Wondrous Love Is This," arr. Cynthia Dobrinski, 3-5 oct, opt 2 oct hc or C inst, HOPE, 1848, Level 3
- "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," arr. Raney/Sherman, 3-6 oct, opt 3 oct hc, opt C inst or singing, HOPE, 2356, Level 3
- "Yes, Jesus Loves Me," arr. Michael Akers, 2-3 oct, LOR, 20/1303L, Level 2
- "Yesu Ananipenda (Jesus Loves Me)," arr. Cathy Moglebust, 3-5 oct, djembe, maracas, shekere, agogo bells, opt 2 oct hc, CGA, CGB981, Level 3+
- "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," arr. Julie Stitt, 3-6 oct, LOR, AG36031, Level 4
- "My Song Is Love Unknown," arr. Cathy Moglebust, 3-5 oct, opt C inst, opt 3-7 oct hc, CGA, CGB977
- "All Glory, Laud and Honor," arr. Lloyd Larson, 3-5 oct, HOPE, 2071, Level 3
- "I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Hosanna, Loud Hosanna)," arr. Cynthia Dobrinski, 3-5 oct, HOPE, 1614
- "In Remembrance of Me," arr. Jason Krug, 3-6 oct, opt 2 oct hc, HOPE, 2902, Level 2+
- "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (from "Chime In—Lent and Easter"), arr. John Behnke, 2-3 oct hc, AGEHR, AG23036, Level 1
- "Were You There?" arr. Jill Fedon, 2-5 oct, opt 3-5 hc, AGEHR, AG35338, Level 1+



Deborah Sokolove,
"Reliquary Series: Night Presence," mixed media (acrylic on panel with copper inset and relic), 2019,
12 × 12 × 1½ in.



Deborah Sokolove,
“Reliquary Series: Night River,” mixed media (acrylic on panel with copper inset and relic), 2019,
12 × 12 × 1½ in.

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday
Color: Purple

Lectionary Readings

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 The day of the Lord is coming; return to God with all your heart.
 or Isaiah 58:1-12 The fast God chooses: do justice, release captives, help the poor.
 Psalm 51:1-17 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new spirit within me.
 2 Corinthians Be reconciled to God in Christ; now is the day of salvation!
 5:20b-6:10
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Don't flaunt your fasting and prayer; store up treasure in heaven.

Opening Sentences

We come burdened by regrets,
 trembling in our mourning.
**We know that the Lord is gracious and merciful,
 and we trust that God will lift our burdens.**
 As one people, with all our differences,
 we give ourselves to God,
 seeking healing and redemption.
**In honesty and repentance,
 we worship the Lord
 and bless God's holy name.**

Prayer of the Day

God of wisdom and mercy,
 we turn to you aware of our need for you.
 In a season of wandering,
 we pray that you will guide us along right paths:
 paths of curiosity when we are disillusioned,
 paths of hope when we despair,
 paths of open doors when we are stuck,
 and paths of transformation
 when we are corrupted.
 Wipe the stain of shame from our brows
 and mark us instead
 with the sign of your holy presence,
 so that we may travel with you
 in renewed joy and courage,
 living as your people
 and acting with your wisdom and mercy,
 in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
 As the Wind Song (G) WAIRUA TAPU GTG 292
 O Come unto the Lord (OE) KOREA GTG 416
 Return to the Lord Your God (O)
 RETURN TO THE LORD *With One Voice* 615
 Remember That You Are Dust (O)
 CROSS OF ASHES ACS 919

WORD

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (G)
 DETROIT GTG 444
 Be Thou My Vision (G) SLANE GTG 450
 When the Poor Ones (O) EL CAMINO GTG 762
 Return to God (O) RETURN TO GOD ACS 921

EUCCHARIST

Just as I Am (E) WOODWORTH GTG 442
 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (OG)
 SARADAY GTG 423
 There Is a Place of Quiet Rest (G) MC AFEE GTG 824
 Sign Us with Ashes (O) PHOENIX GTG 433

SENDING

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (OE)
 IN BABILONE GTG 435
 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (OG)
 MARYTON GTG 738
 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (O)
 KINGSFOLD GTG 757
 Abide, O Dearest Jesus (EG)
 CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN ELW 539

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 51:1-17

Metrical

Create in Me a Clean Heart [CREATE IN ME];
GTG 422

Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart [LOE DE ISÁ];
GTG 427

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us
[O QUANTA QUALIA]; GTG 436

Be Merciful, Be Merciful, O God [GENEVAN 51];
PAS 51B

Responsorial

The Sacrifice You Accept, O God; PAS 51G

Be Merciful, O, Lord, for We Have Sinned; PRCL 44

Organ Music

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth,” *Journey to the Cross: Hymn Preludes for Lent and Holy Week*, James Biery, CON (ME)

“Near the Cross: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Lent II*, Robert J. Powell, AF (M)

“Santo Cordero: Lamb of God Most Holy,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Lent II*, Marilyn Biery, AF (M)

“The Glory of These Forty Days,” *Light on Your Feet, Vol. 3*, Wayne L. Wold, AF (E)

Piano Music

“Chorale,” *The Anne Landa Preludes*, Carl Vine, Faber Music (M)

“Serenata Andaluza,” Manuel de Falla, IMSLP.org (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“If with All Your Heart,” Duane Blakley, HIN, SA(T)B, pno or hp or gtr (E)

“Create in Me a Clean Heart,” Mark Burrows, ABP, SATB, pno (E)

“What Wondrous Love,” Laura Farnell, CGA, SATB, pno (E)

“Create in Me,” Terre Johnson, MSM, SATB, pno (M)

“Out of the Deep,” *Requiem*, John Rutter, OUP, SATB, org, vc (M)

“What Wondrous Love Is This,” Robert Scholz, MSM, SATB div, acap (MA)

“Wash Me Thoroughly,” Samuel Sebastian Wesley, OUP, SATB, org (A)

“Miserere me, Deus,” Gregorio Allegri, IMSLP.org, SSATB, acap (A)

Art

The Pharisee and the Publican, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)

Ash, Mike Moyers, 2016 (VDL)

Ash Wednesday, Carl Spitzweg, 1855 (VDL)

Man Praying to the Holy Spirit, Guillaume Vrelant, 1460–69 (VDL)

Aschenblume, Anselm Kiefer, 1983–97 (VCS)

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 The man and woman disobey God, eating forbidden fruit.
 Psalm 32 My sin tormented me; but when I confessed, God forgave me.
 Romans 5:12-19 Sin and death came from Adam; grace and life come from Christ.
 Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus spends forty days in the wilderness and is tested by the devil.

Opening Sentences

We are the body of Christ,
 and we depend on God's grace.
**We pray to God in times of distress,
 knowing that we are freed from sin
 and preserved from trouble.**
 Steadfast love surrounds those
 who trust in the Lord.
We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!

Prayer of the Day

God of holiness and truth,
 many voices claim to know what is right and good
 and clamor for our attention.
 We pray that you will silence in us
 any voice but yours
 until we are compelled to act with justice,
 to speak with clarity, kindness, and honesty,
 and to walk humbly in the way of Jesus Christ.
 Keep his example always before us
 and stir us out of complacency,
 making us like children again
 as we worship with astonished joy. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
 There in God's Garden (O)
 SHADES MOUNTAIN GTG 226
 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us (OEG)
 O QUANTA QUALIA GTG 436
 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (G)
 DEO GRACIAS GTG 618
 Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land (G)
 WEARY LAND LUYH 138

WORD
 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle (O)
 FORTUNATUS NEW GTG 225
 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (E)
 AMAZING GRACE GTG 649
 Faith Begins by Letting Go (G) LUX PRIMA GTG 684
 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (G)
 WALK WITH ME GTG 775
 When We Are Tested (G)
 ANGELS OF HEALING GTG 783

EUCCHARIST
 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (E)
 HAMBURG/ROCKINGHAM GTG 223, 224
 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (O)
 ST. MARGARET GTG 833
 Somos Pueblo que Camina / We Are People on a
 Journey (G) SOMOS PUEBLOS LUYH 141
 Prepare the Way with Quietness (G) JOURNEY LANE
 At the Weaving of Creation, Benjamin Brody,
 GIA, 138

SENDING

O God, Who Gives Us Life (EG) NOEL GTG 53

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days (G)

ST. FLAVIAN GTG 166

God of Grace and God of Glory (EG)

CWM RHONDDA GTG 307

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (O)

KINGSFOLD GTG 757

We've Come This Far by Faith (G) THIS FAR BY FAITH

GTG 656, TFF 197 (with verses)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 32

Metrical

How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions

[MEIRIONYDD]; GTG 446

While I Keep Silence [SILENCE]; PAS 32C

Responsorial

God Is Kind and Gracious [SCARBOROUGH FAIR];

PP 62

Happy Those Whose Offence Is Forgiven; PRCL 45

(PT #10), 56 (PT #10), 107 (PT #10), 167 (PT #19),

PSA 29

Organ Music

“Aria,” *Wondrous Love*, Craig Phillips, FB (ME)

“God Loved the World: When I Survey the

Wondrous Cross,” *Eight Chorale Preludes for*

Manuals Only, Vol. 2, Aaron David Miller, AF (ME)

“Harvest: It Is Well with My Soul,” *Fruit of the Spirit:*

Chorale Preludes for Organ, David Evan Thomas,

AF (ME)

“Thy Holy Wings,” BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR,

Augsburg Organ Library: Lent, Richard Webster,

AF (M)

Piano Music

“Prelude in G Major,” *24 Jazz Preludes, Op. 53*,

Nikolai Kapustin, Schott (A)

“Adagio from Sonata in F Minor, Op. 2, No. 1,”

Ludwig van Beethoven, HEN (MA)

“Romance in A Minor, Op. 21, No. 1,” *Drei Romanzen*,

Op. 21, Clara Schumann, BKH (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Jesus Full of Grace,” Nicole Elsey and Robert

Sterling, SHAW, SATB, pno (E)

“All Because of Your Amazing Grace,” Cindy Berry,

LOR, SATB, pno or orch (ME)

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley,” Victor

Johnson, HOPE, SATB, pno (ME)

“O Lord throughout These Forty Days,” Walter Pelz,

AF, SAB, org (ME)

“The Lord’s Prayer,” Albert Malotte, HAL, SATB,

pno or orch (M)

“Since by Man Came Death,” *Messiah*, George

Frideric Handel, NOV, SATB, orch (A)

Art

Outside Insight, James Turrell, 2011 (WA)

Untitled Landscape, Luchita Hurtado, 1970 (WA)

Joyful Mountain Landscape, Paul Klee, 1929 (VDL)

Temptation in the Wilderness, Briton Rivière, 1898

(VDL)

Christ in the Wilderness, Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoi,

1872 (VDL)

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent
Color: Purple

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a	The Lord says to Abram: I will make you a blessing to the nations.
Psalm 121	My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Consider Abraham; the promise of God depends on faith.
John 3:1-17	Those who seek God's kingdom must be born of water and Spirit.
or Matthew 17:1-9	On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.

Opening Sentences

The Lord God keeps us, saves us,
and protects us in times of trouble.
**Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**
Even when fear strikes us,
we know that we are safe,
for we belong to God.
**We shall never be shaken or moved,
for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand.
We lift our voices together in thanks and praise.**

Prayer of the Day

All-powerful and eternal God,
we thank you for light,
for golden sunlight, silver moonlight,
the stars that map our skies,
a crackling fire on which to cook,
and the shining faces of those around us.
Help us to meet you in the darkness,
that, without the need for sight,
we may learn you are as close to us
as our own breath, skin, and bones,
knit in our very being,
in this moment and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth (G)
NORWICH GTG 7
The God of Abraham Praise (OE) LEONI GTG 49
The Glory of These Forty Days (alt G)
ERHALT UNS, HERR GTG 165
O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair (alt G)
DEO GRACIAS GTG 189
Deep in the Shadows of the Past (O)
SHEPHERDS' PIPES GTG 50

WORD
Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory (alt G)
GENEVA GTG 190
Jesus, Lover of My Soul (E) ABERYSTWYTH GTG 440
Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (G)
LIEBSTER JESU GTG 483
I Don't Feel No Ways Tired (OE) OLOF 490
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (G)
LES PETITES SOEURS GTG 737

EUCCHARIST
He Came Down (G) HE CAME DOWN GTG 137
Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (alt G)
SHINE, JESUS, SHINE GTG 192
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd (alt G)
PICARDY GTG 274
Your Only Son (G) LAMB OF GOD GTG 518
In the Singing (OE) BREAD OF PEACE GTG 533

SENDING

Let All Things Now Living (O) ASH GROVE GTG 37
We Will Go Out with Joy (G)

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY GTG 539

To God Be the Glory (G)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY GTG 634

Lift High the Cross (G) CRUCIFER GTG 826

You Are Our God; We Are Your People (O)

JANNA LUYH 35

Dazzling Presence on the Mountain (alt G)

WAVERLY ACS 917

God Who Dwells in Light and Darkness (alt G)

BEACH SPRING *Sing No Empty Alleluias*, Chris Shelton, GIA, 44

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 121

Metrical

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise [ST. DENIO];
GTG 12

To the Hills I Lift Up My Eyes [GUIDE]; PAS 121A
Total Praise; PAS 121B

Responsorial

My Help Comes Only from the Lord; PAS 121D
Be Strong in the Lord; UMH 844

Organ Music

“Aria,” *Light on Your Feet, Vol. 5*, Wayne L. Wold,
AF (E)

“My Song Is Love Unknown,” *Journey to the Cross:
Hymn Preludes for Lent and Holy Week*, James
Biery, CON (M)

“What Wondrous Love Is This,” *Wondrous Love*,
Craig Phillips, FB (ME)

“Where Sorrow and Love Flow Mingled Down
(When I Survey the Wondrous Cross / Breathe
the Cross of Jesus),” *Honor and Majesty*, Lyndell
Leatherman, FJH (ME)

Piano Music

“Song Without Words in E Major, Op. 19, No. 1,”
Lieder ohne Worte, Felix Mendelssohn, HEN (M)

“Sonata in A Major, K. 208,” Domenico Scarlatti,
IMSLP.org (M/MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“To God Be the Glory,” Vicki Hancock Wright, CGA,
SATB, pno (E)

“To God Be the Glory,” Cindy Berry, LOR, SATB,
pno, opt brass (ME)

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy,” Bradley
Ellingboe, AF, SATB, pno (ME)

“I Lift My Eyes,” Dan Forrest, BP, SATB, pno, opt
brass (M)

“Lift Thine Eyes,” *Elijah*, Felix Mendelssohn, GSH,
SSA, acap (MA)

“I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes,” John Rutter, OUP, SATB,
org (MA)

“God So Loved the World,” John Stainer, GSH,
SATB, acap (A)

Art

Spiral Hill, Robert Smithson, 1971 (WA)

Desert’s Hand, Mario Irarrázabal, 2006 (WC)

Born Again, Lauren Wright Pittman, 2016 (VDL)

Waterdrop Painting, Yoko Ono, 1961–2015 (WA)

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Lectionary Readings

Exodus 17:1-7	The people thirst and quarrel; God gives them water from a rock.
Psalm 95	Make a joyful noise to the Lord, the rock of our salvation.
Romans 5:1-11	Justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ.
John 4:5-42	Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman at the well.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 91)

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!
**We have come to give thanks
and to sing songs of praise!**
We are the people of God's pasture;
we trust that God will bring us
through the wilderness.
**We seek God's living water
and praise God's holy name!**

Prayer of the Day

God of living water,
amid all that parches our souls
and drains our hearts of joy,
we pray for refreshment and renewal.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit
until our delight overflows into praise
and we cannot contain ourselves,
running to tell your good news,
alive with the presence of Jesus the Christ,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
God the Sculptor of the Mountains (G)
JENNINGS-HOUSTON GTG 5
O God, Who Gives Us Life (O) NOEL GTG 53
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (OG)
AUSTRIAN HYMN GTG 81
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (EG)
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR GTG 367
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (OEG)
NETTLETON GTG 475
O Splendor of God's Glory Bright (G) PUER NOBIS
NASCITUR GTG 666

WORD

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills (G)
SEACHRIST GTG 171
Jesus Loves Me! (E) JESUS LOVES ME GTG 188
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (O) TOPLADY GTG 438
Open My Eyes, That I May See (E)
OPEN MY EYES GTG 451
Ho, All Who Thirst (G) JACOB'S WELL GTG 479
When Peace like a River (E)
VILLE DU HAVRE GTG 840
Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land (O)
WEARY LAND LUYH 138
New Born Again (EG) FREE GRACE AAHH 362

EUCCHARIST

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (OG)
QUEBEC GTG 494
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (E)
MORECAMBE GTG 688
Sheaves of Wheat (G) UNA ESPIGA GTG 532

SENDING

For the Fruit of All Creation (G)

AR HYD Y NOS GTG 36

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (O)

CWM RHONDDA GTG 65

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (G)

KINGSFOLD GTG 182

In the Cross of Christ I Glory (E) RATHBUN GTG 213

Come, Labor On (G) ORA LABORA GTG 719

I'm Going On a Journey (OE) WET SAINTS ELW 446

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 95

Metrical

Come All You People [UYAI MOSE]; GTG 388

O Come and Sing unto the Lord [IRISH]; GTG 638

Now with Joyful Exultation [BEECHER]; PAS 95D

Responsorial

Oh, That Today You Would Listen to God's Voice;

PAS 95E

If Today You Hear His Voice; LP 797

Organ Music

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," *Augsburg*

Organ Library: Lent, Philip Gehring, AF (M)

"It Is Well with My Soul," *Wondrous Love*, Craig

Phillips, FB (M)

"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide," *Boundless Love:*

Eight Organ Preludes for the Church Year, Matthew

Machemer, CON (ME)

"Spiritual: Round about the Mountain," *African-*

American Organ Music Anthology, Vol. 5, Noel Da

Costa, MSM (MA)

Piano Music

"Pastorella," Fanny Mendelssohn, IMSLP.org (M)

"Impromptu," Germaine Tailleferre, IMSLP.org (MA)

"Of Distant Lands and People, Op. 15, No. 1,"

Kinderszenen, Robert Schumann, BV (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Uyai Mose," Kevin Holland, CGA, SATB, pno, opt perc (E)

"Send the Water," Steven Taylor, Lillenas Publishing, SATB, 2 soloists, pno (ME)

"Come, Meet Jesus at the Well," Kurt Kaiser, LOR, SATB, pno (ME)

"O Blessed Spring," Robert Buckley Farlee, AF, SATB, org, ob (vln or cl), opt cong (M)

"Just as I Am," Bob Chilcott, OUP, SATB, org (M)

"O Come, Every One That Thirsteth," *Elijah*, Felix Mendelssohn, NOV, SATB, org, opt orch (A)

"O Come Let Us Worship," *All Night Vigil*, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Musica Russica, SSAATTBB, acap (A)

Art

Untitled (WOMAN/WOMB), Luchita Hurtado, 1970 (WA)

Samaritan at the Well, Mary Jane Miller, 2008 (VDL)

Christ and the Samaritan Woman, Henryk

Siemiradzki, 1890 (VDL)

Woman at the Well, Diego Rivera, 1913 (VDL)

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Lectionary Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13	Samuel anoints David, the youngest son of Jesse, to be king.
Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd; I will live in the house of God always.
Ephesians 5:8-14	Live as children of light; awake and rise, Christ will shine on you.
John 9:1-41	Jesus heals a man born blind; Pharisees question him about sin.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 27)

We are children of light,
rejoicing in everything good and right and true.
 We worship the Lord who heals, liberates,
 and raises us from the dead.
**In the dream of the beloved community of God,
 we are awake,
 and we stand in the light of Christ.**

Prayer of the Day

God of heaven and earth,
 in a cloud of confusion, we seek revelation.
 In the face of manipulation, we seek truth.
 In the gloom of regret, we seek new life.
 Speak to us now; grant us intention and tenderness,
 so that we may witness to your work
 in the world and in us,
 through Jesus the Christ, our healer and hope.
Amen.

Congregational Song

GATHERING

O That I Had a Thousand Voices (EG)
 O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE GTG 16
 O God, in a Mysterious Way (O) DUNDEE GTG 30
 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! (EG)
 LYONS GTG 41
 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (EG)
 KINGSFOLD GTG 182
 Here in This Place (OEG) GATHER US IN GTG 401
 Open the Eyes of My Heart (OG)
 OPEN THE EYES GTG 452
 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (EG)
 TOULON GTG 624
 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (E)
 RATISBON GTG 662

WORD

Born in the Night, Mary's Child (EG)
 MARY'S CHILD GTG 158
 With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring (EG)
 ST. PETERSBURG GTG 334
 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (G)
 HOUSTON GTG 377
 Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart (OEG)
 LOE DE ÍSÁ GTG 427
 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (G)
 BEACH SPRING GTG 490
 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (E)
 GLORY TO GOD (Vasile) GTG 582
 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (G)
 AMAZING GRACE GTG 649
 O Christ, the Healer (G) ERHALT UNS, HERR GTG 793

EUCCHARIST

Come Down, O Love Divine (EG)

DOWN AMPNEY GTG 282

Take Us as We Are, O God (OEG)

ENDLESS FEAST GTG 312

O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine (E)

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM GTG 671

Abide with Me (E) EVENTIDE GTG 836

SENDING

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (E)

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE GTG 192

O Day of Joy and Wonder! (E)

JONATHAN'S TUNE GTG 290

Arise, Your Light Is Come! (G) FESTAL SONG GTG 744

We Are Marching in the Light of God (E)

SIYAHAMBA GTG 853

We Will Glorify the King of Kings (G)

WE WILL GLORIFY STF 2087

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 23

Metrical

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need [RESIGNATION];
GTG 803, PAS 23A

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee [WER NUR
DEN LIEBEN GOTT]; GTG 816

Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows [DOMINUT
REGIT ME]; PAS 23E

Responsorial

My Shepherd Is the Lord, Nothing Indeed Shall I
Want; PSA 18

Shepherd Me, O God [SHEPHERD ME]; GTG 473,
PAS 23G

The Lord Is My Shepherd; LP 800

The Lord Is My Shepherd; PRCL 54

Organ Music

“Out of the Depths I Cry, Lord, to Thee,” AUS TIEFER
NOT SCHREI ICH ZU DIR, attrib. Christian Geist,
The Oxford Book of Lent and Easter Organ Music,
OUP (M)

“Come, Ye Disconsolate,” CONSOLATOR, *Augsburg
Organ Library: Lent*, J. Bert Carlson, AF (ME)

“Goodness: The King of Love My Shepherd Is,” *Fruit
of the Spirit: Chorale Preludes for Organ*, David
Evan Thomas, AF (M)

“Partita on Crimond: The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll
Not Want,” *Nine Hymn Preludes for Organ*, Gordon
Young, HOPE (E)

Piano Music

“Our Evenings,” *On an Overgrown Path*, Leos Janáček,
HEN (M)

“Floating Clouds,” *Eight Memories in Watercolor*, Tan
Dun, GSH (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“I Believe,” Mark Miller, CGA, SATB, pno, opt solo (E)

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,” Tom
Trenney, Pavane, TTBB, pno (ME)

“Psalm 23,” Paul Basler, CV, SATB, hn, pno (M)

“The Lord Is My Shepherd,” *Requiem*, John Rutter,
OUP, SATB, ob, org or orch (M)

“The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23),” Howard
Goodall, Faber Music, SATB, sop solo, org (M)

“Open Thou Mine Eyes,” John Rutter, OUP, SATB,
acap (MA)

“Adonai ro-I,” *Chichester Psalms*, Leonard Bernstein,
BH, SATB, orch (A)

Art

Samuel Anoints David, Erich Brauer, 2000 (VDL)

David Is Anointed and Affirmed as King, Dura
Europos, 3rd century (VDL)

Healing of the Man Born Blind, Duccio de
Buoninsegna, 1307 (VDL)

Lord, That I Might See, Matyas Church, Budapest,
Hungary, 1970 (VDL)

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Color: Purple

Lectionary Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14	In a valley of dry bones, Ezekiel has a vision of hope for Israel.
Psalm 130	Out of the depths I cry; the Lord has power to forgive and redeem.
Romans 8:6-11	Set your mind on the Spirit, not the flesh; God will give you life.
John 11:1-45	Jesus, the resurrection and the life, raises Lazarus from the dead.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 63)

As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit,
and the Spirit dwells in us.
**We are alive in the Spirit
through the righteousness of God.**
In humility and faith, we come to worship the One
who gives us life, hope, and healing.
**God has brought us to this moment
and will guide us still.
Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of the Day

Living God,
we come to you today in humility and need.
We pray for life
for our wounded souls,
for our ailing communities,
for our troubled nation,
and for our hurting world.
Call us out of discouragement and despair
to rise up in courage and love.
Let your light shine upon our faces,
so that, forgiven and renewed,
we may live again as your people, holy and whole,
singing praises and serving with joy
through the grace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
O God, Who Gives Us Life (OEG) NOEL GTG 53
O Christ, the Healer (G) ERHALT UNS, HERR GTG 793
He Comes to Us as One Unknown (O)
REPTON ELW 737
Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow (O)
ABERYSTWYTH LUYH 239
These Are the Days of Elijah (O) by Robin Mark
SNC 60

WORD

When Jesus Wept (G) WHEN JESUS WEPT GTG 194
Now the Green Blade Rises (OG)
NOËL NOUVELET GTG 247
Breathe on Me, Breath of God (OEG)
TRENTHAM GTG 286
Spirit of the Living God (E) LIVING GOD GTG 288
Spirit, Open My Heart (G)
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME GTG 692
Somebody's Knocking at Your Door (G)
SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN' GTG 728
In Deepest Night (G) ROSE MARY GTG 785
Why Has God Forsaken Me? (G) SHIMPI GTG 809
Soplo de Dios / O Living Breath of God (O)
VARVINDAR FRISKA SSS 8

EUCCHARIST

Holy Spirit, Come to Us (OE)
VENI SANCTE SPIRITU GTG 281
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (O) SPIRIT GTG 291
As the Wind Song (G) WAIRUA TAPU GTG 292

SENDING

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (E) PENTECOST GTG 66
 In the Bulb There Is a Flower (OEG)
 PROMISE GTG 250
 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (G)
 HERLICH LIEB HAB I DICH, O HERR ELW 750

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 130

Metrical

For You, My God, I Wait [SPRINGTIME]; GTG 791
 From the Depths of Sin and Sadness [RUSSIAN];
 PAS 130F

Responsorial

Out of the Depths; PAS 130B
 In My Distress I Cry to the Lord; UMH 848

Organ Music

“Patience: Jesus, Still Lead On,” *Fruit of the Spirit: Chorale Preludes for Organ*, David Evan Thomas, AF (ME)
 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” ROCKINGHAM, *Deo Gracias: Six Preludes and a Postlude for Organ on Well-Known Hymns*, MSM (M)
 “Be Thou My Vision,” SLANE, *Augsburg Organ Library: Lent*, Franklin D Ashdown, AF (M)
 “There Is a Fountain,” *Six Organ Preludes on Gospel Hymns*, Raymond H. Haan, MSM (E)

Piano Music

“Moderato,” *Sonatina*, Edino Krieger, Scribd.com (A)
 “The Bells,” *Spiritual Suite for Piano*, Margaret Bonds, Videmus (M)
 “Gymnopédie 1,” *3 Gymnopédies*, Erik Satie, IMSLP.org (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Dry Bones,” Becki Slagle Mayo, CGA, uni, pno (E)
 “Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee,” K. Lee Scott, AF, 2 pt, pno (E)
 “Dry Bones,” Mark Hayes, ALF, SATB, pno, opt inst (ME)
 “Psalm 130 / Out of the Depths,” John Ferguson, AF, SATB, org (M)
 “O Taste and See,” Ralph Vaughan Williams, OUP, SATB, sop solo, org (MA)
 “Videns Dominus flentes sorores Lazari (The Raising of Lazarus),” Adrian Willaert, IMSLP.org, SATB, acap (A)

Art

Ezekiel in the Valley of the Dry Bones, carving, Depford Green, UK, 2009 (VDL)
Take Away the Stone, John August Swanson, 2005 (VDL)
Psalm 130, Anneke Kai (AK)
Mary Kneels Weeping before Christ with Martha, J. Le Breton, 1933 (VDL)

March 29, 2026

Palm/Passion Sunday /
Sixth Sunday in Lent
Color: Red and/or Purple

Lectionary Readings

Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11 Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey; the people shout: Hosanna!
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a The Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?
Psalm 31:9-16 Be gracious, Lord; my enemies assail me; my life is in your hand.
Philippians 2:5-11 Seek the mind of Christ, who was humble, but exalted by God.
Matthew 26:14-27:66 After the Passover meal, Jesus is betrayed, tried, and crucified.
or Matthew 27:11-54 [abbreviated reading] Jesus is tried and crucified.

Opening Sentences

What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

**We have no cloaks today,
but we will lay down
our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.**

As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago,
we echo,

**Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of the Day

God of all the ages,
make us real or make us nothing.
As we sing "Hosanna!"
bring us to the foot of the cross.
As we wave palms, show us your tomb.
On this day of praise and passion,
help us to hold the tension between life and death
and to learn the mystery that you are in both.
Teach us to turn our faces toward you
and help us to bear witness,
that we might testify always to your faithfulness.
Amen.

Congregational Song

GATHERING

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (G)
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN GTG 196
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (G) ELLACOMBE GTG 197
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (E)
CORONATION GTG 263

WORD

Filled with Excitement / Mantos y Palmas (G)
HOSANNA GTG 199
What Wondrous Love Is This (E)
WONDROUS LOVE GTG 215
They Crucified My Lord (G) CRUCIFIXION GTG 219
Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil (O)
GOODNESS IS STRONGER GTG 750
Ah, Holy Jesus (G) HERZLIEBSTER JESU GTG 218
There in God's Garden (G)
SHADES MOUNTAIN GTG 226
The First Time That Death Came for Jesus (G)
BORREVIK *At the Weaving of Creation*, Benjamin
Brody, GIA, 153

EUCCHARIST

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth (G)
NORWICH GTG 7
An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare (G)
O WALY WALY GTG 202
Bread of the World in Mercy Broken (G)
RENDEZ À DIEU GTG 499
Feed Us, Lord (G) FEED US GTG 501
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (E)
SCHMÜCKE DICH GTG 514

SENDING

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! (G)
ST. DROSTANE GTG 198
A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd (G)
CHRISTIAN LOVE GTG 200

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (G)

ST. CHRISTOPHER GTG 216

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus (E)

ALL SAINTS GTG 262

God of Our Life (O) SANDON GTG 686

Psalms and Canticles

Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Metrical

Give Thanks to God for All His Goodness [RENDEZ

À DIEU/GENEVAN 98/118]; PAS 118H

This Is the Day [ESTA ES EL DÍA]; GTG 391

Responsorial

Come and Fill Our Hearts [CONFITEMINI DOMINO];

GTG 466

Blessed Is the One Who Comes In the Name of the Lord; UMH 839

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made; PAS 118G

Liturgy of the Passion: Psalm 31:9-16

Metrical

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God [MORNING SONG];

GTG 214

Make Your Face to Shine [GLAUCIA]; GTG 811

Thou Hidden Love of God [VATER UNSER]; UMH 414

Responsorial

In You, O Lord, in You I Have I Taken Refuge;

PSA 28

Lord, You Are My Refuge; in You Alone I Trust;

PP 58

Organ Music

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor,” ST. THEODULPH,
Wondrous Love, Craig Phillips, FB (M)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna,” ELLACOMBE, *Augsburg Organ Library: Lent*, J. Wayne Kerr, AF (M)

“Prelude: Winchester New,” *The Oxford Book of Lent and Easter Organ Music*, Alan Bullard, OUP (M)

“My Song Is Love Unknown,” RHOSYMEDRE,
Augsburg Organ Library: Lent, Ralph Vaughan Williams, AF (MA)

Piano Music

“Sonata in D-flat Major, R. 88,” *Selected Piano Sonatas*, P. Antonio Soler, HEN (MA)

“Romance,” *Piano Pieces for Children and Romance*, Toru Takemitsu, Schott (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“My Song Is Love Unknown,” Carolyn Jennings, CGA, uni, pno (E)

“Hosanna,” *Love Unknown*, Michael Burkhardt, MSM, SATB, opt children's voices, org, brass, hb (ME)

“Ah, Holy Jesus,” John Ferguson, MSM, SATB div, viola (M)

“Festival Sanctus,” John Leavitt, ALF, SATB, pno or orch (M)

“Ride On, King Jesus,” Moses Hogan, HAL, SATB, solo, pno (MA)

“Christus Factus Est,” Anton Brukner, OUP, SATB, acap (A)

“Crucifixus,” *Mass in B Minor*, Johann Sebastian Bach, DP, SATB, org or orch (A)

Art

Liturgy of the Palms

Breaking of a Palm Leaf for the Entry into Jerusalem, Giotto di Bondone, 1305 (VDL)

Painting To Be Stepped On, Yoko Ono, 1960 (WA)

Hallelujah, Mike Moyers, 2013 (VDL)

(Ivory) Plaque with Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem, Ottonian, 900–925 (MET)

Liturgy of the Passion

Christ Crowned with Thorns, Horace Pippin, 1938 (WA) (PD)

Peter's Denial, Simon Bening, 1530 (VDL)

Christ Crucified, John Petts, 1964 (VDL)

I Exist, Harmonia Rosales, 2017 (WA)

Golgotha, Romare Bearden, 1945 (WA)

April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday

Color: Purple (until church is stripped)

Lectionary Readings

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14 Before the exodus, the Lord gives instructions for the Passover.
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift the cup of salvation.
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Paul recounts and interprets the tradition of the Lord's Supper.
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Jesus washes the disciples' feet and gives a new commandment.

Opening Sentences

The Lord has heard the cries of the people
 and meets every sickness, every pain,
 every broken heart, and every hungry belly
 at the Lord's table.

We cannot earn our place here;

we can only accept that we are loved
 and come to be fed.

**We offer ourselves as a sacrifice of thanksgiving
 and give our lives as our act of praise.**

Prayer of the Day

Christ of the bread and the cup,
 of now and eternity,
 we turn to you, solemn and quiet.
 Help us to hear your fateful words anew:
 this is my body broken
 so that the grip of greed and despair may be broken
 and a new dawn may begin.
 When we do not understand, help us to believe,
 that your story may become our story,
 in which all people are freed and loved. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Deep in the Shadows of the Past (O)

SHEPHERDS' PIPES GTG 50

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare (G)

O WALY WALY GTG 202

Come to the Table (E) COME TO THE TABLE GTG 508

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (E)

WELCOME TABLE GTG 770

WORD

O God, in a Mysterious Way (O) DUNDEE GTG 30

Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come (O)

SARANAM GTG 789

When at This Table (E) FEASTDAY GTG 537

This Is the Night (G) MY NEIGHBOR GTG 206

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (G)

BEACH SPRING GTG 498

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now (EG)

ROCKINGHAM OLD ACS 930

FOOTWASHING

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (G)

CHEREPONI GTG 203

Live in Charity (G) UBI CARITAS (Taizé) GTG 205

Where Charity and Love Prevail (G)

TWENTY-FOURTH GTG 316

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (G)

THE SERVANT SONG GTG 727

EUCCHARIST

Bread of Life from Heaven (E) ARGENTINE SANTO |
 BREAK NOW THE BREAD GTG 497
 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken (G)
 RENDEZ À DIEU GTG 499
 For the Bread Which You Have Broken (E)
 KINGDOM GTG 516
 In Remembrance of Me (E) RED GTG 521
 Eat This Bread (E) BERTHIER GTG 527
 Sheaves of Wheat (E) UNA ESPIGA GTG 532
 This Is the Feast of Freedom (EG) LLANFYLLIN *Sing*
No Empty Alleluias, Chris Shelton, GIA, 128

SENDING

Stay With Me (G) STAY WITH ME GTG 204
 What Wondrous Love Is This (OEG)
 WONDROUS LOVE GTG 215
 Abide with Me (OG) EVENTIDE GTG 836

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Metrical

What Shall I Render to the Lord [MARTYRDOM];
 GTG 655
 I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry [I LOVE THE
 LORD]; GTG 799
 O God beyond All Praising [THAXTED]; ELW 88o

Responsorial

How Can I Repay the Lord for His Goodness to Me;
 LP 816
 Lord, in You I Trust; PP 218

Organ Music

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed,” *Light on Your Feet*, Vol. 3, Wayne L. Wold, AF (ME)
 “In Silent Pain the Eternal Son,” *Journey to the Cross: Hymn Preludes for Lent and Holy Week*, James Biery, CON (ME)
 “Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow,”
 EBENEZER, *Augsburg Organ Library: Lent II*, Robert J. Powell, AF (M)
 “Were You There,” *Light on Your Feet*, Vol. 5, Wayne L. Wold, AF (ME)

Piano Music

“Allemande,” *French Suite No. 5 in G Major*, BWV 816,
 Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (ME)
 “Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2,” *Johannes Brahms Complete Shorter Works for Solo Piano*,
 Johannes Brahms, DP (M)
 “Consolation No. 1 in E Major,” *Consolations*, Franz Liszt, HEN (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“A Lenten Love Song,” Helen Kemp, CGA, uni,
 pno (E)
 “My Song Is Love Unknown,” *Love Unknown*,
 Michael Burkhardt, MSM, SATB, org (ME)
 “How Beautiful,” Lloyd Larson, HOPE, SAB,
 pno (ME)
 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee,” Hal Hopson,
 MSM, SATB, pno, opt vln, viola, or vc (M)
 “Ubi Caritas,” Ola Gjelo, WAL, SATB, acap (MA)
 “Ave Verum Corpus,” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart,
 GSH, SATB, org (MA)
 “Ubi Caritas,” *Quatre Motets sur des themes gregoriens*,
 Op. 10, Maurice Duruflé, DSE, SATB, acap (A)

Art

La Farina, Maria Lai, 1952 (WA)
The Last Supper, Brian Whelan, 2017 (VCS)
Misfit Cup Liberation Project, Michael Strand (SECC)
Crucifixion by a Table, illustration from *Speculum*
Passionis, Hans Baldung (Grien), 1507 (PD) (MET)
Jesus Washing Peter’s Feet, Ford Madox Brown,
 London, 1856 (VDL)
Washing of the Feet, John August Swanson (VDL)
Last Supper, Father George Saget, 1963 (VDL)

April 3, 2026

Good Friday
No Color

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 52:13–53:12	The innocent servant suffers; surely he has borne our sin.
Psalm 22	A desperate prayer of lament turns to thanksgiving and praise.
Hebrews 10:16–25	Jesus opens the sanctuary for us; trust in him, for he is faithful.
or Hebrews 4:14–16;	In Jesus, we have a great high priest who knows our weakness.
5:7–9	
John 18:1–19:42	Jesus is arrested, put on trial, crucified, and buried.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 118)

The color has drained from the sky, and all is still.

**Let all creation stand and watch
as Jesus willingly goes to the cross.**

May we be broken open in grief
that room may be made for new life.

**Let us breathe together, children of God,
as Jesus breathes no more.**

Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

Holy, holy, holy Jesus,
at the foot of the cross
we proclaim that you are God.
We repent of all the ways we hang you here
and turn away in shame.
Give us courage
to stay with you and witness your suffering
as you join with all who suffer
in every time and place.
Melt our stubborn hearts in grief
so that we may be remade in mercy,
and help us to learn once again
the depth of your love,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted (G) ANDUJAR GTG 160
Go To Dark Gethsemane (G) REDHEAD 76 GTG 220
My Faith Looks Up to Thee (E) OLIVET GTG 829

WORD

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (OEG)
 PASSION CHORALE GTG 221
Rejected and Despised (OG) CARDINAL GTG 222
There In God's Garden (OEG)
 SHADES MOUNTAIN GTG 226
Were You There (G) WERE YOU THERE GTG 228
Two Trees Rose from the Garden Ground (G)
 COTTONWOOD *Protest of Praise*, David Bjorlin,
 GIA, 102
O Christ, You Hang Upon a Cross (G)
 GOOD FRIDAY WAS 3084

SENDING

Ah, Holy Jesus (G) HERZLIEBSTER JESU GTG 218
They Crucified My Lord (OG) CRUCIFIXION GTG 219
I Will Not Fear Death (G) THE HARROWING *Sing No
 Empty Alleluias*, Chris Shelton, GIA, 61
In Our Suffering, God Is Suffering, Too (OEG)
 GOD IS SUFFERING, TOO Paul Damico-Carper, self-
 published

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 22

Metrical

Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me [HARVEY'S
CHANT]; PAS 22B
In the Presence of Your People [CELEBRATION];
GTG 631

Responsorial

My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me;
PAS 22D

Organ Music

“Ah, Holy Jesus,” HERZLIEBSTER JESU, *Augsburg Organ Library: Lent II*, Aaron David Miller, AF (M)
“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley,” LONESOME VALLEY, *Augsburg Organ Library: Lent II*, Dale Wood, AF (ME)
“O Darkest Woe,” *Organ Works of Healey Willan*, Healey Willan, CON (M)
“We Sit Down in Tears,” *The Oxford Book of Lent and Easter Organ Music*, J. S. Bach, arr. Robert Gower, OUP (M)

Piano Music

“Prelude in B Minor, Op. 32, No. 10,” *24 Preludes*, Sergei Rachmaninoff, HEN (A)
“Sarabande,” *English Suite No. 2 in A Minor*, BWV 807, Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Ah, Holy Jesus,” Carolyn Jennings, AF, SA, vc (ME)
“O Sacred Head,” Craig Courtney, LOR, SAB, pno (ME)
“Were You There,” Robert Scholz, AF, TTBB, acap (M)
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” Gilbert Martin, TPR, SATB, org (M)
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” Dan Forrest, BP, SATB, pno, solo vln, opt orch (M)
“Solus ad victimam / Alone to Sacrifice,” Kenneth Leighton, OUP, SATB, org (MA)
“Crucifixus,” *Mass in B Minor*, Johann Sebastian Bach, DP, SATB, org or orch (A)

Art

Lamentation, William H. Johnson, 1944 (WA)
Lamentation over the Body of Christ, Dosso Dossi, 1517–18 (PD) (NAT)
Broken Vessel, Lauren Wright Pittman (VDL)
Carrying the cross of Christ, Gabriel Loire, 20th century (VDL)
The Crucifixion, Aaron Douglas, 1927 (WA)

The Season of Easter

These liturgical texts are appropriate for use throughout the Season of Easter and may be repeated from week to week.

Confession and Lament

As a new Easter dawns,
may God's light shine in our hearts
and burn away all fault.
Trusting in God's eternal grace,
let us ask for God's forgiveness together.

**Risen Lord,
while we proclaim your victory over sin
and death,
we confess the heavy sins we carry.
We sing, "Alleluia,"
but we have abandoned you and one another.
We shout, "He is risen,"
but we fail to care for the life around us.
Forgive us.
Loosen our reliance on violent patterns
and free us for joyful belonging,
that the story of your resurrection might bring
us to life.
Turn our hearts and hands to your work
of justice, joy, and stubborn hope. Amen.**

Friends, hear the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are already forgiven.
He knows us and loves us beyond any power to
condemn us.
There is nothing to fear; a new day has dawned.
He is risen! Alleluia! **Amen.**

Invitation to Discipleship

We are God's people.
Let God's word ring through your being
and God's Spirit breathe new life into your lungs.
What does it mean to be disciples of Christ?
To be moved by gratitude for all we have been given,
to live as neighbors amid difference,
to speak truth with compassion,
to act in gentleness and mercy,
and to rebuke what is harmful and inhumane, in
God's name.
With one voice, in many tongues, go from here
united in purpose,
that we may speak of the good news of the
resurrection
wherever we go:
Christ is risen, and a new life has begun.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty Triune God,
with wisdom you have made all things,
blessed all things, and loved all things.
In this season when all things are made new
and our hope is resurrected once more,
we praise you with our whole hearts.

With thanksgiving,
we remember your great acts of faithfulness,
for you have never let us go.
In the face of slavery, oppression, and war,
through fear and grief,
you pulled your people close.
In the midst of our sin, you called us your own.
On the darkest nights you promised a new dawn,
and you gave us yourself.
Our hearts overflow with joy
as we remember your promises in the rainbows
and proclaim your eternal might
and tender faithfulness,
together with all the saints of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The Sanctus may be sung (GTG 551-609) or spoken.

In Jesus Christ you gave us yourself, gracious God.
Born in a manger in Bethlehem,
he shared human life with us
and changed us with his ministry
by befriending us, challenging us, teaching us,

and revealing the depth of your love.

We give you thanks for the hope of salvation.

He did not hold himself back from us,
even enduring death on the cross.

With his sacrifice he taught us that death is not
the end and that love has the final victory.

And so we proclaim the great mystery at the heart
of our faith:

*The memorial acclamation may be sung (GTG 551-609)
or spoken.*

Holy God, we are your Easter people.

We wait and watch for your new creation,
shining with the light of eternity and the hope
of resurrection.

Send your Holy Spirit, our blessed guide and friend,
upon this feast we share,

that this bread and cup may teach us your
incarnate love and guide us in shared service.

Every reconciling action, every declaration of peace,
every liberating word, every softening of heart,
every person fed and housed,

and every stranger claimed as kin
shows us the miracle of your presence.

In the light of this new day,
with gladness in our hearts and voices lifted
in alleluias,

unite us and send us out as your own
to share your good news for all people,
now and forever.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God.

We pray together as Christ taught us, saying,

The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Song in Easter

These songs might be used in different ways within a Confession-Pardon liturgy, as part of the Call to Confession or the Prayer of Confession, or as a bridge from Confession to Pardon.

Confession and Pardon

Alleluia GTG 586, 587, 588, 589
Be Not Afraid GTG 243
Bless the Lord GTG 544
El Señor es mi pastor / The Lord Is My Shepherd SSS 294
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! GTG 591
Hallelujah GTG 590
Heaven Is Singing for Joy / El cielo canta alegría GTG 382, SSS 13
I Depend upon Your Faithfulness / Tu fidelidad GTG 831, SSS 40
In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful GTG 654, SSS 316
La paz del Señor / The Peace of the Lord SSS 194
Yes, Lord AAHH 667

Prayer for Illumination

¡Aleluya! Señor, ¿a quién iremos? / Alleluia! To Whom Shall We Go, Lord? SSS 548
Listen, God Is Calling GTG 456
There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (stanza 1) GTG 408, AAHH 326

Anthems for Children's Choirs in Easter

Resurrection of the Lord

"Sing Out with Joy," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni/2pt, pno, opt fc, opt claves (M)

Easter Season

"Bring Peace to Our World," John D. Horman, CGA, uni/2 pt with narr, C treble inst, keybd (MA)
"A Prayer for Humility," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni, pno (E)
"Come with a Grateful Heart," Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo, CGA, uni, pno, opt fl and rhythm inst, opt Scripture introduction (E)

Anthems for Youth Choirs in Easter

Resurrection of the Lord / Season of Easter

"Rejoice, the Lord Is Alive," Earlene Rentz, CGA, SAB, pno (M)
"Wake the Jubilation," Rollo Dilworth, HAL, SATB, pno, bass (ME)
"Christ Jesus Is Arisen," Michael Burkhardt, MSM, SATB, org (ME)

Pentecost

"God, You Made All Things for Singing," John Ferguson, MSM, SATB, org (M)
"Let the Praise Go Round," William Boyce, arr. Hal Hopson, ALF, SAB, pno (ME)

Handbell Music in Easter

“Easter,” William Payn, 3-5 oct, opt 3-5 oct hc, AGEHR, AG35307, Level 3

“Easter Celebration,” LLANFAIR, EASTER HYMN, VICTORY, arr. Sharon Elery Rogers, 3-4 oct, LOR, 20/1048L, Level 2

“Easter Rondo,” VICTORY, GELOBT SEI GOTT, THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND (from *Messiah*), 3-6 oct, opt 3-5 hc, LOR, 20/1391L, Level 2

“The Empty Tomb,” REDHEAD, EASTER HYMN, arr. John Behnke, 3-5 oct, opt narr, ALF, 23149, Level 2

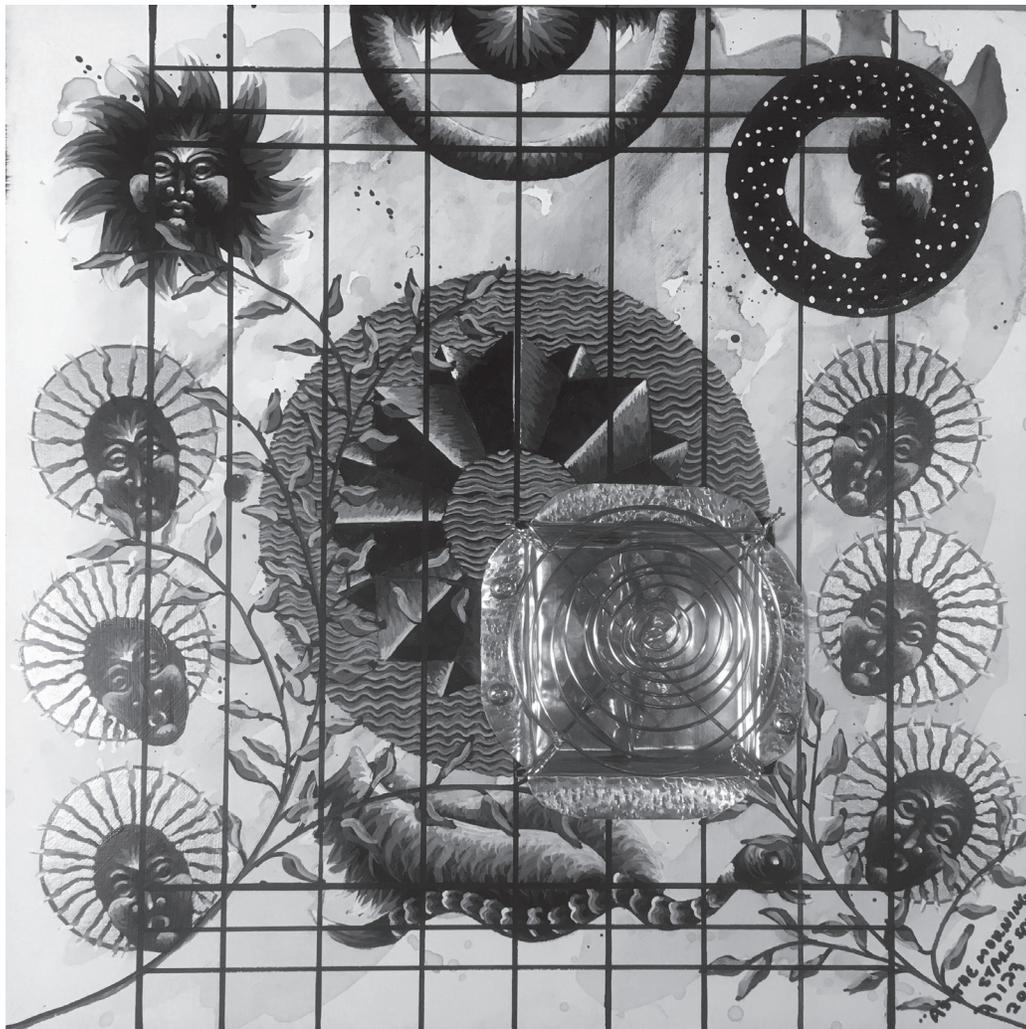
“Lift High the Cross,” arr. Kevin McChesney, 3-4 oct, LOR, HB230, Level 2

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again,” arr. Sondra Tucker, 3-5 oct, opt C inst, opt tamb, HOPE, 2350, Level 3+

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing,” arr. Anna Laura Page, 2-3 oct, ALF, 19016, Level 1

“Cantad al Señor (Oh, Sing to the Lord),” arr. Kevin McChesney, 2-3 oct, opt perc, AF, 11-10690, Level 3

“Crown Him with Many Crowns,” arr. Matthew Compton, 3-5 oct, opt 3-5 hc, AGEHR, AG35340, Level 3



Deborah Sokolove,
“Reliquary Series: As the Morning Stars Sang Together,” mixed media (acrylic on panel
with copper inset and relic), 2019,
12 × 12 × 1½ in.

April 4, 2026

Great Vigil of Easter
Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen; Exodus 14 is always included.

Genesis 1:1–2:4a	The seven days of creation; God rests on the seventh day.
Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26	Give thanks to God, creator of all, whose love endures forever.
Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18;	The story of the great flood and God's covenant with Noah.
8:6–18; 9:8–13	
Psalm 46	Though the earth changes and the waters roar, God is our refuge.
Genesis 22:1–18	Obedying God, Abraham prepares to sacrifice his son Isaac.
Psalm 16	The Lord protects and instructs me; God preserves my life.
Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21	Pursued by the Egyptians, the Israelites escape through the sea.
Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18	Moses sings praise to the Lord, who has delivered the people.
Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21;	Wisdom calls out: come, eat and drink; walk in the way of insight.
9:4b–6	
Psalm 19	The heavens declare God's glory; the law of the Lord is sweet.
Isaiah 55:1–11	Come to the waters; listen and live; God's promise will not fail.
Isaiah 12:2–6	Surely God is my salvation; with joy, draw water from the well.
Isaiah 61:1–4, 9–11	The spirit of the Lord is upon me; God clothes me in righteousness.
Deuteronomy 32:1–4,	I will proclaim the name of the Lord; God will have compassion.
7, 36a, 43a	
Ezekiel 36:24–28	God will cleanse the people, giving them a new heart and spirit.
Psalms 42 and 43	Like a deer, I thirst for the living God; God is my help and hope.
Ezekiel 37:1–14	In a valley of dry bones, Ezekiel has a vision of hope for Israel.
Psalm 143	My soul thirsts for you, God; answer me, or I will go to the grave.
Daniel 3:1–29	God saves Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the furnace.
Song of the Three 35–65	A song of praise from the furnace: Bless the Lord, all creation.
Jonah 1:1–2:1	Trying to avoid his call to Nineveh, Jonah is caught in a storm.
Jonah 2:2–3 (4–6), 7–9	From the belly of the fish, Jonah calls out to the Lord for help.
Zephaniah 3:14–20	Sing and rejoice, people of God; the Lord will bring you home.
Psalm 98	Let all creation make a joyful noise to the Lord, who is coming.
Romans 6:3–11	Through baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection.
Psalm 114	The earth shakes and the sea retreats in the presence of the Lord.
John 20:1–18	At the empty tomb, the risen Lord appears to Mary Magdalene.

Opening Sentences

Beloved of God, the hour has come.
Let us gather at the tomb, so that with the disciples
and believers of every time and place,
we might behold the great mystery
of the resurrection

and proclaim with one heart and voice:
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Let every knee bow and every voice ring out
in awe and wonder, for death is no more.
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

All-powerful God,
 in whom darkness and light are one,
 in the quiet of this day,
 we are weary; we are still afraid.
 Gather us into the fire of your divine heart
 and warm us with your love,
 that with renewed hope
 we may bear witness to the light of the risen Christ
 shining throughout the world.
 Make us ready and make us yours.
 We praise your holy name. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING / SERVICE OF LIGHT

Rejoice, Heavenly Powers!

THE EXSULTET PSA 196, 197

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN GTG 10

Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE GTG 37

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN GTG 234

SERVICE OF READINGS

See Psalm settings in response to each reading.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG GTG 485

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

RUSTINGTON GTG 484

Crashing Waters at Creation

CRASHING WATERS GTG 476

Baptized in Water BUNESSAN GTG 482

EUCCHARIST

Joyful Is the Dark LINDNER GTG 230

Be Not Afraid BE NOT AFRAID GTG 243

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR GTG 511

This Is the Feast of Victory

FESTIVAL CANTICLE GTG 513

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA GTG 536

Come, Risen Lord SURSUM CORDA PH 503

SENDING

The Day of Resurrection! LANCASHIRE GTG 233

The Strife is O'er VICTORY GTG 236

This Joyful Eastertide VREUCHTEN GTG 244

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE GTG 235

Alleluia! Christ is Arisen / ¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó

SANTO DOMINGO GTG 253

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26**Metrical**We Give Thanks unto You [WE GIVE THANKS UNTO
YOU]; GTG 75, PAS 136C, LUYH 52Let Us with a Gladsome Mind [MONKLAND,
GENEVAN 136]; GTG 31, PAS 136A, B**Responsorial**

Give Thanks unto the Lord [KIHAYA]; PAS 136G

All Creation Join to Say [EASTER HYMN]; PAS 136D

Psalm 46**Metrical**God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength [WINCHESTER
OLD]; GTG 329Dios es nuestro amparo / God Will Be Our Refuge
[AMPARO]; PAS 46BGod, Our Help and Constant Refuge [MICHAEL];
PAS 46C**Responsorial**God Is Our Help, Refuge, and Strength [GOD IS OUR
HELP]; GTG 380

The Lord of Hosts Is with Us; PAS 46D

Psalm 16**Metrical**When in the Night I Meditate [ST. FLAVIAN,
MAITLAND, MORNING SONG]; GTG 810, PAS 16A,
PP 28 (with refrain)Protect Me, God [MEPHIBOSHETH]; PAS 16C,
LUYH 411**Responsorial**

My Heart Is Glad; PAS 16D (alt. refrain)

Harbor of My Heart; PAS 16B

Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18

Responsorial

I Will Sing to the Lord; PSA 174

Psalm 19

Metrical

God's Glory Fills the Heavens [ST. PATRICK]; GTG 690, PAS 19B, LUYH 719

The Stars Declare His Glory [DEERFIELD]; PAS 19A

Silent Voices [SILENT VOICES]; PAS 19F

Responsorial

Lord, You Have the Words; PP 32

Isaiah 55:1–11

Metrical

You Thirsty Ones, Come [HEAVEN'S RAIN]; GTG 78

All Who Are Thirsty [MALATE]; LUYH 807

Responsorial

Table of Plenty [TABLE OF PLENTY]; LUYH 808

Isaiah 12:2–6

Responsorial

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me [FIRST SONG];

GTG 71

Psalm 42/43

Metrical

As Pants the Deer for Living Streams [SEACHRIST]; GTG 778

As a Deer in Want of Water [FREU DICH SEHR/GENEVAN 42]; PAS 42E, LUYH 616

Responsorial

My Soul Thirsts for the Living God; PAS 42F

O Why Are You Cast Down [GO DOWN MOSES];

PP 80

Psalm 143

Metrical

Hear My Prayer, O God [HYMN CHANT]; GTG 782, PAS 143A, LUYH 895

When Morning Lights the Eastern Skies [ST. STEPHEN]; PH 250, PP 282

Responsorial

What Wondrous Love [WONDROUS LOVE]; PAS 143B

Christ Has Been Raised; PSA 146

Song of the Three

Metrical

All Creatures of Our God and King [LASST UNS ERFREUEN]; GTG 15, LUYH 551

Responsorial

Let the Whole Creation Bless the Lord; PSA 180

To God Be Highest Glory and Praise Forever;

PSA 181

Psalm 98 (See also Christmas Day)

Metrical

Joy to the World [ANTIOCH]; GTG 134

New Songs of Celebration Render [RENDEZ A DIEU]; GTG 371

Sing, Sing a New Song to the Lord God; PAS 98C, LUYH 547

Responsorial

All the Ends of the Earth Have Seen the Victory; PAS 98B

Sing to the Lord a New Song; PAS 98A

Psalm 114

Metrical

When Israel Was Going Forth [PISGAH]; GTG 58

When Israel Fled from Egypt Land [O HEILAND REISS, ANDRE]; PAS 114B, A; LUYH 41

Organ Music

“As the Deer Runs to the River,” JULION, *Augsburg Organ Library: Lent II*, Christopher Uehlein, AF (M)

“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing,” *Eight Chorale Preludes for Manuals Only, Vol. 2*, AF (M)

“Fantasy on O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing,” *The Lord Is Risen: Easter and Pentecost Music for Organ or Piano*, Marilyn Biery, MSM (ME)

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing,” *Organ Works of Healey Willan*, Healey Willan, CON (M)

Piano Music

- “Impromptu No. 5 in B Minor,” *6 Impromptus, Op. 5*, Jean Sibelius, BKH (MA)
 “Im Anfange ruhiges, im Verlauf bewegtes Tempo, Op. 133, No. 5,” *Gesänge der Frühe, Op. 133*, Robert Schumann, HEN (A)
 “Memory Mist,” Florence Price, GSH (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

- “Psalm 98,” Jane Marshall, CGA, uni, pno (E)
 “Go Down, Moses,” Vicki Tucker Courtney, BRI, 2 pt, pno (E)
 “Go Down, Moses,” Anne Heider, GIA, SAB, pno (ME)
 “Song of Miriam,” Elaine Hagenberg, Elaine Hagenberg Music, SSA, pno (M)
 “All Ye Works of the Lord, Bless the Lord,” Kenneth Jennings, AF, SATB, org (MA)
 “O Taste and See,” Bruce Neswick, AF, SATB, sop solo, org (MA)
 “Like as the Hart,” Herbert Howells, OUP, SATB, org (A)
 “Since by Man Came Death,” *Messiah*, George Frideric Handel, NOV, SATB, orch (A)

Art

- Late Night Reflections*, Alma Woodsey Thomas, 1972 (WA)
The Water of Life, mosaic, Italian, 19th century (PD) (NAT)
Dream of the Virgin, Simone dei Crocefissi, 1365–80 (PD) (NAT)
Sealing of Christ’s Tomb, Russian icon (VDL)
Three Marys at the Tomb; Descent into Hell, Duccio, de Buoninsegna, 1319 (VDL)
Lamentation, stained glass, Chartres (VDL)
Hand of Love, Dante Gabriel Rossetti (VDL)

April 5, 2026

Resurrection of the Lord /
Easter Sunday

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 10:34-43	Peter testifies to Jesus' death and resurrection; Jesus is Lord of all.
or Jeremiah 31:1-6	The prophet proclaims God's everlasting love and faithfulness.
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	I will not die, I will live; this is the day that the Lord has made.
Colossians 3:1-4	If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above.
or Acts 10:34-43	Peter testifies to Jesus' death and resurrection; Jesus is Lord of all.
John 20:1-18	At the empty tomb, the risen Lord appears to Mary Magdalene.
or Matthew 28:1-10	Women find Jesus' tomb empty; he has been raised from the dead.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 118)

Through God's miracle of grace,
we have come through the night
and arrived at this glorious dawn.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All doors are open, all creation sings,
all that was broken is made whole,
and we have new life.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

Risen Lord,
we turn from the night's vigil
toward the first rays of your new dawn
warming all creation.
We praise you that you are alive here with us
and that no power can stop your love.
Teach us what it means
for Death to relinquish its hold on us,
that with renewed hearts
we might know resurrection hope in our bodies
and cry, Alleluia! **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (AEG)

EASTER HYMN GTG 232

Earth, Earth, Awake! (AEG) STUEMPFLE ACS 937

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! (AG)

GELOBT SEI GOTT GTG 239

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! (AEG)

LLANFAIR GTG 245

WORD

In the Darkness of the Morning (G)

KAS DZIEDAJA GTG 229

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (G)

O FILII ET FILIAE GTG 235

The Strife Is O'er (AEG) VICTORY GTG 236

Thine Is the Glory (G) JUDAS MACCABEUS GTG 238

Woman, Weeping in the Garden (G)

KINGDOM GTG 241

Because You Live, O Christ (G) VRUECHTEN GTG 249

EUCCHARIST

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (A)

ST. KEVIN GTG 234

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (E)

ALLELUIA NO. 1 GTG 240

Be Not Afraid (G) BE NOT AFRAID GTG 243

Now the Green Blade Rises (G)

NOËL NOUVELET GTG 247

SENDING

The Day of Resurrection! LANCASHIRE GTG 233

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands (A)

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN GTG 237

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded (G)

IN DIR IST FREUDE GTG 242

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (G)

HYMN TO JOY GTG 248

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (G)

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA GTG 251

Hail Thee, Festival Day! (G)

SALVE FESTA DIES GTG 277

Arise, Arise, O People of God (AEG) REJOICE,

REJOICE *Sing No Empty Alleluias*, Chris Shelton,
GIA, 13

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Metrical

This Is the Day [ESTE ES LA DÍA]; GTG 391

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made [NUN DANKET
ALL' UND BRINGET EHR']; GTG 681

Responsorial

This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made; LP 841

Organ Music

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! / Now All the
Vault of Heaven Resounds," LASST UNS ERFREUEN,
Augsburg Organ Library: Easter II, Aaron Show,
AF (M)

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! / Joyful, Joyful
We Adore Thee," HYMN TO JOY, *Augsburg Organ
Library: Easter II*, Kristina Langlois, AF (MA)

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," *Organ Works of Healey
Willan*, Healey Willan, CON (ME)

"This Joyful Eastertide," *Light on Your Feet, Vol. 5*,
Wayne L. Wold, AF (E)

Piano Music

"April-England, Op. 48, No. 1," John Foulds,
Repertoire Explorer (A)

"Etude in A-flat Major, Op. 25, No. 1," *Etudes*,
Frédéric Chopin, HEN (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright," Hal Hopson,
MSM, SATB, org, opt brass (ME)

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" John Ferguson,
AF, SATB, org, opt perc, piccolo (ME)

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives," Craig Courtney,
BP, SATB, pno (M)

"On Easter Morn," Alice Parker, GSH, SATB,
acap (MA)

"Easter Anthem," William Billings, GSH, SATB,
acap (MA)

"Hallelujah," *Messiah*, George Frideric Handel, NOV,
SATB, orch (A)

"Hallelujah," *Christ on the Mount of Olives*, Ludwig
van Beethoven, IMSLP.org, SATB, orch (A)

Art

Mary Magdalene in the Garden with Jesus, Rowan and
Irene LeCompte (VDL)

Seed Gathering Napangati Women, Makinti
Napanangka, 1996 (WA)

Stone Enclosure: Rock Rings, Nancy Holt,
1977-78 (WA)

*Disciples John and Peter on Their Way to the Tomb on
Easter Morning*, Eugene Burnand (VDL)

Woman, Why Weepest Thou? Fritz von Uhde, 19th
century (VDL)

The Robe of Christ, Silviu Oravitzan, 1996 (WA)

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Peter addresses the people: Jesus is risen, and we are witnesses.
Psalm 16	You protect me from death, O God, and show me the path of life.
1 Peter 1:3-9	We have a new birth into a living hope through Jesus' resurrection.
John 20:19-31	Jesus shares the Holy Spirit; a week later, he appears to Thomas.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 150)

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
By his mercy God has given us a new birth
into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
We rejoice, for we are children of God.
We proclaim our faith:
no power can overcome Christ's love,
and as his body, we have received salvation.
In love and joy, we praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, we sing your praises.
You have brought us new life and freed us for love.
Shake us free of anything that inhibits us
from living fully as your new creation.
Help us to live into your resurrection
in relationships mended, wounds healed,
communities restored, and wrongs made right,
that we might reach for your hand
and to witness together,
"My Lord and my God!" **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (E)
EASTER HYMN GTG 232
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! (G)
LLANFAIR GTG 245
Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen (G)
SANTO DOMINGO GTG 253
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (G)
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR GTG 254

WORD

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers (AEG)
SUO GAN GTG 231
Thine Is the Glory (AG) JUDAS MACCABEUS GTG 238
O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (G)
O FILII ET FILIAE GTG 255/235
These Things Did Thomas Count as Real (G)
KEDRON GTG 256
We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight (EG)
DUNLAP'S CREEK GTG 817
I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy (EG)
I'VE GOT THE JOY AAHH 622
Through the Walls (G) BREAKTHROUGH *Sing No
Empty Alleluias*, Chris Shelton, GIA, 132

EUCCHARIST

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (AE)
ALLELUIA NO. 1 GTG 240
In the Bulb There Is a Flower (E) PROMISE GTG 250
You Are Holy (A) DU ÄR HELIG GTG 596

SENDING

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded (G)
 IN DIR IST FREUDE GTG 242
 This Joyful Eastertide (A) VRUECHTEN GTG 244
 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (AE)
 MFURAHINI, HALELUYA GTG 251
 How Firm a Foundation (A) FOUNDATION GTG 463
 Touch That Soothes and Heals (G) CIVILITY ACS 939

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 16

Metrical

When in the Night I Meditate [ST. FLAVIAN];
 GTG 810
 Harbor of My Heart; PAS 16B

Responsorial

O Lord, It Is You Who Are My Portion and Cup;
 PRCL 65 (PT #8), 172 (PT #8)
 Preserve Me, God, I Take Refuge in You; PRCL 77
 (PT #9), 113 (PT #7), PSA 10
 Lord, in You I Trust [MORNING SONG]; PP 28

Organ Music

“Beautiful Savior,” *Lord, Thee I Love: Hymn Settings for Organ*, David Cherwien, AF (M)
 “Now the Green Blade Rises,” *Light on Your Feet, Vol. 3*, Wayne L. Wold, AF (ME)
 “Prelude and Opt. Fanfare,” CRUCIFER, *Five Chorale Preludes and Free Hymn Accompaniments*, Faythe Freese, MSM (M)
 “Tocatta on Noël Nouvelet,” *Music for the Paschal Season*, Mark Sedio, AF (M)

Piano Music

“Ode (Ballad),” *Book of Odes*, Andy Villemez, available from andyvillemez.com (ME)
 “Rondo . . . Spring Comes Again, Op. 71, No. 7,” *Pleiades Dances VI VII VIII IX*, Takashi Yoshimatsu, Ongaku no Tomo (M)
 “Mouvement de menuet,” *Sonatine*, Maurice Ravel, HEN (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Joy in the Morning,” Natalie Sleeth, HOPE, SATB, pno (E)
 “The Strife Is O’er,” Robert Powell, MSM, SATB, org, opt brass, opt cong (E)
 “O Sing We Alleluia,” Sheldon Curry, JM, SATB, pno (ME)
 “Peace I Leave with You,” Knut Nystedt, AF, SSATB, acap (MA)
 “Quia Vidisti Me, Thoma (Because You Have Seen Me, Thomas),” Hans Leo Hassler, IMSLP.org, SATB, acap (A)
 “A Better Resurrection,” Craig Courtney, BP, SSAATTBB, acap (A)

Art

Christ with Thomas, Rowan and Irene LeCompte (VDL)
Jesus Appears to Thomas, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)
Resurrected Christ Appearing to His Disciples, Luca Signorelli, 1514 (VDL)
Touch in Real Time, Holly Hanessian, 2013 (SECC)
Empathy Quilt, Melissa Sarris, 2024 (melissasarris.com/sq)

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Peter continues: Repent and be baptized; receive the Holy Spirit.
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	Death encompassed me, but God delivered me; praise the Lord!
1 Peter 1:17-23	You were saved by the blood of Christ; you have been born anew.
Luke 24:13-35	On the road to Emmaus, two disciples meet the risen Lord.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 30)

Jesus the Christ has freed us from death
and brought us into new life.
Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.
In genuine, mutual love,
let us worship with one heart and one voice.
In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!

Prayer of the Day

Risen and Living God,
in your endless love and grace,
you have given us all we need.
Open our weary eyes
to moments when need meets resource
and longing is satisfied in giving.
Send us where you need us
and fill us with your purpose,
so that all people may know the wonder and joy
of your redeeming presence,
through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (EG)
EASTER HYMN GTG 232
What Is This Place (A) KOMT NU MET ZANG GTG 404
Baptized in Water (AE) BUNESSAN GTG 482

WORD
Day of Arising (G) RAABE GTG 252
Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table! (A)
COPELAND GTG 506
When the Poor Ones / Cuando el pobre (G)
EL CAMINO GTG 762
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (EG)
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN GTG 729
Jesus, Priceless Treasure (E)
JESU, MEINE FREUDE GTG 830

EUCCHARIST
Christ Has Risen while Earth Slumbers (EG)
SUO GAN GTG 231
Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread (G)
ST. FLAVIAN GTG 500
Let Us Break Bread Together (A)
LET US BREAK BREAD GTG 525

SENDING
The Risen Christ (G) WOODLANDS GTG 257
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (G)
LES PETITES SOEURS GTG 737
By Gracious Powers (G) INTERCESSOR GTG 818
Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! (E)
ASSURANCE GTG 839

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Metrical

I Will Call upon the Lord [I WILL CALL]; GTG 621

I Will Walk in the Presence of God [SCOTLAND];
PAS 116E

Responsorial

I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry; PAS 116C

Lord, in You I Trust; PP 218

Organ Music

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs,” *Music for the Paschal Season*, Mark Sedio, AF (ME)

“I Come with Joy,” *Evening and Morning: Hymn Settings for Organ*, David Cherwien, AF (ME)

“Jubilate,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Easter II*, Emma Lou Diemer, AF (MA)

“Meditation on Fairest Lord Jesus,” *Fairest Lord Jesus: Four Hymn Settings for Organ*, Joyce Jones, MSM (E)

Piano Music

“At a Certain Church,” *Piano Music of Africa and the African Diaspora, Vol. 2: Intermediate*, John W. Work III, OUP (M)

“Adagio from Sonata in D Major, K. 576,” *Sonatas and Three Fantasias*, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, KAL (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” Michael Burkhardt, MSM, SATB, org, opt brass, opt cong (E)

“Assurance,” John Ness Beck, BP, SATB, org (E)

“Blessed Assurance,” Keith Hampton, CGA, SATB, solo, pno (ME)

“Nothing but the Blood of Jesus,” David Rasbach, HOPE, SATB, pno (M)

“Nothing but the Blood of Jesus,” Craig Courtney, BP, SATB, pno, vln (M)

“Day of Arising,” David Cherwien, MSM, SATB, org, fl or vln or cl (M)

“Love One Another,” Andrew Carter, OUP, SATB, org (MA)

Art

Martyrs of Uganda, Emmaus House, Uganda, 20th century (VDL)

Road to Emmaus, Altobello Melone, 14th century (VDL)

Between You and Me, Jen DePaolo, 2018 (SECC)

Make a Salad, Alison Knowles, 1962 (WA)

Road to Emmaus, Fritz von Uhde, 1891 (VDL)

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 2:42-47	The believers share all things, worshipping and eating together.
Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd, leading, protecting, and feeding me.
1 Peter 2:19-25	Like sheep, we go astray; but Christ is the shepherd of our souls.
John 10:1-10	Jesus says: I am the gate for the sheep; enter by me and be saved.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 23)

We have been through much,
but the Lord has been with us,
and so we find peace and give thanks.
**The Lord is our shepherd;
we have everything we need.**
Through shadow and light,
through death and birth, through grief and joy,
we have never been alone. We rest in that truth.
**Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow us all the days of our lives,
and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Prayer of the Day

God our Shepherd,
you are our safe place, our shelter,
our ground, our breath.
We turn to you in hope and trust,
knowing we have come this far by faith,
and you will guide us all the way.
Mold our daily patterns for your purposes
so that we may live as one heart and mind
with you and our neighbors,
rejoicing together and praising your holy name,
through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
The Church's One Foundation (A) AURELIA GTG 321
God Is Calling through the Whisper (G)
W ŻŁOBIE ŁĘŻY GTG 410
There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (E)
SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT GTG 408
O God, You Are My God (EG)
STEP BY STEP GTG 743

WORD

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (EG)
BRADBURY GTG 187
We Are One in the Spirit (A)
THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS GTG 300
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (EG)
ST. COLUMBA GTG 802
Shepherd Me, O God (EG) SHEPHERD ME ELW 780

EUCCHARIST

We Come as Guests Invited (E)
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN GTG 504
Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table! (G)
COPELAND GTG 506
Come, Let Us Eat (A) A VA DE GTG 528
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (A)
Linstead GTG 526
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (EG)
RESIGNATION GTG 803

SENDING

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (G)

EASTER HYMN GTG 232

I Come with Joy (A) DOVE OF PEACE GTG 515

God Be with You till We Meet Again (G)

RANDOLPH/GOD BE WITH YOU GTG 541, 542

Guide My Feet (E) GUIDE MY FEET GTG 741

A Place Called Home (AG) FINLANDIA SSS 282

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 23

Metrical

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need [RESIGNATION];

GTG 803, PAS 23A

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee [WER NUR

DEN LIEBEN GOTT]; GTG 816

Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows [DOMINUT

REGIT ME]; PAS 23E

Responsorial

My Shepherd Is the Lord, Nothing Indeed Shall I

Want; PSA 18

Shepherd Me, O God [SHEPHERD ME]; GTG 473,

PAS 23G

The Lord Is My Shepherd; LP 800

The Lord Is My Shepherd; PRCL 54

Organ Music

“Brother James’ Air: The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll
Not Want,” *Deo Gracias: Six Preludes and a Postlude
for Organ on Well-Known Hymns*, Gerald Near,
MSM (M)

“Earth and All Stars / Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen,”
Augsburg Organ Library: Easter, Keith Kolander,
AF (M)

“Have No Fear, Little Flock,” *Voluntaries for Worship*,
Michael Burkhardt, MSM (M)

“Jesus, My Great High Priest,” *Organ Works of Healey
Willan*, Healey Willan, CON (M)

Piano Music

“Volta Fantasy,” *Piano Music of Africa and the African
Diaspora, Vol. 2: Intermediate*, J. H. Kwabena
Nketia, OUP (M)

“Andante tranquillo,” *Pastorale in F Major*, Johann
Sebastian Bach, arr. Dinu Lipatti, IMSLP.org (M)

“Allegretto grazioso,” *Pastorale in F Major*, Johann
Sebastian Bach, arr. Dinu Lipatti, IMSLP.org (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is,” Kevin
Hildebrand, MSM, SAB, org, fl, opt cong (E)

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is,” John Ness Beck,
BP, SATB, pno (E)

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us,” Lloyd Larson,
LOR, SATB, solo, acap (M)

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (Blessed Jesus),”
Heather Sorenson, HAL, SATB, pno, opt vln, opt
gtr, opt banjo, opt perc (M)

“My Song in the Night,” Terre Johnson, MSM,
SATB, pno, vc (MA)

“Greater Love Hath No Man,” John Ireland, GMC,
SATB, bari solo, org (A)

“Are We Like Sheep,” *Messiah*, George Frideric
Handel, NOV, SATB, orch (A)

Art

Fields in Spring, Yayoi Kusama, 1988 (WA)

Holy Mountain I, Horace Pippin, 1944 (WA)

Good Shepherd, Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1930 (VDL)

Shepherdess with Her Flock, Eugene-Joseph
Verboeckhoven, 19th century (VDL)

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 7:55-60	An angry crowd stones Stephen; he prays: Jesus, receive my spirit.
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Deliver me, O Lord; into your hand I commit my spirit.
1 Peter 2:2-10	Now you are God's people, built into a temple like living stones.
John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life; he prepares a place for us.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 148)

Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight,
and on him we build our lives.

**We are God's people,
and we proclaim God's mighty acts,
for we have been called out of darkness
and into the light.**

Once we were not a people,
but now we are God's people;
once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy.

With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

Prayer of the Day

God of all journeys, the road we travel is stony,
and often we struggle to hold fast to hope.
But in you, we find new courage,
new purpose, and new life.

By your grace, teach us to live as your Easter people,
with mercy, compassion, and justice.

Guide us with your light,
that in your all-sufficient presence,
we might raise our voices in endless praise. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (AEG)

GROSSER GOTT GTG 4

Christ Is Alive! (AG) TRURO GTG 246

Let Us Build a House (E) TWO OAKS GTG 301

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather (G)

TOKYO GTG 311

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (EG)

TOULON GTG 624

WORD

Jesus, Remember Me (A) REMEMBER ME GTG 227

The Church's One Foundation (AEG)

AURELIA GTG 321

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (A) ABERYSTWYTH GTG 440

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (G)

MIT FREUDEN ZART GTG 645

I Will Be Your Standing Stone (E) by Melanie

DeMore on *In the Mother House* album and at
riseupsinging.org

EUCCHARIST

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (A)

HYMN TO JOY GTG 248

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen (AEG)

SURGE ECCLESIA GTG 536

Lord, Prepare Me (EG) SANCTUARY GTG 701

SENDING

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded (G)

IN DIR IST FREUDE GTG 242

For All the Saints (AEG) SINE NOMINE GTG 326

To God Be the Glory (G)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY GTG 634

The First Time That Death Came for Jesus (A)
BORREVIK *At the Weaving of Creation*, Benjamin Brody, GIA, 153

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Metrical

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name [GROSSER GOTT];
OLOF 69

Make Your Face to Shine [GLAUCIA]; GTG 811

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God [MORNING SONG];
GTG 214

Responsorial

In You, O Lord, in You I Have Taken Refuge; PSA 28
Lord, You Are My Refuge; in You Alone I Trust;
PP 58

Organ Music

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation,”
WESTMINSTER ABBEY, *Augsburg Organ Library:
Summer*, Richard Proulx, AF (M)

“Let All Give Thanks and Praise,” *Come, Ye Thankful
People: Easy Organ Music for Thanksgiving*, Richard
A. Williamson, LOR (E)

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds,” *Music for
the Paschal Season*, Mark Sedio, AF (M)

“Trio on Ash Grove,” *Come, Ye Thankful People: Easy
Organ Music for Thanksgiving*, Douglas E. Wagner,
LOR (ME)

Piano Music

“Nocturne in E-flat Major, H. 24,” *Nocturnes*, John
Field, Peters (M)

“Romance,” Germaine Tailleferre, IMSLP.org (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“The Call,” Tony Alonso, GIA, SAB, pno, opt vc, opt
C inst, opt gtr, opt cong (E)

“At the Name of Jesus,” Michael Burkhardt, MSM,
SATB, org, opt brass (E)

“Hiding in Thee,” Cindy Berry, JM, SATB, pno (ME)

“I’ll Fly Away,” Brandon Boyd, MSM, SATB div, pno,
opt bass, opt drum set (MA)

“The Call,” Z. Randall Stroope, MSM, SATB,
org (MA)

“Nada Te Turba,” Joan Szymko, SBMP, SATB, vc (A)

Art

Sun, Edvard Munch, 1909 (VDL)

Stoning of St. Stephen, Vittore Carpaccio, 1520 (VDL)

Lift Every Voice and Sing, or, The Harp, Augusta
Savage, 1939 (VDL)

In My Father’s House Are Many Mansions, #4,392,
Howard Finster, 1985 (WA)

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 17:22-31	Paul introduces the Athenians to their “unknown god”: the Lord.
Psalm 66:8-20	Bless God, who hears our prayers and keeps us among the living.
1 Peter 3:13-22	Do not fear; testify to the hope that is in you through Christ.
John 14:15-21	Jesus says: the Father will send the Spirit, who will abide in you.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 67)

Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard!
God has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.
**We went through fire and through water,
yet God has brought us out to a spacious place.**
Come and hear what God has done for us,
all who fear God.
**Surely God has listened to us
and heard our prayers!
Blessed be God, who is steadfast love.**

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God,
through all the ages, you have kept your promises.
You have freed us
from the powers of scarcity and death
for abundant new life.
Stay with us as we wait and watch for your Spirit
with excitement and hope,
that we may experience your love
and share it with our lives,
in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (A)
ST. DENIO GTG 12
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (E)
EASTER HYMN GTG 232
Come Down, O Love Divine (G)
DOWN AMPNEY GTG 282
Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace (G)
TAMA NGAKAU MARIE GTG 425
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (E)
LASST UNS ERFREUEN ELW 367

WORD

In the Darkness of the Morning (G)
KAS DZIEDAJA GTG 229
Joyful Is the Dark (AEG) LINDNER GTG 230
Be Not Afraid (EG) BE NOT AFRAID GTG 243
Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire (G)
VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS GTG 278
God of This City (A) GOD OF THIS CITY LUYH 277

EUCCHARIST

I Need Thee Every Hour (AE) NEED GTG 735
As the Wind Song (AG) WAIRUA TAPU GTG 292
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (EG)
SCHMÜCKE DICH GTG 514
With Thy Spirit Fill Me (G) AAHH 322

SENDING

In Christ There Is No East or West (A)

MC KEE/ST. PETER GTG 317, 318

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (G)

HYFRYDOL GTG 366

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (A)

MIT FREUDEN ZART GTG 645

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 66:8–20

Metrical

Make a Joyful Noise to God! [DIX]; GTG 54

Heleluyan, We Are Singing [HELELUYAN]; GTG 642

Responsorial

Let All the Earth Cry Out to God with Joy; PSA 58

Organ Music

“Bread of Life from Heaven,” *God of the World: Hymn Tunes from Many Nations*, Edwin T. Childs, AF (M)

“Come Down, O Love Divine,” DOWN AMPNEY, *Augsburg Organ Library: Easter*, Mark Sedio, AF (ME)

“I. Intrada and VI. Meditation,” *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice: Partita on Nun freut euch*, Kevin Hildebrand, CON (M)

“Oh, Sing to the Lord,” *God of the World: Hymn Tunes from Many Nations*, Edwin T. Childs, AF (M)

Piano Music

“Impromptu No. 3,” *Impromptus*, Franz Schubert, HEN (MA)

“Twilight, Op. 12,” Arthur Sullivan, IMSLP.org (MA)

“Prelude No. V,” *10 Preludes*, Carlos Chavez, GSH (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“All Creatures of Our God and King,” Margaret Tucker, CGA, SAB, org, opt hb, opt fl, opt cong (E)

“For the Beauty of the Earth,” John Rutter, OUP, SATB, pno (ME)

“All Creatures of Our God and King,” Mark Hayes, LOR, SATB, pno (ME)

“Children of the Heavenly Father,” Eric Nelson, MSM, SATB, pno (M)

“If Ye Love Me,” Thomas Tallis, IMSLP.org, SATB, acap (M)

“With a Voice of Singing,” Kenneth Jennings, AF, SATB div, acap (MA)

Art

The River of Life, Corrine Peterson, 1999 (VDL)

Watts Chapel—Ceiling Apex with Four Seraphs, Compton, UK, 1895 (VDL)

Flying with Fabrics: Stitching Exchange, Melissa Sarris, 2023 (melissasarris.com/stitching-exchange)

May 14, 2026

Ascension of the Lord

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 1:1-11	Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus ascends into heaven.
Psalm 47	Clap, shout, and sing with joy: the Lord reigns over all the earth.
or Psalm 93	The Lord reigns in majesty, high above the mighty waters.
Ephesians 1:15-23	Christ is seated at God's right hand, above every earthly power.
Luke 24:44-53	Jesus interprets the Scriptures; then he is carried up into heaven.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 47)

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;
we behold God's glory.

**God has gone up with a shout,
with the sound of a trumpet.**

Give thanks to God, O faithful ones.

Sing praises to God; sing praises.

Sing praises to our King; sing praises!

Prayer of the Day

Lord God of power and might,
we are breathless when we behold your glory.
Shape our words into praise
and our actions to be a reflection of your goodness.
Keep our feet on the earth
and your good news on our lips,
that we may bring truth where there is deception,
hope where there is fear,
liberation where there is oppression,
companionship to those who are abandoned,
and abundance to those who hunger and thirst,
in the name of Jesus the Christ,
whom alone we worship and serve. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (AEG)

CORONATION GTG 263

At the Name of Jesus (E) KING'S WESTON GTG 264

Come, Christians, Join to Sing (AEG)

MADRID GTG 267

Hail Thee, Festival Day! (G)

SALVE FESTA DIES GTG 277

Pueblos Todos / All You Peoples (AG) by Samuel

Ruiz, trans. Greg Scheer, SSS 446

WORD

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands (AEG)

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN GTG 237

Because You Live, O Christ (E)

VRUECHTEN GTG 249

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus (E)

ALL SAINTS GTG 262

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (AEG)

DEO GRACIAS GTG 258

EUCCHARIST

Joyful Is the Dark (G) LINDNER GTG 230

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (AG) HYFRYDOL GTG 260

Here, O Our Lord, We See You (AEG)

MORECAMBE GTG 517

SENDING

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (AE)

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE GTG 192

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! (E)

LLANFAIR GTG 245

Joy to the World (E) RICHMOND GTG 266

Heaven Is Singing for Joy / El cielo canta alegría

(AEG) ALEGRÍA GTG 382

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (AG)

RATISBON GTG 662

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Metrical

Peoples, Clap Your Hands! [GENEVAN 47]; GTG 261

Our God Is an Awesome God [AWESOME GOD];

GTG 616

Responsorial

All Peoples, Clap Your Hands; PRCL 90 (PT #29),

LP 856

Open Your Mouth and Praise the Lord! [OPEN YOUR

MOUTH (Yoruba)]; GTG 640

Clap Your Hands, O Faithful People! [NETTLETON];

PP 90

Organ Music

“O God Eternal Source,” O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT,

An Organ Book, A. W. Leupold, Chantry (M)

“Postlude,” *Prelude and Postlude for Organ*, Norberto

Guinaldo, AF (M)

“The Majesty and Power of His Name: All Hail the

Power of Jesus’ Name,” *Honor and Majesty*, Lyndell

Leatherman, FJH (ME)

“Processional on King’s Weston,” *Fairest Lord Jesus:*

Four Hymn Settings for Organ, Joyce Jones,

MSM (M)

Piano Music

“Allegro from Sonata No. 1 in C Major,” *Complete*

Piano Sonatas, Book I, Joseph Haydn, HEN (M)

“Preludio,” *Valses poéticos*, Enrique Granados,

FJH (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise,” Victor Johnson,

LOR, SATB, org, opt brass, opt cong (E)

“O Clap Your Hands,” Victor Johnson, CGA, SATB,

acap (ME)

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” Michael

Burkhardt, MSM, SATB, org, opt brass, opt

cong (ME)

“The King Is Exalted,” Dennis Allen, JM, SATB,

pno (ME)

“No Rocks A-Cryin,’” Rollo Dilworth, HAL, SATB,

pno (M)

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise,” Dan Forrest, BP,

SATB, org, opt brass, opt perc, opt cong (MA)

“God Is Gone Up,” Gerald Finzi, BH, SATB, org (A)

“O Clap Your Hands,” Orlando Gibbons, IMSLP.org,

SSAATTBB, opt org (A)

Art

Gathered Sky, James Turrell, 2012 (WA)

Ascension II, Jan Richardson (JR)

Ascension of Christ, Bregninge Kirke, Aero Island,

Denmark, 1200 (VDL)

God Loves You, Howard Finster, 1989 (WA)

Ascension, Father George Saget, Abbaye de Keur

Moussa, Senegal, 1963 (VDL)

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 1:6-14 After Jesus' ascension, the disciples go to Jerusalem and pray.
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 God rides upon the clouds, and gives power to the people.
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 You are suffering now, but the God of grace will restore you.
 John 17:1-11 Jesus seeks the glory of God and prays for his disciples.

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 97)

Let the righteous be joyful!
**Sing to God; sing praises to God's name;
 lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.**
 Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.

Prayer of the Day

God of seekers and dreamers,
 speak to us now
 as we wait for your promised word.
 Protect your people, we pray.
 The road ahead may be long,
 but fill us with determination and courage.
 Teach us to be your body with faith and love,
 that we might serve one another
 as companions on the way,
 through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Christ Is Alive! (E) TRURO GTG 246
 Come Down, O Love Divine (G)
 DOWN AMPNEY GTG 282
 The Church's One Foundation (EG)
 AURELIA GTG 321
 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers (A)
 NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR' GTG 407

WORD

Go To Dark Gethsemane (EG) REDHEAD 76 GTG 220
 In My Life (E) LORD, BE GLORIFIED GTG 468
 Why Should I Feel Discouraged? (E)
 SPARROW GTG 661
 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (A)
 RATISBON GTG 662
 We All Are One in Mission (G)
 ES WALD EIN KLEINS VÖGELEIN GTG 733
 Shall Tribulation or Distress (E) ROMANS 8 GTG 823
 Whoever You Are, Your Prayer is Welcome (E)
 OPEN YOUR HEART *Sing No Empty Alleluias* Chris
 Shelton, GIA, 146

EUCCHARIST

You Belong to Christ (G)
 YOU BELONG TO CHRIST GTG 492
 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (A)
 HALLELUYA PELO TSA RONA GTG 538
 Lead Me, Guide Me (E) LEAD ME, GUIDE ME GTG 740
 Come, Bring Your Burdens to God (E)
 WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO GTG 851

SENDING

- In Christ There Is No East or West (G)
 MC KEE/ST. PETER GTG 317, 318
 How Firm a Foundation (AE) FOUNDATION GTG 463
 We Will Go Out with Joy (E)
 WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY GTG 539
 We Will Walk with God (E)
 SIZOHAMBA NAYE GTG 742
 Fight the Good Fight (E) DUKE STREET GTG 846

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35

Metrical

- Come like Driving Wind, O God [NUN KOMM, DER
 HEIDEN HEILAND]; GTG 55
 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler [AUSTIN]; GTG 183
 Come, Bring Your Burdens to God [WOZA
 NOMTHWALO WAKHO]; GTG 851

Responsorial

- My Lips Are Filled with Your Praise; PSA 61
 All Realms of Creation Now Sing with Elation;
 PP 121

Organ Music

- “Gather Us In,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Autumn*,
 Jeffrey Honore, AF (M)
 “Meditation Francaise: We Know That Christ Is
 Raised / When in Our Music God Is Glorified,”
Gathered and Sent: Pairs of Preludes and Postludes
 for Organ, Brenda Portman, AF (M)
 “O Day Full of Grace,” *Five Chorale Preludes on Joyful*
Themes, Tom Mueller, CON (M)
 “The Church’s One Foundation,” *O the Deep Love of*
Jesus, Anna Laura Page, CON (ME)

Piano Music

- “All Through the Night,” *British Melodies*, Cyril
 Scott, IMSLP.org (M)
 “Prière de Matin, Op. 31, No. 19,” *Preludes, Op. 31*,
 Charles-Valentin Alkan, IMSLP.org (ME)
 “Lentamente, Op. 22, No. 1,” *Visions Fugitives*, Sergei
 Prokofiev, HEN (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

- “How Firm a Foundation,” Larry Shackley, LOR,
 SATB, pno (E)
 “How Firm a Foundation,” Tom Trenney, MSM,
 SATB, org, opt cong (E)
 “Immortal, Invisible,” Taylor Davis, CGA, SATB,
 pno (ME)
 “The Lone, Wild Bird,” David N. Johnson, AF, SATB,
 org, sop solo (ME)
 “With a Voice of Singing,” Martin Shaw, ECS, SATB,
 org (M)
 “Immortal, Invisible,” Craig Courtney, BP, SATB,
 pno, opt tpt, opt cong (M)
 “How Firm a Foundation,” Mack Wilberg, OUP,
 SATB div, org (MA)
 “A Rose Touched by the Sun’s Warm Rays,” Jean
 Berger, AF, SATB, acap (MA)

Art

- Cloudy Mountains*, Fang Congyi, 1370 (MET)
Funeral, Clementine Hunter, 1969 (WA)
Mausoleum of Galla Placidia Dome, Ravenna, Italy,
 4th century (WA)
Power of God, Anneke Kai (AK)

May 24, 2026

Day of Pentecost

Color: Red

Lectionary Readings

If Numbers 11 is chosen as the First Reading, Acts 2 should be used as the Second Reading.

Acts 2:1-21	On the day of Pentecost, God pours out the Spirit upon the earth.
or Numbers 11:24-30	The Lord sends the Spirit to the elders of Israel, and they prophesy.
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	The Lord of creation sends forth the Spirit to renew the earth.
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	In the body of Christ there are varieties of gifts, but one Spirit.
or Acts 2:1-21	On the day of Pentecost, God pours out the Spirit upon the earth.
John 20:19-23	The risen Lord appears to the disciples and gives them the Spirit.
or John 7:37-39	Jesus promises the Spirit: living water from the believer's heart.

Opening Sentences

God sent forth the Spirit, and all creation rejoiced.
God's breath filled the skies, the sea, the land, and
all creatures.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

Let us sing to the Lord as long as we have breath.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

God of all creation,
we come at last to be united in the Spirit,
your gleaming fire among us,
setting our hearts ablaze.
We praise you with our whole being.
Live in us, that we may love with your love,
speak with your truth, and serve with your mercy.
Keep us faithful until the very end,
through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Hail Thee, Festival Day! (AG)

SALVE FESTA DIES GTG 277

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come (AG)

WA EMIMIMO GTG 283

As the Wind Song (AG) WAIRUA TAPU GTG 292

Spirit Wind (AOEG) by Scott Soper G3 560

WORD

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (O) PENTECOST GTG 66

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading (AE)

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA GTG 287

On Pentecost They Gathered (AOEG)

MUNICH GTG 289

We Are One in the Spirit (E)

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS GTG 300

Send Down the Fire (AEG)

SEND DOWN THE FIRE G3 557

EUCCHARIST

Spirit of the Living God (AG) LIVING GOD GTG 288

One Bread, One Body (E)

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY GTG 530

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (AOEG)

UNION SEMINARY GTG 529

Anointing Fall on Me (AOEG) ANOINTING ACS 1013

SENDING

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us (AOEG)

EBENEZER GTG 280

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (ET)

GREEN TYLER GTG 543

Recibirán poder / You Will Receive the Power

(AOEG) GRAN COMISIÓN SSS 216

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Metrical

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being! [RUSTINGTON];

GTG 34

Responsorial

Praise To the Lord; UMH 826

Organ Music

“Aria on Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,” *John*

A. Behnke: The Essential Organ Preludes, John A.

Behnke, CON (ME)

“Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire,” *Three Organ*

Preludes on Hymns of Invocation, Kenneth T.

Kosche, MSM (M)

“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ / Thee We

Adore, O Hidden Savior,” *Organ Works of Healey*

Willan, Healey Willan, CON (M)

“On The Wings of a Dove,” VENI CREATOR, *Church*

Windows: A Suite for Organ, John G. Barr,

HWG (ME)

Piano Music

“Fugue in C-sharp Major,” *Well-Tempered Clavier,*

Book I, Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (MA)

“May: White Nights,” *The Seasons, Op. 37*, Pyotr

Ilyich Tchaikovsky, HEN (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song,” John

Ferguson, GIA, 2 pt, org (E)

“Many Gifts, One Spirit,” Allen Pote, TPR, SATB,

pno (E)

“Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove,” Joe Cox and

Jody Lindh, LOR, SATB, pno (ME)

“For Everyone Born,” Tom Trenney, MSM, SATB,

pno, opt vc (ME)

“Hymn to the Spirit,” John Ferguson, MSM,

SSATBB, viola (MA)

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit,” William Dawson, KJO,

SATB, acap (MA)

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit,” Stacey V. Gibbs,

WAL, SSAATTBB, acap (A)

“O Day Full of Grace,” F. Melius Christiansen, SATB

div, opt sop solo, acap (A)

Art

Pentecost, Ronald Kraut, Our Lady of Pentecost

Church, Quezon City, Philippines, 2003 (VDL)

Veni Sancti Spiritus, Adam Kossowski, 1965 (VDL)

Pentecost, Angus Kelly and Anika Van de Merwe

of Silverstain Stained Glass Studios, Table View

Methodist Church, Cape Town, South Africa

(VDL)

We Are All in This Together, Juliette Walker,

Kecskemét, Hungary, 2016 (SECC)

Woman Shooting Cherry Blossoms, Yinka Shonibare,

2019 (WA)

The Time after Pentecost / Ordinary Time

These liturgical texts are appropriate for use throughout the time after Pentecost and may be repeated from week to week.

Confession and Lament

1

People of God, if we say we have not sinned,
we deceive ourselves, for we have all sinned.
We serve a merciful God,
so we come to God together and ask for
forgiveness.

**God, we join in one voice
to confess our sins before you.
We confess our desire for power
and exchange it for your peace.
We confess our pride
and exchange it for your perfect will.
We confess our fears
and exchange them for faith.
We confess our desire to be right
and exchange it for your righteousness.
Forgive us, we pray.
We are your people,
and we submit ourselves to you again. Amen.**

People of the triune living God,
believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven. **Amen.**

2

Friends, though we may mean well,
we have not always given what God requires of us.
We serve a gracious God
who welcomes us to come and start again.
Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**God of welcome,
from generation to generation,
you have heard your children
humbly seeking forgiveness,
and you have embraced us all.
Forgive us when frustration and overwhelm
keep us from following you
and when we fail to seek forgiveness
from our coworkers, neighbors, and enemies.
Hear the concerns of our hearts,
examine our motives,
and forgive our faults.
Help us to welcome all persons
as you have welcomed us,
through your Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
who died and rose again
that we might learn your love. Amen.**

Friends in Christ,
God welcomes us again and again,
embracing us with grace.
Let us rejoice, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Amen.

3

We come to confess the sin that separates us
from God and one another.
God meets us with grace:
morning by morning, new mercies we see.
Humbly acknowledging the fresh start we need,
Let us pray together:

**Spirit of grace,
you are beyond our understanding,
the one from whom we come
and the one to whom we will go.**

**You delight in us; you accept us.
Yet, so often we find it hard to accept
your forgiveness.
So once again, we come to your fountain
of grace.
Forgive us for withholding grace from others.
Help us to accept that we are accepted,
to find freedom from our mistakes and messes,
and to breathe in your liberating love,
that we might join you in the great renewal
of creation and cultivate hope and justice for
all people. Amen.**

Hear now these words of assurance:
Beloved children of God,
in the name of Christ, grace abounds.
We are forgiven.
God's love is making us new.
May you rest and rejoice
in the peace of God. **Amen.**

Invitations to Discipleship

1
We belong to God. This assurance makes us part of something greater than ourselves, welcomed into the ever-growing family of our triune God. We are invited to respond by praising God with our lives.

2
In Genesis, God made humans for companionship. In Christ, God spreads a table of love and welcomes all to the household of faith, that we might never feel lonely. Go from here to share God's love with others and make spaces free from loneliness.

Prayers of Great Thanksgiving

1
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God, we thank you
for breathing this world into existence,
proclaiming its goodness from its birth,
and remaining faithful.
We come with gratitude for your endless blessings,
revealed to us on our journeys of life.
We praise you,
joining in the song that echoes
across your church and in all of heaven:

The Sanctus may be sung (GTG 551-609) or spoken.

Here at your table,
we remember the simple meal you shared
with disciples,
which marked a new way of being in this world.
We remember your radically inclusive love
made real in your life, ministry,
death, and resurrection.
We remember the One who befriended the forgotten,
embraced the outcast,
and saw the image of God in all people.
We remember the One who confronted every power
that alienated, marginalized,
oppressed, and excluded,
the One who suffered death that all might have life.
We offer our lives in thanksgiving.
Great is the mystery of faith:

*The memorial acclamation may be sung (GTG 551-609)
or spoken.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this feast of grace,
that in sharing this bread and cup
we may be drawn into communion with Christ
and made members of his body.
Open our hearts at this table,

that in this meal we may serve you with joy
in the midst of life's challenges
and trust that we are loved,
fiercely and forever.
Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours,
almighty God, now and always. **Amen.**

2
Gracious and sovereign God,
we gather at your table with hearts full of gratitude.
We praise you for your work in creation
and for your faithfulness through the generations.

We thank you for the life of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who shared our burdens and bore our sins,
reconciling us with you.
We thank you for this sacred meal
in which we remember Christ's sacrifice,
his body given and his blood shed for us,
proclaim the hope of his resurrection,
and celebrate the new covenant of grace
that makes us whole and unites us in service.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and cup,
and strengthen us to live as one body,
serving you with love and seeking your justice.
Teach us your boundless love for all people.

With humble hearts, we thank you,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,
and we offer our lives to you anew,
that we may travel faithfully
in the way of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.
All glory and honor are yours, Triune God. **Amen.**

Congregational Song for the Time after Pentecost

A change in liturgical seasons creates opportunities to use congregational responses unique to the season and to repeat liturgical responses set to new and different music.

Confession and Lament, Pardon, Peace

Consider using these hymns and songs as part of the spoken liturgy and liturgical actions around moments of Confession and Lament, Pardon, and Passing of the Peace.

Come to Me, *We Walk His Way*, John Bell, GIA
Gloria GTG 582, 583, 584, 585
Glory and Gratitude and Praise, *Come, All You People* 80
I Will Do a New Thing AAHH 568
I Will Trust in the Lord AAHH 391
Know That God Is Good GTG 659
Kyrie GTG 575, 576, 577, 578, 579
Peace of God Be with You GTG 448
Praise to God the Father/Da n'ase GTG 605
Rain Down GTG 48
The Peace of the Earth Be with You, *There Is One among Us*, 78
The Steadfast Love of the Lord GTG 59
We Are Forgiven GTG 447

Offering

Consider using these hymns and songs as part of the spoken liturgy and liturgical actions around the offering of our gifts and ourselves to the glory of God.

Give Thanks GTG 647, SSS 489
 Go with Us, Lord GTG 748
 God, Fill Our Lives, *We Walk His Way*, John Bell, GIA
 God, We Honor You GTG 709
 Gracias, Señor / We Give You Thanks SSS 491
 Gracias / Thank You SSS 490
 Thank You, Lord AAHH 531, SSS 496
 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise GTG 648
 Todo lo que tengo / All We Have and All We Are (refrain; stanzas varied) SSS 642
 We Give Thanks unto You (congregation on response, stanzas varied) GTG 75
 We Lift Our Voices / We Are an Offering GTG 710
 What Does the Lord Require of You? GTG 70

Anthems for Children's Choirs for the Time after Pentecost

Sundays after Pentecost

"Feed My Lambs," Natalie Sleeth, CF, uni, 2 fl and pno (E)
 "God Is Here with Me," Christopher D. Hogan, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (E)
 "Famba Naye," Victor C. Johnson, CGA, 2 pt, pno and opt perc (A)
 "I'm a Disciple, Too!" Jayne Southwick Cool, AF, uni or 2 pt, pno (E)
 "Nets of Love," F. Thomas Simpson, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (MA)
 "This Little Light of Mine," Ken Berg, CV, uni, vc and pno (MA)
 "Ubi Caritas," Victor C. Johnson, CGA, 2 pt, pno (MA)
 "What Then, Will God Do with Me?" John Atteberry, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (M)
 "Yesu Kwetu ni Rafiki (What a Friend We Have in Jesus)," Mark Burrows, CGA, 2 pt, pno and opt perc (ME)
 "With One Voice," Terri Sinclair, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno or gtr (ME)
 "Living God's Love," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno and opt 3 hb (M)
 "I Can Do All Things," Mark Burrows, CGA, uni, 2 pt, pno and opt tamb (ME)
 "A Prayer for Humility," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni, pno (E)
 "Come and Sing!" Robert Lau, ALF, 3 pt, keybd and opt fc (A)

All Saints' Day

"Yonder Come Day," Michael Burkhardt, MSM, 3 pt treble voices, acap (A)

Thanksgiving Day

"Come with a Grateful Heart," Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo, CGA, uni, pno and opt fl and rhythm inst (MA)
 "Now Thank We All Our God," Michael Rosewall, AF, 2 pt mx, keybd (A)

Christ the King

"Psalm 100," Kenney Potter, CGA, 2 pt, pno (MA)

Anthems for Youth Choirs for the Time after Pentecost

- “If Ye Love Me,” Thomas Tallis, arr. Russell Robinson, WAL, 3 pt mx, pno (ME)
 “Pentecost,” Tom Shelton, MSM, SAB, pno, opt children’s choir, vln, vc (M)
 “Like a Mighty Wind,” Karen Marrolli, MSM, SATB, pno, opt vln, opt vc (M)
 “Show Us How to Love,” Mark A. Miller and Lindy Thompson, CGA, SATB, pno (E)
 “Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove,” arr. John Purifoy, SHAW, 2 pt mx, pno (E)
 “Lord, Listen to Your Children,” Ken Medema, arr. Jack Schrader, HOPE, SATB, pno (ME)
 “The Wind Blows Where It Will,” Larry Harris, GIA, SATB, keybd (ME)
 “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit,” arr. Rollo Dilworth, HAL, SATB, pno (M)
 “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God,” Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. Lloyd Larson, HOPE, SAB, pno (ME)
 “Holy Spirit Come to Us/Veni Sancte Spiritus,” Jacques Berthier, GIA, SATB, Cantor, keybd, opt inst (E)
 “Descend, O Heavenly Dove,” Mark Schweizer, SJMP, SAB, keybd (E)
 “The Breath of God,” Mark Schweizer, SJMP, SAB, hb, recorded wind (ME)

Handbell Music for the Time after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

- “All Creatures of Our God and King,” LASST UNS ERFREUEN, arr. John Behnke, 3–6 oct, AGEHR, AG 36041, Level 3
 “All Creatures of Our God and King,” LASST UNS ERFREUEN, arr. Linda R. Lamb, 2 oct, HOPE, 2590, Level 1+
 “Holy, Holy, Holy,” NICAEA, arr. Michael Helman, 3–5 oct, opt 3–4 oct hc, AGEHR, 20/1192L, Level 2+

Sundays after Pentecost

- “There Is a Balm in Gilead,” BALM IN GILEAD, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski, 3–7 oct, opt 3–7 hc, HOPE, 2594, Level 2+
 “Praise to the Lord,” LOBE DEN HERREN, arr. John Behnke, 3–5 oct, opt 3–oct hc, opt perc, AGEHR, AG35332, Level 2
 “Lift High the Cross,” CRUCIFER, arr. Kevin McChesney, 3–4 oct, LOR, HB 230
 “Beach Spring Stomp,” BEACH SPRING, arr. Jeffrey Honoré, 3–5 oct, CON, 97-7133, Level 3+
 “Be Still, My Soul,” FINLANDIA, arr. Lorie Line and Kevin McChesney, 3–5 oct and piano, opt vocal solo, uni, 2 pt mx, SA, SAB, or SATB choir, opt 2 C treble instruments and horn, CGA, CGB723, Level 2+
 “Praise His Name in the Dance,” Derek Hakes, 3–5 oct and body perc, ALF, 25358, Level 4
 “August 9th Adagio, Variation IX (Nimrod) from the *Enigma Variations*,” arr. Chad Etzel, 4–7 oct, opt 3–oct hc, BP, HB317, Level 4
 “Yesu Ananipenda (Jesus Loves Me),” JESUS LOVES ME, arr. Cathy Moglebust, 3–5 oct, opt 2–oct hc, opt perc, CGA, CGB981, Level 3+
 “Sheep May Safely Graze,” arr. Sharon Elery Rogers, 2–3 oct, CGA, CGB688, Level 2-
 “Songs of the Shepherd,” arr. Margaret Tucker, 4–5 oct and fl, opt 3–5 oct hc, HOPE, 2251, Level 3
 “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love,” arr. Douglas E. Wagner, 4–5 oct (3–oct HB380), LOR, 20/1071L, Level 2

Reformation Sunday

“A Mighty Fortress,” EIN FESTE BURG, arr. John Leavitt, 3 oct, CON, 97-7266, Level 2+

“A Mighty Fortress,” EIN FESTE BURG, arr. Cathy Moglebust, 3 or 5 oct, CGA, CGB362, Level 4

Thanksgiving

“Now Thank We All Our God,” NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, arr. Anna Laura Page, 2 or 3 oct, opt B-flat or C inst, CGA, CGB806 (3-5 oct CGB 807), Level 1+

“Let All That Hath Breath Praise the Lord,” Brenda Austin, 3-6 oct, GIA, G-8975, Level 4

Reign of Christ

“Come, Thou Almighty King,” ITALIAN HYMN, arr. Anna Laura Page, 2-3 oct, ALF, 18577, Level 1



Deborah Sokolove
“Reliquary Series: Crossing,” mixed media (acrylic on panel with copper inset and relic), 2019,
12 × 12 × 1½ in.

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday
Color: White

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 1:1-2:4a	The Word and Spirit of God are present at the dawn of creation.
Psalm 8	O Lord our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
2 Corinthians 13:11-13	A letter concludes with a blessing in the name of the triune God.
Matthew 28:16-20	Jesus' Great Commission: Go, make disciples, baptize, and teach.

Opening Sentences

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Prayer of the Day

Creator God,
you called the universe into existence.
Like a mother,
you shaped us from the clay of the earth,
and your breath gave us life.
We praise you for your sustaining love and grace.
Fix our thoughts and focus our hearts on you,
that we might honor you
by caring for all of creation. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

All Creatures of Our God and King (O)
LASST UNS ERFREUEN GTG 15
Let Us with a Gladsome Mind
MONKLAND (O) GTG 31
Morning Has Broken (O) BUNESSAN GTG 664
All People That on Earth Do Dwell (OE)
OLD HUNDREDTH GTG 385
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (OE)
NICAEA GTG 1
Let the Whole Creation Cry (OE)
SALZBURG GTG 679
There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (E)
SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT GTG 408
Mighty God Who Called Creation (O)
ABBOT'S LEIGH OLOF 458
For Your Gift of God the Spirit (O)
FOR YOUR GIFT LUYH 525

WORD

Sacred the Body (O) TENDERNESS GTG 27
O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! (OG)
LYONS GTG 41
Out of Deep, Unordered Water (OG)
RUSTINGTON GTG 484
To Bless the Earth (OE)
CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN GTG 38
Go in Grace and Make Disciples (G)
WONDROUS LIGHT GTG 296
Soplo de Dios / O Living Breath of God (O)
VARVINDAR FRISKA SSS 8

EUCCHARIST

O God, We Bear the Imprint (O)
 TODOS LOS COLORES GTG 759
 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness (O)
 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM GTG 850
 God of the Sparrow (OE) ROEDER GTG 22
 Dona nobis pacem (E) DONA NOBIS PACEM GTG 752

SENDING

God of the Fertile Fields (O) ITALIAN HYMN GTG 714
 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (OG)
 KINGSFOLD GTG 757
 In Christ Called to Baptize (G) ST. DENIO GTG 297
 Now Go in Joy (G) JUNKANOO GTG 745
 We Will Go Out with Joy (G)
 WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY GTG 539

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 8

Metrical

O Lord, Our Lord, Throughout the Earth [TRAMPS
 AND HAWKERS]; PAS 8D
 O Lord, Our God, How Excellent [WINCHESTER
 OLD]; GTG 25

Responsorial

Alleluia, Alleluia; LPGA 866

Organ Music

“Holy, Holy, Holy,” *O the Deep Love of Jesus: A
 Reformation Suite*, Anna Laura Page, CON (ME)
 “Holy, Holy, Holy,” NICEA, *Augsburg Organ Library:
 Summer*, Piet Post, AF (M)
 “Love (Come Down, O Love Divine),” *Fruit of the
 Spirit: Chorale Preludes for Organ*, David Evan
 Thomas, AF (M)
 “Windrush,” *Contemplation: Gentle Music for Organ*,
 Norman Warren, KM (M)

Piano Music

“Prelude,” Beata Moon, beatamoon.com (M)
 “Bagatelle in C Major, Op. 119, No. 2,” *Bagatelles*,
 Ludwig van Beethoven, HEN (M)
 “Allegro non troppo from Sonata No. 5 in G-flat
 Major,” Isaac Albéniz, IMSLP.org (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God,” Mark Edwards,
 CGA, SATB, pno (E)
 “Let the Whole Creation Cry,” Lloyd Larson,
 LOR, SAB (E)
 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God,” Mack Wilberg,
 OUP, SATB, org, opt orch (ME)
 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,” Mark Hayes,
 OCP, SATB or SAB or 2 pt, pno, opt orch (ME)
 “Let the Whole Creation Cry,” John Ferguson, AF,
 TBB, organ, opt brass (MA)
 “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name,” Tom Fettke,
 WORD, SATB, pno, opt orch (MA)
 “Wings of the Morning,” Alice Parker, KJO, SATB,
 acap (MA)

Art

*The Father and I Are One: The Trinity, from a Book
 of Hours*, unknown English artist, 1501–10
 (VCS) (PD)
Triple Crucifix, Kongo artist, 16th–17th century
 (MET) (PD)
*Reims; Creation, God the Creator, Adam, Eve, Cain,
 Abel, Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ*, stained glass,
 1211 (Atla)
St. Savin—God’s Creation of the Luminaries, Abbey of
 Saint-Savin, 1040–90 (VDL)

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 5

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Genesis 12:1-9

The Lord will bless Abram and Sarai and make them a blessing.

Psalm 33:1-12

Rejoice in the Lord; happy are those who are chosen as God's own.

Complementary

Hosea 5:15-6:6

On the third day God will raise us up; God desires steadfast love.

Psalm 50:7-15

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving; call on God in trouble.

Romans 4:13-25

The example of Abraham and Sarah; righteousness comes from faith.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus calls sinners; he heals a woman and raises a dead girl to life.

Opening Sentences

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is judge.

Let us offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Prayer of the Day

God of all, thank you for your many blessings.

Your mercies are new every morning,

your grace is sufficient,

and you remain present in times of trouble.

Your words alone can heal us,

your love saves us, and your name makes us whole.

Revive our faith,

resurrect our hope,

and renew our commitment to love one another,

that we may offer you gratitude. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness (OcE)

GLENDON GTG 657

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand (Os)

NATIONAL HYMN GTG 331

The God of Abraham Praise (Os) LEONI GTG 49

Life in Abundance / Vida Abundante (G)

VIDA ABUNDANTE SSS 123

WORD

To Abraham and Sarah (Os) LLANFYLLIN GTG 51

All Hail to God's Anointed (Oc) ROCKPORT GTG 149

Standing on the Promises (E) PROMISES GTG 838

You Walk along Our Shoreline (G)

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN GTG 170

Healer of Our Every Ill (OcG)

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL GTG 795

Faith Begins by Letting Go (E) LUX PRIMA GTG 684

He Touched Me (G) HE TOUCHED ME OLOF 532

EUCCHARIST

I Come with Joy (G) DOVE OF PEACE GTG 515

Woman in the Night (G)

NEW DISCIPLES (Fedak) GTG 161

Shepherd Me, O God (OcE) SHEPHERD ME GTG 473

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries (Oc)

MORNING SONG GTG 653

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (G)

UNION SEMINARY GTG 529

SENDING

Sing Praise to God, Whose Mighty Acts (Oc)

SALVATION GTG 356

Deep in the Shadows of the Past (OsE)

SHEPHERDS' PIPES GTG 50

We've Come This Far by Faith (E)

THIS FAR BY FAITH GTG 656, TFF 197 (with verses)

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (EG)

MC KEE GTG 766

I Will Be Your God (Os) NYLAND LUYH 40

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 33:1–12

Metrical

God's Word is Upright (La palabra del Señor)

[NELSON]; GTG 40

Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord [ELLACOMBE];

PAS 33B

Responsorial

Psalm 33, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 33A

Lord, in You I Trust; PP 64

Psalm 50:7–15

Metrical

The Mighty God with Power Speaks [KINGSFOLD];

GTG 13

Let the Giving of Thanks Be Our Sacrifice

[GREYFRIARS]; PAS 50C

Responsorial

To the Upright I Will Show the Saving Pow'r of God;

PRCL 102

O Lord, You Have the Words of Life; PP 98

Organ Music

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer," CWM RHONDDA,

Augsburg Organ Library: Autumn, J. Bert Carlson,
AF (ME)

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," *Pastoral Psalms
for Organ: Eleven Settings of Psalm 23*, Franklin D.

Ashdown, AF (MA)

"Petit Chorale," *100 Processionals and Recessionals*,

Robert Fielding, KM (ME)

"Praise and Thanksgiving," *John A. Behnke: The
Essential Organ Preludes*, John A. Behnke, CON

(ME)

Piano Music

"Prelude No. 2 in C-sharp Minor," *Preludes for Piano*,
George Gershwin, HEN (M)

"Praeludium from Partita No. 1 in B-flat Major,"
Partitas, Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"You Shall Have a Song," Harriet Ziegenhals, HOPE, 2
pt, pno, opt fl (E)

"Touch That Soothes and Heals," Thomas Keesecker,
AF, SAB, pno (E)

"Lift Every Voice and Sing," Rollo Dilworth, HAL,
SATB or SAB, pno (ME)

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy," Katheryn
Bonner, LOR, SATB, pno or hb (ME)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness," Dan Forrest, BP, SATB
div, org, opt orch (MA)

"Psalm 50, Offer unto God," F. Melius Christiansen,
AF, SATB div, acap (A)

Art

Healing of a Woman with an Issue of Blood, manuscript
illumination, 1400–1410 (VDL) (PD)

Woman with the Flow of Blood, Frank Wesley, 1923–
2002 (VDL)

Christ and the Woman with the Issue of Blood,
unknown artist, 3rd century (VCS) (PD)

Covenant with Abraham, Chris Stoffel Overvoorde,
2016 (EYE)

Psalm 33:12, Timothy Botts, 2016 (EYE)

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 6

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Three visitors promise Abraham and Sarah they will have a son.
What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift the cup of salvation.

Complementary

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

The Lord says: Keep my covenant and you will be my holy people.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord; we are the sheep of God's pasture.
We are justified by faith; while we were sinners Christ died for us.
The harvest is plentiful; Jesus instructs and sends the twelve apostles.

Opening Sentences

Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with a song.

Prayer of the Day

God of Abraham and Sarah,
Rebekah and Isaac, Jacob and Rachel;
your faithfulness endures through generations.
You give us salvation and we offer you our soul;
you justify our lives and we put our faith in you.
Thank you for peace of mind, joy of heart,
and green pastures that praise you.
Continue to guide us, O God,
that we may grow for generations to come. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Hope of the World (E) DONNE SECOURS GTG 734
God Welcomes All (Os) THEMBA AMEN GTG 399
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (Os)
HOLY MANNA GTG 509
In the Midst of New Dimensions (Oc)
NEW DIMENSIONS GTG 315
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (Oc)
AUSTRIAN HYMN GTG 81

WORD

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (G)
CANONBURY GTG 722
Lord, Speak for Me, for I Am Yours (OcG)
PERRY GTG 723
We All Are One in Mission (G)
ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN GTG 733
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (G)
KINGSFOLD GTG 757
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (G)
I'M GONNA LIVE GTG 700
You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (Oc)
ON EAGLE'S WINGS GTG 43
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (E)
ST. MARGARET GTG 833
O, How He Loves You and Me (E)
PATRICIA AAHH 228, OLOF 316
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (E)
LANDÅS OLOF 506

EUCCHARIST

O Jesus, I Have Promised (G)
 ANGEL'S STORY, NYLAND GTG 724, 725
 I Need Thee Every Hour (E) NEED GTG 735
 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (EG)
 LES PETITES SOEURS GTG 737
 Send Me, Jesus (G) THUMA MINA GTG 746
 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen (G)
 SURGE ECCLESIA GTG 536
 When the Poor Ones (OcG) EL CAMINO GTG 762

SENDING

Come, Labor On (G) ORA LABORA GTG 719
 Will You Come and Follow Me (OcG)
 KELVINGROVE GTG 726
 To Abraham and Sarah (Os) LLANFYLLIN GTG 51
 Guide My Feet (G) GUIDE MY FEET GTG 741
 Now Go in Joy (G) JUNKANOO GTG 745
 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (OsG)
 ENVIADO GTG 747
 Go in Grace and Make Disciples (G)
 WONDROUS LIGHT GTG 296
 Arise, Your Light Is Come! (G)
 FESTAL SONG GTG 744
 As You Go, Tell the World (G) AS YOU GO AAHH 633

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Metrical

What Shall I Render unto the Lord [MARTYRDOM];
 GTG 655
 Psalm 116: Our Blessing Cup [Tony Alonso]; FYC 800

Responsorial

I Will Walk in the Presence of the Lord; PAS 116E
 I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry; PAS 116D

Psalms 100

Metrical

Let Every Voice on Earth Resound [GENEVAN 100];
 PAS 100C
 All People That on Earth Do Dwell [OLD
 HUNDREDTH]; GTG 385

Responsorial

Rejoice, Rejoice; UMH 821
 Psalm 100, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 100F

Organ Music

“Epilogue on We Gather Together,” *Come, Ye Thankful People*, John G. Barr, LOR (MA)
 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, I. Prelude and II. Fanfare,” LOBE DEN HERREN, *Gathered and Sent: Pairs of Preludes and Postludes for Organ*, Brenda Portman, AF (MA)
 “Toccatina in Seven,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Summer*, John Rutter, AF (M)
 “Tell Out, My Soul or Glory to God, We Give You Thanks,” WOODLANDS, *Augsburg Organ Library: Summer*, J. Wayne Kerr, AF (M)

Piano Music

“Molly on the Shore,” Percy Grainger, IMSLP.org (MA)
 “Prelude,” *Tombeau de Couperin*, Maurice Ravel, DSE (A)
 “Allegro from Sonata in G Major, K. 283,” *Sonatas and Three Fantasias*, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, KAL (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“In Remembrance,” Buryl Red, HOPE, SATB, pno (E)
 “The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune,” Ralph Vaughan Williams, OUP, SATB, org, opt brass or orch (E)
 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive,” Robert Hobby, CON, SAB, org (ME)
 “The God of Abraham Praise,” David Giardiniere, AF, SATB, org (M)
 “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown,” Franklin Ashdown, PAR, SATB, org (M)
 “Jubilate Deo,” Benjamin Britten, OUP, SATB, org (A)

Art

Abraham and the Three Angels, Marc Chagall, 1960–66 (VCS)
Abraham and the Angels, Roger Wagner, 2001 (VCS)
The Hospitality of Abraham (Icon of The Holy Trinity; The Old Testament Trinity), Andrey Rubylov, ca. 1420 (VCS) (PD)
Abraham and Sarah, Nicholas Markell, 2016 (EYE)
Abraham Entertaining the Angels, Rembrandt van Rijn, 1656 (PD)

June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 7

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Genesis 21:8-21 Hagar and Ishmael are sent away, but God remains with them.
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Be gracious to me, O God; save the child of your servant.

Complementary

Jeremiah 20:7-13 Jeremiah laments the terror all around but must speak God's word.
Psalm 69:7-10 Zeal for your house consumes me; save me from my enemies.
(11-15), 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11 Crucified with Jesus, we are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ.
Matthew 10:24-39 Jesus says: Do not fear for your life; take up your cross and follow.

Opening Sentences

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear;
**what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.**

Prayer of the Day

God our rock and salvation,
you have called us to follow you;
give us the courage to do so.
You have called us to love you above all;
give us confidence to do so.
When the waters of life rage around us,
hear our prayers, steady our feet,
and anchor us in your word,
that we might proclaim your presence
in the midst of turmoil. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Christ Is Alive! (E) TRURO GTG 246
Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! (G)
GELOBT SEI GOTT GTG 239
Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us (Oc)
EBENEZER GTG 280
Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries (Oc)
MORNING SONG GTG 653
I'll Praise My Maker (OcEG) OLD 113TH GTG 806
We Have Come Into This House (G)
WORSHIP HIM OLOF 2

WORD

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (OsG)
FAITHFULNESS GTG 39
Jesus, Lover of My Soul (OcE)
ABERYSTWYTH GTG 440
We Know That Christ Is Raised (E)
ENGELBERG GTG 485
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (G)
BOURBON GTG 718
Why Has God Forsaken Me? (OsOc) SHIMPI GTG 809
In Silence My Soul Thirsts (Oc)
MY SOUL THIRSTS GTG 790
Take Me to the Water (E)
TAKE ME TO THE WATER GTG 480
Shall Tribulation or Distress (OcEG)
ROMANS 8 GTG 823
O Blest Are They Who in Their Love (OcG)
GUILSBOROUGH GTG 208
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (G)
HAMBURG, ROCKINGHAM GTG 223, 224
Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of
God (OsOc) EVERYONE WHO LONGS GTG 849
You Are My Refuge, Faithful God (Oc)
MORNING SONG GTG 214
Baptized in Water (E) BUNESSAN GTG 482
Is There a Word from the Lord? (Oc) IS THERE A
WORD OLOF 127

EUCCHARIST

Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart (Oc)

LOE DE ÍSÁ GTG 427

We Who Once Were Dead (E)

MIDDEN IN DE DOOD GTG 502

Why Should I Feel Discouraged? (G)

SPARROW GTG 661

You Belong to Christ (E)

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST GTG 492

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd (G)

PICARDY GTG 274

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (G)

ST. MARGARET GTG 833

Abide with Me (OcE) EVENTIDE GTG 836

SENDING

Now There Is No Male or Female (E)

OMNI DIE (Trier) GTG 493

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (OcG)

MARYTON GTG 738

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (OsOcG)

AMAZING GRACE GTG 649

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (G) WER

NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT GTG 816

Be Still, My Soul (OcEG) FINLANDIA GTG 819

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Metrical

Incline Your Ear, O Lord to Me [DANBY]; GTG 844

Lord, My Petition Heed [MASON]; PAS 86A

Responsorial

O Lord Our God, Unwearied Is Your Love for Us;

PSA 79

Psalm 86, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 86B

Psalm 69:7-10 (11-15), 16-18

Metrical

Save Me, O God; I Sink in Floods [SALVATION];

GTG 478, PAS 69A

Responsorial

In Your Great Love, O Lord, Have Mercy; PP 124

Psalm 69:7-18, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 69C

Organ Music

“Festive Scherzo,” *100 Processionals and Recessionals*, Malcolm Archer, KM (M)

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song,” *Draw Us In: Organ Settings*, David Lasky, AF (ME)

“My Jesus, I Love Thee,” *Organ Preludes on Favorite Hymns*, Joyce Jones, ALF (E)

“Oh, How I Love Jesus,” GORDON, *4 Hymn Meditations*, Raymond H. Haan, MSM (M)

Piano Music

“Midsummer Nocturne,” Aaron Copland, BH (M)

“Study 4 Bittersweet,” *Studies in Odd Times*, Anne Cawrse, Australian Music Center (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Once He Came in Blessing,” Mark Sedio, AF, 2 pt, pno, fl (E)

“Concertato on We Know that Christ Is Raised,” Hal Hopson, JM, SATB, org, opt brass (E)

“What Grace Is Mine,” Lloyd Larson, HOPE, SATB, pno (ME)

“Lost in the Night,” Kyle Haugen, AF, SAB, pno (ME)

“I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercy,” St. Paul, Felix Mendelssohn, LOR, SAB, pno, opt sop (ME)

“Children of the Heavenly Father,” Eric Nelson, MSM, SATB, pno (MA)

“Since by Man Came Death,” *Messiah*, George Frederic Handel, ECS, SATB, orch (A)

Art

Abraham's Farewell to Ishmael, George Segal, 1987 (VCS)

Carrying the Cross of Christ, Gabriel Loire, 20th century (VDL)

Hagar in the Wilderness, Camille Corot, 1835 (PD)

River of Life, Wayne Forte, 2016 (EYE)

June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 8

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13

Obeying God, Abraham prepares to sacrifice his son Isaac.
How long, O Lord? Still I trust in your steadfast love.

Complementary

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Jeremiah speaks to Hananiah about the promises of prophets.
I sing of God's steadfast love, God's covenant with David.
The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life in Christ.
Jesus sends disciples: whoever welcomes you welcomes me.

Opening Sentences

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Your love, O Lord, forever we will sing.
**From age to age,
we will proclaim your faithfulness.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you welcome us all.
Your loving-kindness is a gift to all who receive it.
Teach us your ways, reveal your promises,
and let your Holy Spirit rest upon us,
that we might welcome others as you welcome us,
in the name of Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (E) ABERYSTWYTH GTG 440
God of Our Life (Os) SANDON GTG 686
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Os) FAITHFULNESS GTG 39
At the Name of Jesus (G) KING'S WESTON GTG 264

WORD

Holy God, You Raise Up Prophets (Oc)
MARTIN'S SONG TFF 299
Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand (E)
KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA GTG 832
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (E)
SOLID ROCK GTG 353
O God, Show Mercy to Us (G) THAXTED GTG 341
Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor (Oc)
RHUDDLAN GTG 342
Where Armies Scourge the Countryside (Oc)
PACE MIO DIO GTG 344
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (EG)
BOURBON GTG 718
Fill My Cup (G) FILL MY CUP GTG 699

EUCCHARIST

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom (Oc)
MERLE'S TUNE GTG 378
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (E)
BRADBURY GTG 187

SENDING

O Day of Peace (Oc) JERUSALEM GTG 373

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (G)

CHEREPONI GTG 203

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (G)

GERMANY GTG 343

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 13

Metrical

God of Our Life [SANDON]; GTG 686

Responsorial

Lord, I Put My Trust in Your Mercy; PSA 7

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Metrical

My Song Forever Shall Record [WINCHESTER NEW];

PAS 89E

Responsorial

Praise the Lord!; PP 161

Organ Music

“Built on a Rock,” *Augsburg Organ Library: November*, Wilbur Held, AF (M)

“Invocation in E-flat Major, Op. 50, No. 1,” *The Practical Organist: 50 Short Works for Church Services*, Alexandre Guilmant, DP (M)

“Now Thank We All Our God, Come, Ye Thankful People,” *Easy Organ Music for Thanksgiving*, Lloyd Larson, LOR (ME)

“On Eagle’s Wings,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Healing and Funeral*, Marilyn Biery, AF (M)

Piano Music

“Prelude No. VII in A Major,” *Preludes*, Kara Karayev, available on ScorSer.com (ME)

“Nocturne, Op. 20, No. 1,” *Complete Nocturnes*, Lowell Liebermann, TPR (M)

“Song Without Words, Op. 8, No. 1,” *Lieder for Piano*, Op. 8, Fanny Mendelssohn, IMSLP.org (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus,” Paul Manz, MSM, uni, org (E)

“Whoever Welcomes You Welcomes Me,” Larry Schultz, CGA, uni, pno, opt fl (E)

“The God of Abraham Praise,” Mark Hayes, HIN, SATB, pno (ME)

“Lord, Here I Am,” John Ness Beck, BP, SATB, pno (ME)

“Welcome to God’s Love,” Mark Miller, CGA, SATB, pno (ME)

“You Are Welcome Here,” Marty Parks, LOR, SATB, pno (M)

“Hide Not Thy Face,” Richard Farrant, OUP, SATB, acap (A)

Art

Welcome the Stranger, Nicholas Markell, 2016 (EYE)
Abraham Going to Sacrifice Isaac, Lucas van Leyden, 1517–19 (PD)

Abraham and Isaac, John August Swanson, 2016 (EYE)

Abraham’s Sacrifice, Peter Koenig, 1970 (VDL)
Wages of Sin, Steve Prince, 2016 (EYE)

July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 9
Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Genesis 24:34-38,
42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17
or Song of Solomon
2:8-13

Isaac finds a wife, Rebekah, in the homeland of his father.

A royal love song; come with joy to the palace of the king.
One lover calls to another: Arise, my love, and come away.

Complementary

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19,
25-30

Rejoice, O people; the humble king is coming to set you free.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, full of love.

Paul confesses his inner conflict with sin; only God can save.

Jesus says: Come to me; my yoke is easy, my burden is light.

Opening Sentences

The Spirit of the Lord is here;
let us humble ourselves.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and merciful God,
you bear our burdens
and break the chains that bind us.
Save us from the sin that we often fail to recognize.
Show us your path of love and justice,
that we might follow,
for your way is perfect,
now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Prepare the Way, O Zion (Oc)

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN GTG 106

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (G)

KINGSFOLD GTG 182

WORD

Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart (E)

LOE DE ÍSÁ GTG 427

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler (G) AUSTIN GTG 183

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God (G)

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO GTG 851

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest (EG)

MC AFEE GTG 824

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (E) ABERYSTWYTH GTG 440

People Need the Lord (G)

PEOPLE NEED THE LORD AAHH 470

Shine on Me (G) SHINE ON ME OLOF 548

I Will Give You Rest (G) REST LUYH 666

EUCCHARIST

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee (EG)

ADORO TE DEVOTE GTG 495

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (G) HYFRYDOL GTG 260

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (G)

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY GTG 418

Before I Take the Body of My Lord (E)

LAYING DOWN GTG 428

SENDING

Now Go in Joy (E) JUNKANOO GTG 745

Just a Closer Walk with Thee (G)

CLOSER WALK GTG 835

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (G)

ST. MARGARET GTG 833

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 45:10-17

Metrical

How Our Hearts with Joy Abound [GOTT SEI DANK

DURCH ALLE WELT]; GTG 333

For the Honor of Our King [MONKLAND]; PAS 45A

Responsorial

Praise the Lord; PSA 39

God of Love, We Praise You; PP 84

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Metrical

Come, Christians, Join to Sing [MADRID]; GTG 267

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling [HYFRYDOL];

GTG 366

Psalm 145:8-14

Metrical

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure [WINCHESTER

NEW]; GTG 42

O Lord, You Are My God and King [JERUSALEM];

GTG 270

I Will Extol You, O My God [NOEL]; PAS 145E

Responsorial

Every Day We Will Bless You; PSA 147

Psalm 145, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 145D

Organ Music

“Aria on My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less,” *John A. Behnke: The Essential Organ Preludes*, John A. Behnke, CON (ME)

“Antiphon III: I Am Black, But Comely, O Ye Daughters of Jerusalem, Op. 18, No. 3,” *Fifteen Pieces for Organ*, Marcel Dupré, HWG (M)

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say,” KINGSFOLD, *Augsburg Organ Library: Summer*, Aaron David Miller, AF (M)

“The Church’s One Foundation,” *O the Deep Love of Jesus: A Reformation Suite*, Anna Laura Page, CON (ME)

Piano Music

“Mélodie in A-flat Major,” Louise Farrenc, IMSLP.org (M)

“Andante from Sonata in F Minor, H. 173,” Carl Philipp Emmanuel Bach, IMSLP.org (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus,” Hal Hopson, HOPE, 2 pt, pno (E)

“Lord of All Hopefulness,” Daniel Kallman, <https://kallmancreates.com>, SAB, org, fl (ME)

“How Firm a Foundation,” Tom Trenney, MSM, SATB, org (ME)

“Gather Your Children, Dear Savior, in Peace,” Carl Schalk, MSM, SATB, org (M)

“Come Find His Rest,” Dan Forrest, BP, SATB, pno, opt stngs (MA)

“His Yoke Is Easy,” *Messiah*, George Frederic Handel, ECS, SATB, orch (A)

Art

The Weight We Carry, Carol Aust, 2016 (EYE)

Song of Solomon: “Arise my love . . . and come away . . .”, Cláudio Pastro, 20th century (VDL)

Like a Deer Leaping Mountains, Peter Koenig, 20th century (VDL)

Rest in God, Liz Valente, 2021 (VDL)

July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 10

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Genesis 25:19-34 Esau trades his birthright to Jacob for bread and lentil stew.
 Psalm 119:105-112 Your word is a lamp to my feet; I have promised to observe it.

Complementary

Isaiah 55:10-13 The word of the Lord will go forth to flourish and bear fruit.
 Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13 Praise is due to God, who blesses the earth with abundance.
 Romans 8:1-11 The Spirit of life in Christ sets us free from the law of sin and death.
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Jesus tells and explains the parable of the sower and the seeds.

Opening Sentences

The windows of heaven are open;
let us receive God's abundance.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
 in you there are no shortages and nothing lacking.
 We thank you for giving us nourishment
 from the flourishing fields of creation.
 Form and reform us by your word,
 that we may rejoice in your bounty
 and share your inheritance of abundance,
 all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Light Dawns on a Weary World (Oc)
 TEMPLE OF PEACE GTG 79
 O God, Who Gives Us Life (E) NOEL GTG 53
 God of the Fertile Fields (Oc)
 ITALIAN HYMN GTG 714
 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (G)
 VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN GTG 104

WORD

Blest Be the God of Israel (E) MERLE'S TUNE GTG 109
 Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old (OsOc)
 SAMANTHRA GTG 77
 Breathe on Me, Breath of God (E)
 TRENTHAM GTG 286
 Open My Eyes, That I May See (G)
 OPEN MY EYES GTG 451

EUCCHARIST

Before I Take the Body of My Lord (E)
 LAYING DOWN GTG 428
 Steal Away (E) STEAL AWAY GTG 358
 Seed, Scattered and Sown (G)
 SEED SCATTERED GTG 531

SENDING

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills (G)
 SEACHRIST GTG 171
 You Shall Go Out with Joy (Oc)
 THE TREES OF THE FIELD GTG 80
 Freedom Is Coming (E)
 FREEDOM IS COMING GTG 359
 For the Healing of the Nations (Os)
 ST. THOMAS (Wade) GTG 346
 God of Grace and God of Glory (OsE)
 CWM RHONDDA GTG 307
 We Will Go Out with Joy (Oc)
 WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY GTG 539
 Soft Rains of Spring Flow (OcG) PCOCS GTG 680
 I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy (E)
 I'VE GOT THE JOY OLOF 432

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 119:105–112

Metrical

I Long for Your Commandments [WOHL DENEN, DIE
 DA WANDELN]; GTG 64
 Take the Saving Word of God [DAWK'YAH
 TOWGYAH]; GTG 454

Responsorial

Send Out Your Light, Lord, Send Your Truth; PAS
 119K
 O Lord, You Have the Words of Life [LEONI/
 YIGDAL]; PP 236
 O Lord, My Delight; PSA 123
 The Lord Will Come to Us with Mighty Power;
 LPGA 1028

Psalm 65:(1–8) 9–13

Metrical

To Bless the Earth [CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN];
 GTG 38

Responsorial

The Seed that Falls on Good Ground; PRCL 117
 In You Our Praise Is Due in Zion, O God; PSA 55

Organ Music

“As Rain from the Clouds,” *Augsburg Organ Library:
 Baptism and Holy Communion*, Aaron David
 Miller, AF (M)
 “Gather Us In,” *Draw Us In: Organ Settings*, David
 Lasky, AF (M)
 “Open My Eyes That I May See,” *Church Windows: A
 Suite for Organ*, John G. Barr, HWG (E)
 “Reflective Processional,” *100 Processionals and
 Recessionals*, Owain Edwards, KM (M)

Piano Music

“Nocturne No. 8 in D-flat Major, Op. 84, No. 8,”
13 Nocturnes, Gabriel Fauré, Peters (MA)
 “Papillons,” *Piano Music of Africa and the African
 Diaspora Volume 3: Early Advanced*, Oswald
 Russell, OUP (MA)
 “Allegro from Sonatina in F Major,” *Six Sonatinas*,
 Op. 36, Muzio Clementi, HEN (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Seeds,” Mark Burrows, CGA, 2 pt, pno, opt vc (E)
 “For the Beauty of the Earth,” John Rutter, OUP,
 SATB, pno (ME)
 “Spirit of the Living God,” Joseph M. Martin, HAL,
 SATB, pno, opt perc (ME)
 “The Best of Rooms,” Z. Randall Stroope, MSM,
 SATB, org (M)
 “Thy Word Is a Lamp,” Mark Butler, CF, SATB,
 acap (M)
 “Thy Word Is a Lantern,” John Bertalot, AF, SATB
 div, org (A)

Art

The Sower, Jean-François Millet, 1851 (PD)
The Parable and the Sower, from *Das Plenarium*,
 Hans Schäufelein, 1517 (PD)
The Sower, Vincent van Gogh, 1888 (VCS)
Parables, Laura James, 2016 (EYE)
Luminarias along the Path, Danae Hurst, 2007 (VDL)
Sower, James Tissot, 1886–94 (VDL)

July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 11

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12,
23-24

Jacob dreams of a ladder and hears the promise of the Lord.
O Lord, you have searched me; if I ascend to heaven you are there.

Complementary

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30,
36-43

I am the first and last, says the Lord; there is no god besides me.
O Lord, give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
The whole creation waits for redemption with the children of God.
Another parable of the kingdom; weeds grow among the wheat.

Opening Sentences

Come by here, our Lord,
come by here.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God,
your Spirit is ever present with us.
Where can we flee your presence?
You are the beginning and the ending,
the first and the last,
and all that exists in between.
When your Spirit seems hidden from us,
teach us to recognize your presence and to respond,
for your name's sake. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

O God of Jacob (Os) ST. PETER LBW 477
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (OcE)

HYFRYDOL GTG 366

What Is This Place (Os)

KOMT NU MET ZANG GTG 404

Come, Worship God (OsOcG)

O QUANTA QUALIA GTG 386

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (Os)

UNSER HERRSCHER GTG 403

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (G)

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR GTG 367

WORD

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (G)

GOOD SOIL ELW 512, TFF 131

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (G)

YISRAEL V'ORAITA GTG 453

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder (Os)

JACOB'S LADDER AAHH 464

He Is King of Kings (OsOc) HE IS KING GTG 273

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (E) REST GTG 169

Sing Out with Joy to God Our Strength (OsG)

SHEPHERDS' PIPES GTG 56

For the Healing of the Nations (E)

ST. THOMAS (Wade) GTG 346

Calvary (Os) CALVARY OLOF 319

Hallelujah, I've Been Redeemed! (E)

HALLELUJAH, I'VE BEEN REDEEMED OLOF 190

EUCCHARIST

Of the Father's Love Begotten (Oc)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM GTG 108

There Is a Redeemer (Oc) GREEN GTG 443

In Christ There Is No East or West (E)

MC KEE, ST. PETER GTG 317, 318

SENDING

When All Is Ended (Os) YOGANANDA GTG 376

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (E)

HYMN TO JOY GTG 248

Soft Rains of Spring Flow (G) PCOCS GTG 680

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (E)

BEACH SPRING GTG 490

Keep Hope Alive (E) KEEP HOPE ALIVE AAHH 405

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Metrical

My Lord, You Have Examined Me [RESIGNATION];

PAS 139A

Responsorial

Lord, In You Do I Trust; PP 160

Psalm 86:11-17

Metrical

Lord, My Petition Heed [MASON]; PAS 86A

Responsorial

Be with Me, Lord; PAS 86B

I Sing Your Praise; UMH 787

Organ Music

"Arietta," *100 Processionals and Recessionals*,

Alan Viner, KM (M)

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit," *Augsburg Organ Library: Summer*, Adolphus Hailstork, AF (M)

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure," JESUS, MEINE FREUDE, *Five Chorale Preludes on Joyful Themes*,

Tom Mueller, CON (M)

"O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth," *Boundless Love: Eight Organ Preludes for the Church Year*,

Matthew Machemer, CON (M)

Piano Music

"Poco sostenuto, Op. 8, No. 6," *Silhouettes, Op. 8*,

Antonín Dvorák, KAL (M)

"Bagatelle No. 4," *14 Bagatelles, Op. 6*, Béla Bartók, KAL (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"O Lord, You Know Me Completely," Hal Hopson, CGA, 2 pt, pno (E)

"Borning Cry," John Ylvisaker, AF, 2 pt, pno, sax (E)

"Psalm 139," Allen Pote, CGA, SATB, pno (ME)

"Teach Me Your Way, O Lord," Lloyd Larson, BP, SATB, pno (M)

"Lead Me, Lord," *Praise the Lord, O My Soul*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, GIA, SATB, org (M)

"Jacob's Ladder," Brandon A. Boyd, HIN, SATB, pno (MA)

"The Gate of Heaven," Craig Courtney, BP, SATB, pno, opt vc or vln (A)

Art

Psalm 139: All Saints Princeton Liturgical Altarpiece Series (Dptych), Makoto Fujimara, 2020-21 (VCS)

Jacob's Ladder, William Blake, 1799-1806 (VCS)

Jacob's Dream, Augustus Lunn, 1944 (VCS)

Dream of Jacob, P. Solomon Raj, 2016 (EYE)

Jacob's Ladder, Rembrandt (Rembrandt van Rijn), 1655 (PD)

The Tares (The Parables of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ), after Sir John Everett Millais, engraving by Dalziel Brothers, 1864 (PD)

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 12

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Genesis 29:15-28 Tricked by Laban, Jacob first marries Leah, then Rachel.
 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Children of Jacob, give thanks for the promise of the Lord.
 or Psalm 128 The one who fears the Lord will enjoy progeny and prosperity.

Complementary

1 Kings 3:5-12 The young king Solomon asks God for wisdom and discernment.
 Psalm 119:129-136 Your law is wonderful; the unfolding of your words gives light.
 Romans 8:26-39 The Spirit helps us; nothing can separate us from God's love.
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 God's kingdom is like a tiny seed, yeast, a treasure, a pearl, a net.

Opening Sentences

Enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.
We order our footsteps according to God's word.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, your loving-kindness is better than life.
 There is nothing that can separate us
 from your enduring love.
 Move us out, draw us close, and keep us steady,
 that we might serve you all the days of our lives.
 All glory, power, dominion, and majesty are yours
 from eternity to eternity. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (Os)
 JEFFERSON GTG 94
 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom (Oc)
 MADELEINE GTG 174
 God the Sculptor of the Mountains (G)
 JENNINGS-HOUSTON GTG 5
 Come and Fill Our Hearts (E)
 CONFITEMINI DOMINO GTG 466

WORD

We Give Thanks unto You (Oc)
 WE GIVE THANKS UNTO YOU GTG 75
 Be Thou My Vision (Oc) SLANE GTG 450
 The Spirit Intercedes for Us (E)
 THE SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR US ELW 180
 I Need Thee Every Hour (E) NEED GTG 735
 For the Troubles and the Sufferings (E)
 PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO GTG 764
 Shall Tribulation or Distress (E) ROMANS 8 GTG 823
 Lord, Give Me a Praying Spirit (E)
 A PRAYING SPIRIT OLOF 161
 If You Only Had Faith (G) SI TUVIERAS FE GTG 176

EUCCHARIST

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts (OcE)
 LONGING GTG 470
 What Is the World Like (G) NEW WORLD GTG 771

SENDING

I Long for Your Commandments (Oc)
 WOHL DENEN DIE DA WANDELN GTG 64
 God of Grace and God of Glory (Oc)
 CWM RHONDDA GTG 307
 You Are My Strength When I Am Weak (EG)
 JERNIGAN GTG 519
 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! (OcG)
 DARWALL'S 148TH GTG 305
 Give to the Winds Thy Fears (E)
 FESTAL SONG GTG 815

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 105:1–11, 45b

Metrical

Praise the Lord, the Day is Won! [GAUDEMUS
 PARITER / AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM]; PAS 105C

Responsorial

O Lord, Still Guide Us on Our Way; PP 198
 Sing to God; Sing Praises, Sing Praises, Sing Praises
 to the Lord; PSA 106

Psalm 128

Metrical

Bless All Who Trust in God [FRANCONIA]; GTG 47
 Whoever Fears the Lord [OLD DOMINION]; PAS 128C
 The Grace of Life Is Theirs [HARWOOD]; PH 534

Responsorial

Blessed Are Those Who Rejoice in the Lord; PSA 133
 Psalm 128, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 128B

Psalm 119:129–136

Metrical

I Long for Your Commandments [WOHL DENEN, DIE
 DA WANDELN]; GTG 64
 How Shall the Young Direct Their Way? [ST.
 CRISPIN]; PAS 119B
 Order My Steps [IN YOUR WORD]; PAS 119F

Responsorial

Psalm 119:129–136, A Responsorial Setting;
 PAS 119L
 O Lord, You Have the Words of Life; PP 238
 O Lord, My Delight; PSA 124

Organ Music

“Adagio from Sonata Op. 65, No. 1,” *Six Organ
 Sonatas*, Felix Mendelssohn, NOV (ME)
 “O Day of Peace,” *Six Postludes on English Hymn
 Tunes*, Carles Callahan, MSM (ME)
 “O Jesus, I Have Promised,” *Evening and Morning*,
 David Cherwien, AF (M)
 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing,” *Augsburg Organ
 Library: Baptism and Holy Communion*, Wayne L.
 Wold, AF (M)

Piano Music

“Metamorphosis One,” *Solo Piano*, Philip Glass,
 Chester Music (M)
 “Pastorale,” *Five Pieces for Piano, Op. 34*, Paul Ben-
 Haim, Noten Roehr (MA)
 “Andante from Sonata No. 1 in E Major, D. 157,”
 Franz Schubert, IMSLP.org (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Mustard Seed,” Hank Beebe, LOR, 2 pt, pno (E)
 “The Kingdom,” Andre Thomas, HIN, SATB,
 pno (ME)
 “Be Thou My Vision,” Earlene Rentz, MSM, SATB,
 pno (M)
 “Neither Death nor Life,” Jonathan Crutchfield,
 MSM, SATB, organ, hn (MA)
 “Seek Ye First,” Marques L. A. Garrett, GIA, SATB
 div, acap (MA)
 “O Give Thanks to the Lord,” James MacMillan, BH,
 SATB div, org or stngs (A)

Art

Pregnant Self Portrait, Ghislaine Howard, 1984 (VCS)
Jacob and Rachel after William Dyce_478, Wayne
 Forte, 2016 (EYE)
A Choice, Lauren Wright Pittman, 2018 (VDL)
The Hidden Treasure, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)
*The Pearl of Great Price (The Parables of Our Lord
 and Saviour Jesus Christ)*, after Sir John Everett
 Millais, engraving by Dalziel Brothers, 1864 (PD)
*The Hidden Treasure (The Parables of Our Lord and
 Saviour Jesus Christ)*, after Sir John Everett Millais,
 engraving by Dalziel Brothers, 1864 (PD)

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 13

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Genesis 32:22-31 Jacob wrestles with a man from God, and receives a blessing.
Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Visit and test me in the night, O Lord; I will behold your face.

Complementary

Isaiah 55:1-5 Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; eat and be satisfied.
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 The Lord is gracious and merciful, giving food in due season.
Romans 9:1-5 Paul struggles with the issue of Israel's relationship to the church.
Matthew 14:13-21 With five loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds a great multitude.

Opening Sentences

God is great and greatly to be praised;
There is no end to God's greatness.
God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
God's dominion endures throughout all ages.

Prayer of the Day

Divine Ruler, you reign forever.
We exalt you above every struggle and distraction.
Fill our hearts with your desires
and give us the courage to pursue your kingdom
on earth as it is in heaven.
We look to you,
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Bring Many Names (Os) WESTCHASE GTG 760

You Thirsty Ones, Come (OcG)

HEAVEN'S RAIN GTG 78

Ho, All Who Thirst (OcG) JACOB'S WELL GTG 479

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (E)

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH GTG 4

WORD

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (Os)

ST. MARGARET GTG 833

When the Poor Ones (Oc) EL CAMINO GTG 762

The God of Abraham Praise (E) LEONI GTG 49

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (OcG)

KINGSFOLD GTG 182

As the Deer Runs to the River (Oc)

JULION OLOF 445

EUCCHARIST

Eat This Bread (OcG) BERTHIER GTG 527

I Am the Bread of Life (OcG)

I AM THE BREAD GTG 522

Feed Us, Lord (OcG) FEED US GTG 501

Come, Let Us Eat (OcG) A VA DE GTG 528

SENDING

Go to the World! (Os) SINE NOMINE GTG 295

Take Us as We Are, O God (G)

ENDLESS FEAST GTG 312

How Firm a Foundation (E) FOUNDATION GTG 463

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Metrical

Lord, Listen to My Righteous Plea [ROSALIE MCMILLAN]; PAS 17C

Responsorial

Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye; PSA 11

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Metrical

Te exaltaré, mi Dios, mi Rey [ECUADOR]; PAS 145C

Responsorial

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!; PP 286

Organ Music

“Cantabile in F Major, Op. 41, No. 4,” *The Practical Organist: 50 Short Works for Church Services*, Alexandre Guilmant, DP (MA)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” NETTLETON, *Augsburg Organ Library: Summer*, Aaron David Miller, AF (M)

“Just As I Am,” *Six Organ Preludes on Gospel Hymns*, Raymond H. Haan, MSM (E)

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ,” LINSTEAD, *Augsburg Organ Library: Summer*, Mark Sedio, AF (MA)

Piano Music

“Sonata in D Major, K. 430,” *Sixty Sonatas, Vol. 1*, Domenico Scarlatti, KAL (M)

“Reflets dans l'eau,” *Images*, Claude Debussy, HEN (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Jesus, Feed Us,” Brian Wentzel, AF, SAB, pno (E)

“At the Table,” Victor Johnson, LOR, SATB, pno (ME)

“The Eyes of All,” Richard Proulx, World Library Publications, 2 pt, org (ME)

“O Love,” Elaine Hagenberg, BP, SATB, pno (ME)

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown,” Alice Parker, SATB, tenor, pno (M)

“Break Thou the Bread of Life,” Joyce Vickery, Vickery Music, SATB, opt children's choir, pno (M)

“The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee,” Jean Berger, AF, SATB, acap (MA)

Vocal Solos

“I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray,” *30 Spirituals for Voice and Piano*, Hall Johnson, GSH, high/medium/low (M)

“Be Thou My Vision,” *The Sunday Worship Duet Book*, Tom Fettke, Lillenas Publishing, high/medium duet (M)

“Field of Souls,” *High Voice Treasury*, arr. Lloyd Larson, Lillenas Publishing, high (ME)

Art

Animalia Rationalia et Insecta (Ignis): Plate XIV, Joris Hoefnagel, 1575-80 (VCS)

Jesus Multiplies the Loaves and Fish, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)

Words Can't Feed the Hungry, Michal Pawlicki, 2012 (VDL)

Vision of the Sermon (Jacob Wrestling with the Angel), Paul Gauguin, 1888 (VCS)

Jakob Ringt mit den Engel (Jacob Wrestles with the Angel), Max Beckmann, 1920 (VCS)

Loaves and Fishes, Nicholas Markell, 2016 (EYE)

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost /

Proper 14

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Out of jealousy, Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery in Egypt.
 Psalm 105:1-6, God sent Joseph to Egypt to save the people in a time of famine.
 16-22, 45b

Complementary

1 Kings 19:9-18 Elijah hears the word of the Lord—not in the storm, but in silence.
 Psalm 85:8-13 Let me hear what the Lord will speak; God will speak peace.
 Romans 10:5-15 Proclaim the word of faith: confess Jesus as Lord, and be saved.
 Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus walks on the water to meet his disciples, and calms a storm.

Opening Sentences

Come Jesus, come.
We welcome your presence.

Prayer of the Day

Prince of peace,
 you calm the raging seas
 and speak in silent stillness.
 Bring us peace that only you can provide
 and restore the joy of our salvation,
 that we might find the wisdom
 to recognize you in unexpected places
 and the courage to follow,
 for your name's sake,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Bring Many Names (Oc) WESTCHASE GTG 760
 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus (Os)
 ALL SAINTS GTG 262
 O Lord My God (E) HOW GREAT THOU ART GTG 625
 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (G)
 WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT GTG 816
 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (OsEG) OLIVET GTG 829
 Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand (G)
 KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA GTG 832
 God, Reveal Your Presence (Oc) ARNSBERG GTG 412

WORD

God Is Calling through the Whisper (OcE)
 W ŻLOBIE LEŻY GTG 410
 You Are My Refuge, Faithful God (OsEG)
 MORNING SONG GTG 214
 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us (Os)
 AUSTIN GTG 44
 When God Restored Our Common Life (Os)
 RESIGNATION GTG 74
 O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry (EG)
 DETROIT GTG 812
 I Depend upon Your Faithfulness (G)
 TU FIDELIDAD GTG 831
 Precious Lord, Take My Hand (G)
 PRECIOUS LORD GTG 834
 Just a Closer Walk with Thee (G)
 CLOSER WALK GTG 835
 God of Great and God of Small (Oc)
 GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL GTG 19
 Calm to the Waves (G) CALM SEAS GTG 184
 Blessed Quietness (Oc)
 BLESSED QUIETNESS AAHH 374
 Speak, O Lord (Oc) SPEAK, O LORD LUYH 755

EUCHARIST

Rejected and Despised (Os) CARDINAL GTG 222
 Do Not Be Afraid (G) ISAIAH 43 GTG 76
 Nothing Can Trouble (G) NADA TE TURBE GTG 820
 In Deepest Night (OsG) ROSE MARY GTG 785
 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Os)
 PICARDY GTG 347

SENDING

I'll Praise My Maker (OcE) OLD 113TH GTG 806

Give to the Winds Thy Fears (EG)

FESTAL SONG GTG 815

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight (EG)

DUNLAP'S CREEK GTG 817

My Life Flows On (G)

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING GTG 821

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (G)

SOLID ROCK GTG 353

The Storm Is Passing Over (OcG)

THE STORM IS PASSING OVER AAHH 427

Love Lifted Me (G) SAFETY OLOF 494

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Metrical

Praise the Lord, the Day Is Won [GAUDEAMUS

PARITER]; PAS 105C

Responsorial

Tell Out the Deeds of the Lord; PSA 107

The Steadfast Love of the Lord [THE STEADFAST

LOVE OF THE LORD]; GTG 59

Give Thanks to the Lord; LPGA 783

Psalm 85:8-13

Metrical

Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love [MENDON];

GTG 449

Responsorial

Lord, Show Us Your Love; PSA 76, PSA 77

Dona Nobis Pacem; PSA 78

I Will Hear What the Lord God Has to Say;

LPGA 770

Show Us, Lord, Your Love; LPGA A1

Organ Music

"Adagio from Fantasia in C Major, Op. 16," *Cesar Franck Orgelwerke II*, César Franck, CFP (M)

"A Prayer of Peace," *Contemplation: Gentle Music for Organ*, Michael Higgins, KM (ME)

"Dignitate," *100 Processionals and Recessionals*, Andrew Moore, KM (M)

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save," MELITA, *Augsburg Organ Library: Summer*, Wayne L. Wold, AF (ME)

Piano Music

"Intermezzo in C Major, Op. 119, No. 3," *Johannes Brahms Complete Shorter Works for Solo Piano*, Johannes Brahms, Dover (A)

"Prelude No. 1 in C Major," *24 Preludes, Op. 38*, Dmitry Kabalevsky, International Music Company (M)

"Prelude in D-flat Major, Op. 28, No. 15," *Preludes*, Frédéric Chopin, HEN (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Wade in the Water," Greg Gilpin, CGA, 2 pt, pno (E)

"Children of the Heavenly Father," Dan Forrest, BP, 2 pt, pno, opt fl, vc, and hc (ME)

"I Sought the Lord," Karen Marroli, MSM, SATB, pno (ME)

"How Firm a Foundation," David M. Cherwien, AF, SATB, org, C inst (M)

"Here I Am, Lord," Ovid Young, AF, SATB, pno (M)

"Wade in the Water," Mark Hayes, LOR, SATB, pno (MA)

"O Lord, Increase My Faith," Orlando Gibbons, ECS, SATB, acap (A)

Vocal Solos

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past," *Songs of Comfort and Hope*, Mark Hayes, LOR, medium (M)

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," *Sacred Songs of John Ness Beck*, John Ness Beck, BP, high/low (ME)

"Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place," arr. Stephan DeCesare, SheetMusicDirect.com, high/medium, duet (ME)

Art

Story of Joseph, John August Swanson, 2005 (VDL)
Prophet Elijah in the Wilderness, unknown Byzantine artist, Thessalonica, late 14th-15th cent. (VCS)

Disciples See Christ Walking on the Water, Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1907 (VDL)

Jesus and Peter on the Water, Paula Jordan, 1949 (VCS)

Get Out of the Boat, Wayne Forte, 2016 (EYE)

Walk Across that Water, Jan Richardson (JR)

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost /

Proper 15

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Joseph is reunited with his brothers; the family will move to Egypt.
How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

Complementary

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

The Lord will welcome foreigners along with the outcasts of Israel.
God's saving power is known among all the nations of the earth.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel, but desires to show mercy to all.

Matthew 15:(10-20)
21-28

Debate about what defiles; a Canaanite woman shows great faith.

Opening Sentences

O taste and see:

God is good.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the harvest,
we praise you for the bounty
that only you can bring.
Teach us to trust you
with the persistence of the Canaanite woman,
who sought healing for her child,
and to advocate for the needs of one another.
Fill each pantry with sustaining food
and fill us with the fruits of the Spirit,
that we might serve you
until every hunger is met with justice
and every outcast is welcomed home,
in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Os)

PROMISE GTG 250

Let Us Build a House (OcG) TWO OAKS GTG 301

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (E)

TOULON GTG 624

For Everyone Born (G)

FOR EVERYONE BORN GTG 769

WORD

When the Morning Stars Together (Oc)

WEISSE FLAGGEN GTG 689

For the Troubles and the Sufferings (G)

PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO GTG 764

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (E)

AMAZING GRACE GTG 649

Help Us Accept Each Other (G) BARONITA GTG 754

If You Only Had Faith (G) SI TUVIERAS FE GTG 176

We've Come This Far by Faith (G) THIS FAR BY FAITH

GTG 656, TFF 197 (with verses)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (E)

IN BABILONE GTG 435

EUCCHARIST

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (Oc)

JEFFERSON GTG 94

What Shall I Render to the Lord (Oc)

MARTYRDOM GTG 655

In the Singing (G) BREAD OF PEACE GTG 533

SENDING

O God, in a Mysterious Way (Os) DUNDEE GTG 30

O for a World (Oc) AZMON GTG 372

In Christ There Is No East or West (EG)

MC KEE GTG 317

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 133

Metrical

How Very Good and Pleasant [HOW VERY GOOD];
GTG 398

Behold the Goodness of Our Lord [DETROIT];

PAS 133A

Responsorial

The Lord Anoints and Blesses, Gives Life

Forevermore; PSA 137

Psalm 133, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 133E

God of Love and Mercy; PP 268

Psalm 67

Metrical

God of Mercy, God of Grace [DIX]; PAS 67A

Responsorial

Let the People Praise You, Lord; PP 118

Let the People Praise You, O God; PSA 60

Organ Music

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” *Three Organ*

Preludes on Hymns of Invocation, Kenneth T.

Kosche, MSM (ME)

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord,” *God of the World:*

Hymn Tunes from Many Nations, Edwin T. Childs,

AF (MA)

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy,” *Lord, Thee I*

Love, David Cherwien, AF (M)

Piano Music

“Arietta, Op. 12, No. 1,” *Lyric Pieces, Op. 12*, Edvard
Grieg, HEN (M)

“Ballade in F-sharp Major, Op. 4, No. 1,” *Ossian, Op. 4*,
Louis Moreau Gottschalk, IMSLP.org (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“A Prayer for Mercy,” Allen Pote, CGA, SA, pno (E)

“Christ Has Broken Down the Wall,” Mark Miller,
CGA, SATB, pno (ME)

“I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord Forever,”
David Rasbach, CGA, SATB, pno (ME)

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,” Tom Fettle,
OCP, SATB, pno or orch (ME)

“Psalm 133,” Peter J. Durow, CV, SATB, pno, opt
perc (M)

“Woman in the Night,” William P. Rowan, SEL,
SATB, org (M)

“Let the People Praise Thee, O God,” William
Mathias, OUP, SATB, org (A)

Vocal Solos

“Is There Anybody Here?” *Sweetest Sound I Ever*
Heard, Roland Carter, Classical Vocal Reprints,
medium (M)

“Wayfaring Stranger,” *12 Sacred Songs*, Jacob Niles,
HAL (ME)

“My Lord, What a Mornin’,” *First Book of Tenor Solos*,
Hall Johnson, GSH (M)

Art

Christ and the Canaanite Women, Abraham

Bloemaert, late 16th–mid-17th cent. (PD)

Woman of Canaan, Sadao Watanabe, 1940-1996
(VDL)

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers, Peter von
Cornelius, 1816 (VDL)

The Canaanite Woman Asks for Healing for Her
Daughter, Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib, 1684
(VDL)

Celebration, John August Swanson, 2016 (EYE)

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost /

Proper 16

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Exodus 1:8—2:10

Psalm 124

Pharaoh orders the drowning of Hebrew boys, but Moses is spared.

Were the Lord not on our side, the water would have consumed us.

Complementary

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Look to the rock from which you were hewed; God will deliver.

I sing your praise, O Lord; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Offer yourselves to God as a living sacrifice; one body, many gifts.

Who is Jesus? Peter answers: You are the Messiah, the Son of God.

Opening Sentences

Let [church or community name] say,
**If the Lord had not been on our side,
where would we be?**

Prayer of the Day

Son of God, Son of Man,
you offered your body on the cross.
Help us to offer our bodies
as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving,
that we may be transformed
and reformed by your word,
in the name of our Sovereign Lord,
Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Lift Every Voice and Sing (Os)

LIFT EVERY VOICE GTG 339

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (Oc)

UNSER HERRSCHER GTG 403

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (G)

CORONATION GTG 263

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing (EG) SMITH GTG 319

WORD

To Abraham and Sarah (Oc) LLANFYLLIN GTG 51

Comfort, Comfort Now My People (Oc)

GENEVAN 42 GTG 87

At the Name of Jesus (G) KING'S WESTON GTG 264

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (E) I'M GONNA

LIVE GTG 700

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo / We Are the Body of
Christ (E) SOMOS EL CUERPO DE CRISTO GTG 768
Is Your All on the Altar (E) YOUR ALL AAHH 393,
OLOF 181

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (E)
BRIDEGROOM GTG 285

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (G)
BOURBON GTG 718

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (G)
DETROIT GTG 444

Upon This Rock (G) UPON THIS ROCK OLOF 590

EUCCHARIST

One Bread, One Body (E)

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY GTG 530

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (Oc) TOPLADY GTG 438

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (Os)
HOLY MANNA GTG 396

This Is the Feast of Victory (G)

FESTIVAL CANTICLE GTG 513

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table! (E)

COPELAND GTG 506

We Lift Our Voices (E) OFFERING GTG 710

We Are One in Christ Jesus (E) SOMOS UNO GTG 322

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (G)

LES PETITES SOEURS GTG 737

Where Charity and Love Prevail (E)

TWENTY-FOURTH GTG 316

I Am the Bread of Life (G) I AM THE BREAD GTG 522,

LUYH 842

SENDING

May the God of Hope Go with Us (OsOc)
 ARGENTINA GTG 765
 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus (G)
 ALL SAINTS GTG 262
 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen (E)
 SURGE ECCLESIA GTG 536
 In the Midst of New Dimensions (E)
 NEW DIMENSIONS GTG 315
 Go with Us, Lord (E) TALLIS' CANON GTG 748
 Lead On, O King Eternal! (G) LANCASHIRE GTG 269

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 124

Metrical

Our Help Is in the Name of God [OLD 124TH];
 GTG 330; PAS 124A
 Our Help; PAS 124B, LUYH 497

Responsorial

Our Help; PSA 128
 Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord; PAS 124C

Psalm 138

Metrical

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring
 [ST. PETERSBURG]; GTG 334
 With All My Heart I Thank You, Lord [GENEVAN 138];
 PAS 138C, LUYH 323

Responsorial

Let Every Voice Give Praise; PP 276
 Rulers of All the Earth; PSA 141

Organ Music

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come,” *Come, Ye Thankful People: Easy Organ Music for Thanksgiving*, Douglas E. Wagner, LOR (E)
 “He Comes to Us as One Unknown,” *God of the World: Hymn Tunes from Many Nations*, Edwin T. Childs, AF (M)
 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow,” OLD HUNDREDTH, *Augsburg Organ Library: November*, John Ferguson, AF (M)
 “Prelude in E-flat Major, Op. 41, No. 1,” *The Practical Organist: 50 Short Works for Church Services*, Alexandre Guilmant, DP (M)

Piano Music

“Novelette No. 1 in C Major,” *Three Novelettes for Piano*, Francis Poulenc, Chester Music (M)
 “Prelude in C Major, Op. 34, No. 1,” *24 Preludes, Op. 34*, Dmitri Shostakovich, International Music Company (M)
 “Un poco allegro, Op. 20, No. 1,” *Excursions, Op. 20*, Samuel Barber, GSH (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Take My Life and Let It Be,” Brian L. Hanson, CGA, SATB, pno, opt vln (E)
 “Built on the Rock,” Michael Burkhardt, MSM, SATB, org, tpt, hb (E)
 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation,” Jeremy Bankston, MSM, SATB, org (ME)
 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” Michael Larkin, MSM, SATB, pno (ME)
 “Many Gifts, One Spirit,” Allen Pote, TPR, SATB, pno (ME)
 “Tu es Petrus,” Maurice Duruflé, DSE, SATB, acap (A)

Vocal Solos

“Don't You Let Nobody Turn You 'Round,” *Songs for Voice and Piano*, Lena McLin, KJO, high/medium (ME)
 “The Power of Your Love,” Geoff Bullock, Musescore.com, low (E)
 “Heal Our Land,” Pepper Choplin, SMP, medium, solo or duet (ME)

Art

Shiphrah, Puah, Jocheved, Miriam, Pharaoh's Daughter, and the infant Moses, Dura-Europos Synagogue, ca. 245 (VDL)
The Finding of Moses, Nicolas Poussin, 1647 (VCS)
The Finding of Moses, British, 17th cent. (PD)
Messiah, Timothy Botts, 2016 (EYE)

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost /

Proper 17

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Exodus 3:1-15 Moses meets the Lord in a burning bush, and learns God's name.
 Psalm 105:1-6, Give thanks to the Lord, who sent Moses to set the people free.
 23-26, 45b

Complementary

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Jeremiah laments his calling, but God promises to redeem him.
 Psalm 26:1-8 Vindicate me, O Lord; I have trusted you and walked in integrity.
 Romans 12:9-21 Love one another; seek what is good; live peaceably with all.
 Matthew 16:21-28 Jesus says: If any wish to follow me, they must take up their cross.

Opening Sentences

We sing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recount all of God's wonderful deeds.

Prayer of the Day

Lamb of God, your burden is easy.
 Good shepherd, your way is righteous.
 Give us the resolve to follow wherever you lead,
 knowing the hills and valleys ahead,
 the places of great suffering
 and deep hope along the way.
 May we live our lives worthy
 of the calling you have given us,
 in the strong and gentle name of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

Congregational Song

GATHERING

The God of Abraham Praise (Os) LEONI GTG 49
 You Are Holy (Os) YOU ARE HOLY GTG 705
 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (E) ST. THOMAS GTG 310

WORD

What Wondrous Love Is This (OsG)
 WONDROUS LOVE GTG 215
 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (Oc) TOPLADY GTG 438
 Out of the Depths (Oc) AUS TIEFER NOT GTG 424
 You Are My Refuge, Faithful God (Oc)
 MORNING SONG GTG 214
 Beneath the Cross of Jesus (OcG)
 ST. CHRISTOPHER GTG 216
 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least (E)
 I'LL FLY AWAY GTG 852
 Where He Leads Me (G) NORRIS AAHH 550

EUCCHARIST

We Are Standing on Holy Ground (Os)
 HOLY GROUND GTG 406
 There Is a Redeemer (OcG) GREEN GTG 443
 Where Charity and Love Prevail (E)
 TWENTY-FOURTH GTG 316
 Take Us as We Are, O God (E)
 ENDLESS FEAST GTG 312

SENDING

O God, Who Gives Us Life (Os) NOEL GTG 53
 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness (Os)
 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM GTG 850
 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Oc)
 HERE I AM (Schutte) GTG 69
 Lift High the Cross (G) CRUCIFER GTG 826
 Spirit, Open My Heart (E)
 WILD MOUNTAIN THYME GTG 692
 Lord, Make Us More Holy (E)
 LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY GTG 313
 Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone (G)
 MAITLAND OLOF 424

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Metrical

Praise the Lord, the Day Is Won [GAUDEAMUS
 PARITER]; PAS 105C

Responsorial

Alleluia, Alleluia; PAS 105B

Psalm 26:1-8

Metrical

Let This Be My Supreme Desire [WINCHESTER OLD];
 PAS 26B

Responsorial

O Lord, Still Guide Us on Our Way; PP 194

Organ Music

“Processional on O Waly Waly,” *John A. Behnke: The Essential Organ Preludes*, John A. Behnke, CON (E)
 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness,” SCHMÜCKE
 DICH, *Five Chorale Preludes on Joyful Themes*,
 Tom Mueller, CON (M)
 “The God of Abraham Praise,” YIGDAL, *Augsburg Organ Library: Autumn*, Richard Proulx, AF (M)
 “Will You Come and Follow Me,” *Draw Us In: Organ Settings*, David Lasky, AF (ME)

Piano Music

“Contentment: A Rag,” *Complete Rags for Piano*,
 William Bolcom, HAL (MA)
 “Chorale,” *Album for the Young, Op. 68*, Robert
 Schumann, HEN (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Go Down Moses,” Vicki Tucker Courtney, BRI,
 2 pt, pno (E)
 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian,” Becki Slagle Mayo,
 CGA, SATB, pno (E)
 “Love Shall Overcome,” Carlos Colón-Quintana,
 MSM, SATB, pno, cl (ME)
 “Come, Follow Me,” John Leavitt, GIA, SAB, org,
 ob (M)
 “Will You Come and Follow Me,” Tom Trenney,
 MSM, SATB, pno (M)
 “Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal,” Alice Parker, ALF,
 SATB div, acap (MA)
 “Go Down Moses,” Adolphus Hailstork, TPR, SATB,
 bari, acap (A)

Vocal Solos

“The Gift of Love,” Hal Hopson, HOPE, medium (E)

Art

Landscape with Moses and the Burning Bush,
 Domenichino (Domenico Zampieri), 1610-16 (PD)
Fellowship of Believers_89, Wayne Forte, 2016 (EYE)
Helping Hand, Carol Aust, 2016 (EYE)
The Burning Bush, Jan Richardson (JR)
Burning Bush, Annette Gandy Fortt (VDL)
BP_Moses & the Burning Bush, P. Solomon Raj, 2016
 (EYE)

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 18

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

Before the exodus, the Lord gives instructions for the Passover.
Let the faithful praise the Lord with tambourine and dancing.

Complementary

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

The Lord desires that the wicked turn away from evil, and live.
Teach me your way, O Lord: to turn from vanity and disgrace.
Love is the fulfillment of the law; put on Christ; salvation is near.
Jesus says: Seek reconciliation; when you gather I am with you.

Opening Sentences

A new song awaits us;

God's Spirit is coming.

We can hear the music;
we're ready to move!

God's praise will be on our lips!

Neighbors from far and wide
will pour out from their doorways.

God's joy will be alive in the streets;
friends and strangers will gather.

All will rejoice;

together, we will breathe
a deep sigh of peace

as we turn our hearts

toward the justice of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

God of goodness,

when we gather, we are with you.

Bind us together in your promise,
that our dark nights will soon be over,
and the brightness of day will be near.

The hour has come. Salvation is here.

Let us be your light.

Let us be your love. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

God the Sculptor of the Mountains (Os)

JENNINGS-HOUSTON GTG 5

You Are Holy (Os) YOU ARE HOLY GTG 705

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun (Oc)

MORNING HYMN GTG 663

O Come unto the Lord (Oc) KOREA GTG 416

Arise, Your Light Is Come! (E)

FESTAL SONG GTG 744

I Bind unto Myself Today (OsEG)

ST. PATRICK GTG 6

We Have Come Into This House (G)

WORSHIP HIM OLOF 2

WORD

The Day of Resurrection! (Os) LANCASHIRE GTG 233

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (Oc)

CANONBURY GTG 722

O Hear Our Cry, O Lord (Oc)

VINEYARD HAVEN GTG 355

Beloved, God's Chosen (E)

ANDREW'S SONG ELW 648

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (G)

CHEREPONI GTG 203

EUCCHARIST

This Is the Feast of Victory (Os)

FESTIVAL CANTICLE GTG 513

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (Oc)

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY GTG 418

You Have Put On Christ (E)

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST GTG 491
 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (G)
 UNION SEMINARY GTG 529

SENDING

God Be with You Till We Meet Again (Os)
 RANDOLPH GTG 541 or GOD BE WITH YOU GTG 542
 To God Be the Glory (Oc)
 TO GOD BE THE GLORY GTG 634
 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen (EG)
 SURGE ECCLESIA GTG 536

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 149

Metrical

Give Praise to the Lord [LAUDATE DOMINUM];
 GTG 550

Responsorial

Psalm 149, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 149A
 Alleluia! Sing to the Lord a New Song; PSA 156
 Sing to the Lord; PP 298

Psalm 119:33-40

Metrical

I Long for Your Commandments [WOHL DENEN, DIE
 DA WANDELN]; GTG 64
 Thou Art My Portion, Lord [CARLISLE]; PAS 119N

Responsorial

O Lord, You Have the Words of Life; PP 232
 Psalm 119:33-40, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 119J

Organ Music

"All Glory Be to God on High," ALLEIN GOTT IN DER
 HÖH, *Augsburg Organ Library: Reformation*, Paul
 Manz, AF (M)
 "Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 672," *Organ*
Works of J. S. Bach, J. S. Bach, various publishers;
 IMSLP.org (ME)
 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me," TOPLADY, *Augsburg*
Organ Library: Baptism and Holy Communion, Peter
 Pindar Stearms, AF (ME)
 "Toccata per L'Elevazione," *Church Music for All*
Organs, Girolamo Frescobaldi, GSH (M)

Piano Music

"Ufie III," *Piano Music of Africa and the African*
Diaspora, Volume 1: Early Intermediate, Christian
 Onyeji, OUP (ME)
 "Jamaican Dance No. 2," *Piano Music of Africa and*
the African Diaspora, Volume 3: Early Advanced,
 Oswald Russell, OUP (MA)
 "Allegretto from Sonata No. 14 in C-sharp Minor,
 Op. 27, No. 2," Ludwig van Beethoven, HEN (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Gathered in God's Name," Michael Burkhardt,
 MSM, uni, pno, opt fl and hc (E)
 "At the Table of the Lord," Jay Althouse, HOPE,
 SATB, pno (ME)
 "Just as I Am, I Come," Victor Johnson, LOR, SATB,
 pno, opt cl (ME)
 "Festival Sanctus," John Leavitt, ALF, SATB, pno or
 orch (M)
 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether," Harold Friedell, JM,
 SATB, org (MA)
 "Cantate Domino," Pete Deshler, Imagine Music
 Publishing, SATB, acap (A)

Vocal Solos

"Lord, Here I Am," *Sacred Songs of John Ness Beck*,
 John Ness Beck, BP, high/medium/low (ME)
 "Let Your Light Shine," *Vocal Solos of Mary*
McDonald, Vol. 1, Mary McDonald, HOPE,
 medium (M)
 "Prayer of Mother Teresa," *Songs for the Journey*,
 Craig Courtney, SHAW, high/medium/low (M)

Art

King David as Orpheus in a synagogue mosaic,
 Unknown, 508 (VCS)
Dancers of Meron, Reuven Rubin, 11923 (VCS)
Celebration, John August Swanson, 2016 (EYE)
The Insistent Friend, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)
Matthew 18:19-20, Timothy R. Botts, 2016 (EYE)

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost /

Proper 19

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Exodus 14:19-31 At the sea, God delivers the Israelites from the Egyptian army.
 Psalm 114 The earth shakes and the sea retreats in the presence of the Lord.
 or Exodus 15:1b-11, Moses and Miriam sing praise to God, who has delivered them.
 20-21

Complementary

Genesis 50:15-21 Joseph's brothers seek forgiveness; God turned their evil to good.
 Psalm 103:(1-7) 8-13 Bless the Lord, who is gracious and merciful, forgiving our sin.
 Romans 14:1-12 Refrain from judgment; whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
 Matthew 18:21-35 A lesson in forgiveness from a parable about debts and debtors.

Opening Sentences

We bow with the rolling rocks.
God is our strength and our salvation.
 We sing with the roaring rivers.
God is our justice and our joy.
 We will never stop telling God's story.
God is the hope of our ancestors.
 With all that we have and all that we are, we say:
God is so good!

Prayer of the Day

Spirit of mercy,
 we come to your fountain of forgiveness
 to begin again.
 You offer a fresh drink, a new life.
 Though we are often critical of others
 and of ourselves,
 help us to accept that we are accepted.
 Meet us here in ways that we can understand,
 that we may be filled with the life
 only you can offer. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us (OcG)
 O QUANTA QUALIA GTG 436
 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Os)
 CWM RHONDDA GTG 65
 Forgive Us, Lord (E) CONFESIÓN GTG 431
 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (Os)
 AUSTRIAN HYMN GTG 81

WORD

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (OcG)
 DETROIT GTG 444
 Help Us Accept Each Other (EG)
 BARONITA GTG 754
 Give to the Winds Thy Fears (Os)
 FESTAL SONG GTG 815
 Out of Deep, Unordered Water (Os)
 RUSTINGTON GTG 484
 Tremble, O Tremble (OsG) TROMBLEY GTG 57
 When We Are Living (E) SOMOS DEL SEÑOR GTG 822
 God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn (OcE)
 MOSHIER GTG 787
 When Israel Was Going Forth (Os) PISGAH GTG 58

EUCCHARIST

You Belong to Christ (E)

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST GTG 492

Your Only Son (EG) LAMB OF GOD GTG 518

We Are Forgiven (G) WE ARE FORGIVEN GTG 447

SENDING

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (OsG)

IN BABILONE GTG 435

Crashing Waters at Creation (Os)

CRASHING WATERS GTG 476

Restore in Us, O God (E) BAYLOR GTG 434

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (EG) OLIVET GTG 829

O God, in a Mysterious Way (Os) DUNDEE GTG 30

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21

Metrical

When Israel Fled from Egypt Land [O HEILAND,
REISS DIE HIMMEL]; PAS 114B

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah [CWM RHONDDA];
GTG 65

Responsorial

God Led Israel On the Way; PP 215

When Israel Came Forth from Egypt; PRCL 75

Tremble, O Earth; UMH 835

Organ Music

“Absolution, Op. 49, No. 1,” *The Practical Organist: 50 Short Works for Church Services*, Alexandre Guilmant, DP (M)

“Crashing Waters at Creation,” STUTTGART, *Augsburg Organ Library: Baptism and Holy Communion*, David McCarthy, AF (M)

“Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 673,” *Organ Works of J. S. Bach*, J. S. Bach, various publishers; IMSLP.org (ME)

“We Praise You, O God,” *Organ Works of Healey Willan*, Healey Willan, CON (E)

Piano Music

“Romance in E-flat Minor, Op. 11, No. 1,” *Selected Piano Works*, Clara Schumann, HEN (MA)

“Allemande,” *French Suite in D Minor BWV 812*, Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Miriam's Song,” Michael Barker, CGA, uni, pno, opt tamb (E)

“When We Are Living,” Hal Hopson, AF, SATB, pno (ME)

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive,” CON, SAB, org (ME)

“Then I Shall Live,” Tom Fettke, LOR, SATB, pno, opt inst (M)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah,” Criag Courtney, BP, SATB, pno (M)

“Song of Miriam,” Elaine Hagenberg, Elaine Hagenberg Music, SSA, pno (MA)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah,” Mack Wilberg, OUP, SATB, org, opt orch (MA)

Vocal Solos

“None Other Lamb,” *Duets for the Master*, arr. Craig Courtney, BP, duet (ME)

“Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho,” Margaret Bonds, TPR, high/medium/low (M)

“How Beautiful Upon the Mountains,” F. Flaxington Harker, GSH, high (MA)

Art

Moses, John August Swanson, 1983 (VDL)

Prophet Miriam, Pippa Blackall, 2008 (VDL)

Crossing the Red Sea, Marc Chagall, 1957 (VCS)

The Egyptians Crossing the Red Sea, from Das Buch Granatapfel, Hans Baldung, 1511 (MET)

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 20

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Exodus 16:2-15 The people complain of hunger; God gives food in the wilderness.
 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Give thanks to the Lord, who gave food and drink in the desert.

Complementary

Jonah 3:10-4:11 God's mercy angers Jonah; God teaches a lesson through a bush.
 Psalm 145:1-8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of love.
 Philippians 1:21-30 Living is Christ, dying is gain; live in a way worthy of the gospel.
 Matthew 20:1-16 The parable of laborers in the vineyard; the last will be first.

Opening Sentences

The wilderness is still.
The hungry are left empty.
 The cracked earth crumbles.
The thirsty cry out.
 The Promise Keeper pulls them close.
God, hear us now.
 Water flows.
The Holy One listens.
 A feast from heaven.
The Holy One provides.

Prayer of the Day

God of every blessing,
 we remember the works of your hands:
 the days you save us,
 the people who embrace us,
 the moments we feel free,
 and the dreams you give us.
 All of it is from you, Faithful One.
 Sustain us with your strength,
 that we may be surprised
 by the miraculous gift of life itself. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (Os)
 HOLY MANNA GTG 396
 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (Os)
 AUSTRIAN HYMN GTG 81
 You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy! (Oc)
 WAYFARING STRANGER GTG 437
 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (E)
 ST. AGNES GTG 629

WORD

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (E)
 HAMBURG GTG 223 or ROCKINGHAM GTG 224
 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (Oc)
 CANONBURY GTG 722
 For the Troubles and the Sufferings (Oc)
 PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO GTG 764
 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (E)
 BOURBON GTG 718
 All Who Love and Serve Your City (G)
 CHARLESTOWN GTG 351
 Heaven Shall Not Wait (G)
 HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT GTG 773
 Jesus Is All the World to Me (E)
 ALL THE WORLD AAHH 382, OLOF 485

EUCCHARIST

Bread of Life from Heaven (Os) ARGENTINE SANTO |
 BREAK NOW THE BREAD GTG 497
 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (Os)
 HOLY MANNA GTG 509

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life (Oc) IRISH GTG 421
 There Is a Redeemer (E) GREEN GTG 443
 The Bread and the Wine Are Here (OsG)
 LOVE FEAST GTG 512
 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken (E)
 RENDEZ À DIEU GTG 499

SENDING

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Os)
 CWM RHONDDA GTG 65
 God Be with You Till We Meet Again (Os)
 RANDOLPH GTG 541 or GOD BE WITH YOU GTG 542
 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (OcG)
 IN BABILONE GTG 435
 Fight the Good Fight (E) DUKE STREET GTG 846
 Come, Labor On (G) ORA LABORA GTG 719

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Metrical

Praise the Lord, the Day Is Won [GAUDEAMUS
 PARITER/AVE VIRGO VIRGINEM]; PAS 105C,
 LUYH 200

Responsorial

O Lord, Still Guide Us on Our Way [GO DOWN
 MOSES]; PP 198
 The Lord Remembers His Covenant Forever;
 LPGA 783

Psalm 145:1-8

Metrical

We Will Extol You, God and King [SCARECROW];
 PAS 145G, LUYH 562
 O Lord, You Are My God and King [JERUSALEM];
 GTG 270

Responsorial

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!; PP 284
 I Will Praise Your Name Forever; PRCL 114

Organ Music

"Adagio," *An Organ Miscellany: 85 Attractive Pieces*,
 Francois Verhelset, KM (ME)
 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You," *Augsburg
 Organ Library: Reformation*, David Lasky, AF (M)

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee," *Draw Us In: Organ
 Settings*, David Lasky, AF (M)
 "Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 674," *Organ Works
 of J. S. Bach*, J. S. Bach, various publishers;
 IMSLP.org (ME)

Piano Music

"Romance, S. 169," Franz Liszt, IMSLP.org (MA)
 "Prelude in D Major, Op. 23, No. 4," *24 Preludes*,
 Sergei Rachmaninoff, HEN (A)
 "Minuet in G Minor," *Notebook for Anna Magdalena
 Bach*, Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," Mark Hayes, BP,
 SATB, org, opt tpt (E)
 "Thou Art the Vine," Andrew Carter, MSM, SATB,
 org (ME)
 "Bread of Heaven," Karen Marroli, MSM, SATB,
 pno (ME)
 "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy," Bradley
 Ellingboe, AF, SATB, pno (ME)
 "I Will Extol You," Emma Lou Diemer, AF, SATB,
 org (MA)
 "Christ the Appletree," Stanford E. Scriven, ES,
 SATB, acap (A)
 "A Prayer of Compassion," Gwyneth Walker, ECS,
 SATB div, acap (A)

Vocal Solos

"Panis Angelicus," *Sacred Solos for All Ages*, Cesar
 Franck, HAL, high/medium/low (E)
 "Workin' On My Building," *44 Art Songs and
 Spirituals*, Florence Price, Classical Vocal
 Reprints, high/medium/low (E)
 "Mi Shebeirach," Debbie Friedman,
 Transcontinental Music, medium (E)

Art

The Israelites Gathering Manna, Ercole de' Roberti,
 1940 (VCS)
Gathering Manna, from "Dalziels' Bible Gallery," after
 Arthur Boyd Houghton, 1865-81 (MET)
The Reluctant Servant, Wayne Forte (EYE)
Parables, Laura James, 2016 (EYE)
The Late-arriving Workers, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)

September 27, 2026 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost /

Proper 21

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Exodus 17:1-7 The people thirst and quarrel; God gives them water from a rock.
 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 God made streams flow from rocks, giving water to the people.

Complementary

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Is the way of the Lord unfair? Turn away from your sin and live.
 Psalm 25:1-9 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord; do not remember my sin.
 Philippians 2:1-13 Seek the mind of Christ, who was humble, but exalted by God.
 Matthew 21:23-32 Leaders question Jesus' authority; he answers them with a parable.

Opening Sentences

Listen, people of God!
Hear the wonders of our Creator!
 God split the sea;
walls of water towered above.
 God guided our ancestors in faith:
clouds by day, lightning by night.
 God split open the rock;
water flowed like rivers.
 God split open the heavens and met earth.
God meets us still.

Prayer of the Day

God of living water,
 we gather, thirsting for you.
 Your well is deep;
 your spring ever-flowing.
 Complete our joy;
 refine our desires.
 Fill our cup with love for one another
 as we travel your paths of salvation. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (Os)
 AUSTRIAN HYMN GTG 81
 Take Me to the Water (OsOc)
 TAKE ME TO THE WATER GTG 480
 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (OsOc)
 RESTORATION GTG 415
 Heaven Is Singing for Joy (EG) ALEGRÍA GTG 382
 Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted (Oc)
 GENEVAN 25 GTG 420
 Woke Up This Mornin' (E)
 WITH MY MIND AAHH 566

WORD

At the Name of Jesus (E) KING'S WESTON GTG 264
 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord (E) HALL GTG 707
 Change My Heart, O God (Oc)
 CHANGE MY HEART GTG 695
 Take My Life (EG) HENDON GTG 697
 O Come unto the Lord (Oc) KOREA GTG 416
 He Is Lord (E) HE IS LORD AAHH 285
 Shepherd of Souls (Os) ST. AGNES OLOF 195

EUCCHARIST

What Is the World Like (G) NEW WORLD GTG 771
 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (Oc)
 SOFTLY AND TENDERLY GTG 418
 Create in Me a Clean Heart (Oc)
 CREATE IN ME (Capers) GTG 422
 Feed Us, Lord (Os) FEED US GTG 501

Eat This Bread (Os) BERTHIER GTG 527
 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (E)
 BICENTENNIAL GTG 523

SENDING

Christ Be Beside Me (E) BUNESSAN GTG 702
 Go in Grace and Make Disciples (G)
 WONDROUS LIGHT GTG 296
 For the Fruit of All Creation (G)
 AR HYD Y NOS GTG 36
 O God, Who Gives Us Life (OsOcG) NOEL GTG 53
 When Israel Was Going Forth (Os) PISGAH GTG 58

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Metrical

People of the Lord [JENNY VON TSCHIEGG]; GTG 632
 Open Your Ears, O Faithful People [YISRAEL
 V'ORIATA]; PAS 78C

Responsorial

O Lord, Still Guide Us on Our Way; PP 140

Psalm 25:1-9

Metrical

Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted [GENEVAN 25];
 GTG 420
 Lord, I Gladly Trust [REDHEAD 76]; PAS 25B

Responsorial

Lord, You Are My Strength; PSA 23
 To Your Unequaled Strength; PAS 21A

Organ Music

“Give Me Jesus,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Summer*,
 Richard Billingham, AF (ME)
 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord,” ADELAIDE, 4 *Hymn*
Meditations, Raymond H. Haan, MSM (M)
 “O Savior, Precious Lord,” *Organ Works of Healey*
Willan, Healey Willan, CON (M)
 “Triumphal March,” *100 Processionals and*
Recessionals, Andrew Fletcher, KM (M)

Piano Music

“A moda da carranquinha,” *Brinquedo de roda Wo45*,
 Hector Villa-Lobos, IMSLP.org (ME)
 “Mazurka in G Minor, Op. 24, No. 1,” *Mazurkas*,
 Frédéric Chopin, HEN (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“At the Name of Jesus,” Cindy Berry, WORD, SATB,
 pno (E)
 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” Michael
 Burkhardt, MSM, SATB, org, opt tpt and
 timp (ME)
 “Let This Mind Be in You,” Austin C. Lovelace,
 JM, SATB, org (M)
 “Who Is This?” John Ferguson, MSM, SATB,
 viola (MA)
 “Let This Mind Be in You,” Amy Beach, TPR, SATB,
 org (A)
 “Christus Factus Est,” Anton Bruckner, OUP, SATB,
 acap (A)

Vocal Solos

“I Want to Be Like Jesus,” *The Sunday Worship Duet*
Book, Tom Fettke, LOR, high/medium, duet (ME)
 “Hear My Prayer, O Lord,” *The Sacred Collection*,
 Antonin Dvorak, HAL, high/low (ME)
 “For the Mountains Shall Depart,” *Sacred Solos Old*
and New Book 1, Virginia Kendrick, Darcy Press,
 medium (ME)

Art

Moses, John August Swanson, 1983 (VDL)
Moses Striking the Stone, Arthur Boyd, 1951 (VCS)
The Wave (La Vague), from “L’Estampe Originale,”
 Henri Rivière, 1893 (PD, MET)
Psalm 78:4 & 7, Timothy R. Botts, 2016 (EYE)
Jesus in Benares, Frank Wesley, 20th cent. (VDL)

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost /

Proper 22

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 At Mount Sinai, the Lord gives the Ten Commandments to Moses.
Psalm 19 The law of the Lord is perfect; God's commandments are clear.

Complementary

Isaiah 5:1-7 Isaiah sings of a vineyard that has failed to produce good fruit.
Psalm 80:7-15 Restore us, O God of hosts; have regard for the vine you planted.
Philippians 3:4b-14 All that I have is nothing; knowing Jesus Christ is everything.
Matthew 21:33-46 A parable about a vineyard, wicked tenants, and the owner's son.

Opening Sentences

We gather with hope in our hearts,
**for something happens here
that teaches us God is present.**
We know this place is sacred,
**for something happens here
that teaches us God is our center.**
We gather with joyful praise,
**for something happens here
that teaches us God is forever faithful.**

Prayer of the Day

Eternal One,
your breath gives life,
your hands paint the skies,
your love brings freedom,
and your kingdom will endure
beyond all generations
to the ends of the earth.
Let our mouths proclaim your praise
and our hearts dwell on you alone,
that we might shout, Hallelujah!
to our Rock and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

God of the Sparrow (Os) ROEDER GTG 22
O God, Who Gives Us Life (Os) NOEL GTG 53
God the Sculptor of the Mountains (Oc)
JENNINGS-HOUSTON GTG 5
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (E)
EIN' FESTE BURG GTG 275
Come, Great God of All the Ages (G)
ABBOT'S LEIGH GTG 309
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (G)
WESTMINSTER ABBEY GTG 394

WORD

My Lord! What a Morning (Os)
MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING GTG 352
Do Not Be Afraid (Os) ISAIAH 43 GTG 76
Restore in Us, O God (Oc) BAYLOR GTG 434
Bless All Who Trust in God (E) FRANCONIA GTG 47
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (E)
HAMBURG GTG 223 or ROCKINGHAM GTG 224
When We Are Living (E) SOMOS DEL SEÑOR GTG 822
This Is the Day (G) ESTE ES EL DÍA GTG 391
Center of My Joy (E) CENTER OF MY JOY AAHH 491

EUCCHARIST

Steal Away (Os) STEAL AWAY GTG 358
Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation (Oc)
O QUANTA QUALIA GTG 503
Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen (E)
SURGE ECCLESIA GTG 536
I Come with Joy (G) DOVE OF PEACE GTG 515

SENDING

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Os)

BATTLE HYMN GTG 354

The Foolish in Their Hearts Deny (Oc)

MAPLE AVENUE GTG 335

Fight the Good Fight (E) DUKE STREET GTG 846

The Church's One Foundation (G) AURELIA GTG 321

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 19

Metrical

The Heavens Declare Your Glory [FAITHFUL];

PAS 19D

Responsorial

Through the Witness of Creation; PAS 19C

Psalm 80:7-15

Metrical

O Hear Our Cry, O Lord [VINEYARD HAVEN];

GTG 355

Responsorial

Lord, Come Soon; PP 144

Organ Music

"How Great Thou Art," *Augsburg Organ Library:*

Summer, Robert A. Hobby, AF (ME)

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past," *Six Postludes on*

English Hymn Tunes, Charles Callahan, MSM (M)

"Pax Vobiscum," *An Organ Miscellany*, Henry Elliot

Button, KM (M)

"Psalm XIX," *Church Music for All Organs*, Benedetto

Marcello, GSH (MA)

Piano Music

"Dream," *Enfantines*, Ernest Bloch, CF (M)

"Song Without Words in E Major, Op. 30, No. 3,"

Lieder ohne Worte, Felix Mendelssohn, HEN (M)

"To a Wild Rose, Op. 51, No. 1," *Woodland Sketches*,

Op. 51, Edward MacDowell, KAL (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"The Heavens are Telling," Mark Patterson, CGA,
SAB, pno (E)

"The Church's One Foundation," Cathy Moglebust,
CGA, SATB, hb, opt org, opt brass (E)

"A Vineyard Grows," K. Lee Scott, MSM, SATB,
org (ME)

"Holy Banquet, Feast of Love," Normand Gouin,
MSM, SATB, org, opt C inst (ME)

"The Meditations of My Heart," Elaine Hagenberg,
BP, SATB, pno (M)

"The Church's One Foundation," Tom Trenney,
MSM, SATB div, pno (MA)

"The Heavens Are Telling," *The Creation*, Joseph
Haydn, ECS, SATB, STB soli, orch or pno (A)

Vocal Solos

"The Wilderness," *The Church Soloist: Eight Sacred*
Songs, Eric Thiman, NOV, medium (M)

"O, I Want to Know You More," *High Voice Treasury*,

arr. Lloyd Larson, Lillenas Publishing, high (M)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness," *Vocal Solos of Mary*
McDonald, Vol. 1, Mary McDonald, HOPE,
medium (M)

Art

BP_Moses ala Michelangelo, P. Solomon Raj, 2016
(EYE)

Moses, Lorenzo Monaco, 1408-10 (PD, MET)

Moses Repeated the Commandments to the People,
Carolingian manuscript illumination, ca. 920
(VDL)

Ten Commandments, Marc Chagall, 1966 (Fair Use)

The Pass at Faido, St Gotthard, Joseph Mallord
William Turner, 19th cent. (VCS)

October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost /

Proper 23

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Exodus 32:1-14 Aaron makes a golden calf; Moses intercedes with the Lord.
 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 We have sinned, exchanging the glory of God for graven images.

Complementary

Isaiah 25:1-9 God will make a feast for all peoples, destroying death forever.
 Psalm 23 The Lord prepares a table for me in the presence of my enemies.
 Philippians 4:1-9 Rejoice in the Lord; do not worry; God's peace will be with you.
 Matthew 22:1-14 The kingdom is like a banquet; many are called, few are chosen.

Opening Sentences

When the path leads nowhere,
 we become disoriented,
 and skies darken,
how do we find peace, O God?
 When farewells are too many,
 tears won't stop,
 and strength is gone,
how do we rest, O God?
 When hope is hard,
 love is lost,
 and light is dim,
you give us one more breath, O God.

Prayer of the Day

God of Peace,
 grant us your breath
 and draw us into stillness,
 that we may come to know
 that you are holding onto us,
 carrying us through the whirlwind
 and into the bright sun
 of a magnificent new day. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! (Os)
 LYONS GTG 41
 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Oc)
 ST. ANNE GTG 687
 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (G)
 RESTORATION GTB 415
 Rejoice, the Lord Is King! (E)
 DARWALL'S 148TH GTG 363
 Cast Down, O God, the Idols (Os) AURELIA OLOF 89

WORD

Sign Us with Ashes (Os) PHOENIX GTG 433
 When the Poor Ones (Oc) EL CAMINO GTG 762
 When Peace like a River (E)
 VILLE DU HAVRE GTG 840
 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet (OcG)
 VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE ELW 523
 I Must Tell Jesus (E) ORWIGSBURG AAHH 375

EUCHARIST

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven (OcG)
 LLANFAIR GTG 511
 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (OcG)
 WELCOME TABLE GTG 770
 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (G)
 SCHMÜCKE DICH GTG 514
 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing (G)
 THE FEAST IS READY GTG 505
 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (E)
 CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT GTG 314

SENDING

Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts (Os)

ST. MAGNUS GTG 60

I've Got Peace like a River (E)

PEACE LIKE A RIVER GTG 623

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (Oc)

MIT FREUDEN ZART GTG 645

In Christ Called to Baptize (G) ST. DENIO GTG 297

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (E) MARION GTG 804

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Metrical

Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts [ST. MAGNUS];

GTG 60

Come and Fill Our Hearts [CONFITEMINI DOMINO];

GTG 466

Responsorial

The Mighty God Is the God of Israel; PSA 108

Psalm 23

Metrical

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need [RESIGNATION];

GTG 803

Shepherd Me, O God [SHEPHERD ME]; GTG 473

The King of Love My Shepherd Is [ST. COLUMBA];

GTG 802

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want [CRIMOND];

GTG 801

Responsorial

If Today You Hear His Voice; LPGA 797

The Lord Is My Shepherd; Nothing I Shall Want;

LPGA 969, PRCL 54

The Lord Is My Shepherd, There Is Nothing That I

Shall Want; LPGA 800, PSA 18

My Shepherd Is the Lord; PSA 19

The Lord Is My Shepherd; There Is Nothing I Need;

PSA 20

Organ Music

"Forth in the Peace of Christ," *Contemplation: Gentle Music for Organ*, Michael Higgins, KM (M)

"Galilean Pastorale," *Pastoral Psalms for Organ: Eleven Settings of Psalm 23*, Franklin D. Ashdown, AF (E)

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!" MARION, *Augsburg Organ Library: Summer*, Flor Peeters, AF (MA)

"Toccata," *100 Processionals and Recessionals*, Stanley Vann, KM (M)

Piano Music

"Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum," *Children's Corner*, Claude Debussy, HEN (M)

"Nocturne in B-flat Major," Maria Szymanowska, IMSLP.org (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart," Robert J. Powell, PAR, 2 pt, pno (E)

"The Lord Is My Shepherd," Allen Pote, CGA, SATB, pno (E)

"As We Gather at Your Table," K. Lee Scott, AF, SAB, org (ME)

"The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 34)," Howard Goodall, Faber Music, SATB, sop solo, org (M)

"The Lord Is My Shepherd," *Requiem*, John Rutter, OUP, SATB, org, ob, opt orch (MA)

"Rejoice in the Lord Always," Henry Purcell, OUP, SATB with ATB soli, org, stngs (A)

Vocal Solos

"Psalm 23," Gwyneth Walker, GSH, high/medium (ME)

"Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee," *First Book of Tenor Solos*, Wesley, GSH, high (ME)

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is," *Sacred Solos for All Ages*, Charles Gounod, HAL, high/low (M)

Art

The Israelites Worship the Golden Calf, William de Brailles, 1250 (VCS)

L'Adoration du veau (Adoration of the Calf), Francis Picabia, 1941-42 (VCS)

The Good Shepherd, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)

Psalm 23, John August Swanson, 2016 (VDL)

Philippians 4:4-8, Timothy R. Botts, 2016 (EYE)

October 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost /

Proper 24

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

Moses watches from the cleft of a rock as God's glory passes by.

Like Moses, worship at God's mountain; the Lord is holy.

Complementary

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

The Lord anoints Cyrus: I alone am God; I call you by name.

Declare God's glory among the nations; all other gods are idols.

Paul writes to the Thessalonians: We give thanks and pray for you.

Pharisees test Jesus with a question about paying taxes.

Opening Sentences

In this place,

**friends and strangers meet,
the broken are mended,
and the weary welcomed.**

In this moment,

**the ordinary becomes miraculous,
and life is on pause.
This is God's time.**

In this sanctuary,

**God's goodness is revealed.
Our doors open with kindness.
Our lives join together.**

Prayer of the Day

God of goodness,

we thank you for choosing us.

Teach us your good news,

that we might be brought to life:

every blessing we receive

and every kindness we encounter

is your Spirit whispering grace. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Sing a New Song unto the Lord (Os)

SING A NEW SONG GTG 276

Here in This Place (Oc) GATHER US IN GTG 401

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (OcE)

NICAEA GTG 1

God of Grace and God of Glory (G)

CWM RHONDDA GTG 307

WORD

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (Os) TOPLADY GTG 438

Will You Come and Follow Me (Oc)

KELVINGROVE GTG 726

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar (E)

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING GTG 201

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (G)

BEACH SPRING GTG 716

EUCCHARIST

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest (Os) MC AFEE GTG 824

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (Oc)

BICENTENNIAL GTG 523

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation (E)

O QUANTA QUALIA GTG 503

For the Fruit of All Creation (G)

AR HYD Y NOS GTG 36

SENDING

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Os)

BATTLE HYMN GTG 354

God Be with You Till We Meet Again (Os)

RANDOLPH GTG 541 or GOD BE WITH YOU GTG 542

Give Thanks, O Christian People (E) ES FLOG EIN

KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN GTG 644

We Give Thee but Thine Own (G) SCHUMANN

GTG 708

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 99

Metrical

Tremble, O Tremble [TROMBLEY]; GTG 57

The Lord Is King, Enthroned in Might

[ELLACOMBE]; PAS 99A

Responsorial

Alleluia! Holy Is the Lord; PSA 96

Psalm 99, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 99B

Psalm 96:1–9 (10–13)

Metrical

O Sing a New Song to the Lord [GONFALON ROYAL];

GTG 304

Great Are You, Lord [GREAT IS THE LORD]; GTG 614

O Sing a New Song [O SING A NEW SONG]; GTG 639

Sing, Sing, Sing to the Lord [SING]; PAS 96D

Responsorial

O Sing a New Song to the Lord; PSA 92

Sing to the Lord; O Sing a New Song; PP 174

Organ Music

“Children of the Heavenly Father,” *Augsburg Organ*

Library: Baptism and Holy Communion, Robert A.

Hobby, AF (ME)

“Let Us Break Bread Together,” *African-American*

Organ Music Anthology, Volume 5, J. Roland

Braithwaite, MSM (MA)

Piano Music

“Prelude in G-flat Major, Op. 11, No. 13,” *24 Preludes*,
Op. 11, Alexander Skrjabin, HEN (M)

“Dance and Song, Op. 43, Nos. 1 and 2,” *Album for*
the Young, Op. 43, Lowell Liebermann, TPR (M)

“VII. Cantabile, molto legato,” *Musica ricercata*,
György Ligeti, Schott (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Rock of Ages,” Klayton Hoefler, CGA, SATB,
pno (E)

“God of Grace and God of Glory,” Michael D.
Costello, MSM, 2 pt, org, opt brass (ME)

“Serving God by Loving All,” Joel Raney, HOPE,
SATB, pno, hb, opt fl (ME)

“What Does the Lord Require of You?” Robert
Hobby, MSM, SATB, pno, opt fl or ob (ME)

“Cleft for Me,” Mark Hayes, LOR, SATB, pno (M)

“Grant Us Wisdom, Grant Us Courage,” Eric Nelson,
MSM, SATB div, org (MA)

“All That Hath Life and Breath, Praise Ye the Lord!”
René Clausen, HAL, SATB div, acap (MA)

Vocal Solos

“Let Me Hide Myself in Thee,” *Songs for the Journey*,
Craig Courtney, BP, high/medium/low (M)

“Steal Away,” *The Hall Johnson Collection*, Hall
Johnson, CF, medium (M)

“Sing Ye a Joyful Song,” *The Sacred Collection*,
Antonin Dvorak, HAL, high/low (M)

Art

Show Me Your Glory, Jan Richardson (JR)

The Hand of God is My Refuge, Frank Wesley, 20th
cent. (VDL)

Christ and the Pharisees, Anthony van Dyck, 17th
cent. (PD, MET)

Christ and the Pharisees, from *Das Plenarium*, Hans
Schäufelein, 1517 (PD, MET)

October 25, 2026

Twenty-second Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 25

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 After seeing the promised land from Mount Nebo, Moses dies.
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Complementary

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Be holy, as the Lord is holy; love your neighbor as yourself.
Psalm 1 Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord.
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 We came to you to share the gospel; we also share ourselves.
Matthew 22:34-46 Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Opening Sentences

God is our dwelling place:
God gathers us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.

God is our dwelling place:
God gathers us into community with all people to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

God is our dwelling place:
God gathers us into community with all creation to live in harmony, to grow new gardens.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
everything you have made is good,
and you have made everything.
Merciful Christ,
Resurrect our vision for the world you see:
death transformed into life
and hope born from despair.
Unifying Spirit,
Bind us together with all the earth,
that we might share grace and forgiveness
as one diverse human family. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
The God of Abraham Praise (Os) LEONI GTG 49
You Are Holy (Oc) YOU ARE HOLY GTG 705
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! (E)
DARWALL'S 148TH GTG 305
Love the Lord Your God (G)
GREAT COMMANDMENT GTG 62

WORD

Deep in the Shadows of the Past (Os)
SHEPHERDS' PIPES GTG 50
Lead Me, Guide Me (Os)
LEAD ME, GUIDE ME GTG 740
Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House (Oc)
RIDGEMOOR GTG 419
Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (E)
CANONBURY GTG 722
The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (G)
MC KEE GTG 766
I Really Love the Lord (G)
I REALLY LOVE THE LORD AAHH 577

EUCCHARIST

We Are Standing on Holy Ground (Os)
HOLY GROUND GTG 406
When at This Table (Oc) FEASTDAY GTG 537
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (G)
CHEREPONI GTG 203

SENDING

To Abraham and Sarah (Os) LLANFYLLIN GTG 51

You Are Holy (Oc) DU ÄR HELIG GTG 596

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian (E)

CHURCH UNITED GTG 303

More Love to Thee, O Christ (G)

MORE LOVE TO THEE GTG 828

Jesus Calls Us (G) GALILEE GTG 720

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17

Metrical

Holy God, We Praise Your Name [GROSSER GOTT,
WIR LOBEN DICH]; GTG 4

Responsorial

Lord, in You Do I Trust; PP 161

Psalm 1

Metrical

Happy Are They Who Walk in God's Wise Way [SRI
LAMPANG]; PAS 1C

Responsorial

Happy Are They Who Hope in the Lord; PRCL 92

Organ Music

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" CORONATION,
Augsburg Organ Library: November, Tim Fields,
AF (M)

"Communion in E minor, Op. 39, No. 5," *The
Practical Organist: 50 Short Works for Church
Services*, Alexandre Guilmant, DP (M)

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart," *Lord, Thee I
Love: Hymn Settings for Organ*, David Cherwien,
AF (M)

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good," *Augsburg
Organ Library: Reformation*, David P. Dahl,
AF (ME)

Piano Music

"Aubade," *Suite bourguignonne, Op. 17*, Louis Vierne,
IMSLP.org (MA)

"Nocturne in B Major, Op. 165," Cecile Chaminade,
IMSLP.org (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Love the Lord," Jeff Reeves, SHAW, uni, pno (E)

"A Jubilant Song," Allen Pote, HOPE, SATB, pno,
opt brass (ME)

"You Shall Love the Lord Your God," Victoria
Davison, LOR, SAB, org (M)

"Sacrifice of Praise," Joseph M. Martin, LOR, SATB,
pno, opt brass (M)

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past," David Schwoebel,
MSM, SATB, pno, opt hb (M)

"Lead, Kindly Light," Dan Forrest, HIN, SATB div,
pno (A)

Vocal Solos

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past," *Songs of Comfort
and Hope*, Mark Hayes, LOR, medium high/
medium low (M)

"Don't Feel No Ways Tired," Jacqueline Hairston,
CVR, high/medium/low (ME)

"Love Ye the Lord," *Sacred Solos for All Ages*, G. F.
Handel, HAL high/medium/low, opt vln (M)

Art

Moses Shown the Promised Land, Benjamin West,
1801 (PD, MET)

Cueva de las Manos (Cave of Hands), Unknown
Artists, begun 7000 BCE (VCS)

Man-Made Fibres, Mitzi Cunliff, 1954–56 (VCS)
Matthew 22, Timothy R. Botts, 2016 (EYE)

October 31, 2026

Reformation Day

Color: Red

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34	God says: I will make a new covenant, writing my law in your heart.
Psalm 46	Though the earth changes and the waters roar, God is our refuge.
Romans 3:19-28	We are justified by the gift of God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
John 8:31-36	Jesus says: You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

Opening Sentences

The mountains may shake,
but God is our God, and we are God's people.
 The waters may roar and rage,
but God's love is unailing.
 The earth may crumble,
but God builds us up.
 The waves may crash,
but we will dance with joy!
 There may be times of great trouble,
but we have found grace in the wilderness.

Prayer of the Day

Wild Spirit of God,
 you move on the winds of creation,
 through the breath in our bodies,
 and in the connections we share.
 Move in our churches,
 in our neighborhoods,
 and in our very lives,
 that we might grow closer to one another,
 to you, and to the world you imagine. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

O God, Who Gives Us Life (O) NOEL GTG 53

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (EG)

AZMON GTG 610

Hear the Good News of Salvation (E)

NETTLETON GTG 441

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (G)

TOULON GTG 624

WORD

Spirit, Open My Heart (O)

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME GTG 692

I Bind unto Myself Today (E) ST. PATRICK GTG 6

Open My Eyes, That I May See (G)

OPEN MY EYES GTG 451

Listen, God Is Calling (G)

NENO LAKE MUNGU GTG 456

O Word of God Incarnate (G) MUNICH GTG 459

EUCHARIST

Change My Heart, O God (O)

CHANGE MY HEART GTG 695

As a Chalice Cast of Gold (E)

INWARD LIGHT GTG 429

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (G)

HOLY MANNA GTG 509

Break Thou the Bread of Life (G)

BREAD OF LIFE GTG 460

SENDING

The Days Are Surely Coming (O)

LLANGLOFFAN GTG 357

Hope of the World (E) DONNE SECOURS GTG 734

Freedom Is Coming (G)

FREEDOM IS COMING GTG 359

How Firm a Foundation (G) FOUNDATION GTG 463

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 46

Metrical

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength [WINCHESTER OLD]; GTG 329

Dios es Nuestro amparo / God Will Be Our Refuge [AMPARO]; PAS 46B

Responsorial

God Is Our Help, Refuge, and Strength [GOD IS OUR HELP]; GTG 380

The Lord of Hosts Is with Us; PAS 46D

God, the Lord of Hosts, Is with Us [HOLY MANNA]; PP 88

Organ Music

“A Mighty Fortress,” *O the Deep Love of Jesus: A Reformation Suite*, Anna Laura Page, CON (ME)

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice,” *Lord, Thee I Love: Hymn Settings for Organ*, David Cherwien, AF (M)

“Grand Partita on Ein feste Burg,” *A Wittenberg Collection: Lutheran Chorales for Organ*, Karl Osterland, AF (M)

“My Hope Is Built on Christ, the Solid Rock,” *Organ Preludes on Favorite Hymns*, Joyce Jones, ALF (ME)

Piano Music

“Andante sostenuto, Op. 72, No. 2,” *Six Children’s Pieces, Op. 72*, Felix Mendelssohn, HEN (ME)

“Prelude No. 23 in F Major,” *24 Jazz Preludes, Op. 53*, Nikolai Kapustin, Schott (A)

“Great Gate of Kiev,” *Pictures at an Exhibition*, Modest Mussorgsky, GSH (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Now Thank We All Our God,” Michael Rosewall, AF, 2 pt, pno (E)

“God Is Our Refuge,” Allen Pote, HOPE, SATB, pno, brass (ME)

“A Mighty Fortress,” John Ferguson, AF, SATB, org, brass (ME)

“The Church’s One Foundation,” Eleanor Daley, SEL, SATB, org (M)

“God’s Son Has Made Me Free,” Oscar Overby, AF, SATB, acap (M)

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” Dan Forrest, SATB, org, brass, opt orch (MA)

“Salvation Has Come,” *Three Reformation Motets*, Peter C. Reske, CON, SATB, acap (A)

Vocal Solos

“Give Me Your Hand,” *The Spiritual Art Song Collection*, Charles Lloyd Jr., ALF, medium (M)

“Amazing Grace,” *Songs for Voice and Piano*, Lena McLin, KJO, medium high (ME)

“Teach Me to Love,” *The Church Soloist*, Larnelle Harris, HOPE, medium (ME)

Art

Covenant, Jan Richardson (JR)

Romans 3:21–25, Timothy R. Botts, 2016 (EYE)

John 8, Timothy R. Botts, 2016 (EYE)

November 1, 2026

All Saints' Day
Color: White

Lectionary Readings

Revelation 7:9-17	The redeemed gather at God's throne; the Lamb is their shepherd.
Psalm 34:1-10, 22	Bless the Lord, our redeemer; taste and see that the Lord is good.
1 John 3:1-3	See what love the Father has given us; we are God's children now.
Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes: blessed are you; your reward is great in heaven.

Opening Sentences

What kind of love has God given us?
A love that proclaims we are God's very own.
 What kind of promise has God given us?
God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
 What kind of future has God given us?
God will lead us to springs of life-giving water.
 Blessing and glory,
wisdom and thanksgiving,
 honor and power and might
be to our God, forever and always!

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God,
 in the beginning there was you.
 Ever since, you have made yourself known to us
 through ancestors, siblings in faith,
 and loved ones who have left us.
 We remember each of the many saints
 who touched our lives and, however imperfectly,
 showed us your way of love.
 Keep us in the great cloud of their witness,
 that we may be guided by them and by you,
 now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
 This Is the Feast of Victory (R)
 FESTIVAL CANTICLE GTG 513
 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (R)
 HYFRYDOL GTG 366
 Womb of Life and Source of Being (E)
 RAQUEL GTG 3
 Come, Great God of All the Ages (G)
 ABBOT'S LEIGH GTG 309
 We Will Glorify (R) WE WILL GLORIFY AAHH 286

WORD
 For All the Saints (R) SINE NOMINE GTG 326
 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say (R)
 ENGLAND GTG 400
 Heaven Is Singing for Joy (RG) ALEGRÍA GTG 382
 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (E)
 KINGDOM GTG 486
 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (E)
 BEACH SPRING GTG 490
 Shall Tribulation or Distress (G) ROMANS 8 GTG 823

EUCCHARIST
 Holy Lamb of God (R) YA HAMALALLAH GTG 602
 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table! (R)
 COPELAND GTG 506
 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing (R)
 THE FEAST IS READY GTG 505
 I Come with Joy (E) DOVE OF PEACE GTG 515
 The Bread and the Wine Are Here (G)
 LOVE FEAST GTG 512
 Taste and See (G) TASTE AND SEE GTG 520

SENDING

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (R) CORONATION
GTG 263

The Church's One Foundation (RG)
AURELIA GTG 321

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us (E)
AUSTIN GTG 44

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (E)
AR HYD Y NOS GTG 547

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (G)
HOUSTON GTG 377

We're Marching to Zion (R)
MARCHING TO ZION OLOF 620

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 34:1–10, 22

Metrical

Lord, I Bring My Songs to You [LUX PRIMA]; PAS 34D

Responsorial

Come, Bless the Lord; PP 66

Taste and See, the Goodness of the Lord; PSA 33

Organ Music

"Dies Irae," *African-American Organ Music Anthology*,
Volume 5, Willam B. Cooper, MSM (M)

"For All the Saints," *John A. Behnke: The Essential*
Organ Preludes, John A. Behnke, CON (ME)

"In Heaven Above," *Augsburg Organ Library: Healing*
and Funeral, Aaron David Miller, AF (M)

"The Joy Awaiting," *Honor and Majesty*, Matthew
Machemer, FJH (M)

Piano Music

"Arioso: Adagio from Capriccio on the departure of
a beloved brother, BWV 992," Johann Sebastian
Bach, HEN (MA)

"Moderato cantabile molto espressivo from Piano
Sonata No. 31 in A-flat Major, Op. 110," Ludwig
van Beethoven, HEN (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Blessed Are They," Larry Flemming, MSM, SATB,
org, opt cong, opt hb (E)

"Blessed Are They," Carolyn Jennings, CGA, SATB,
org, opt fl (E)

"For All the Saints," Sean Paul, Celebrating Grace,
SATB, pno (ME)

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place," Mary Lynn
Lightfoot, LOR, SATB, pno (ME)

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place," Daniel
Kallman, MSM, SATB, pno (ME)

"In Paradisum," Dan Forrest, HIN, SATB div, pno,
opt hb, opt orch (MA)

"The Souls of the Righteous," Geraint Lewis, OUP,
SATB div, org (A)

"Blessed Are the Dead," William Beckstrand, MSM,
SSATBB, acap (A)

Vocal Solos

"The Beatitudes," Albert Hay Mallotte, GSH (M)

"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," Samuel Liddle,
BH (E)

"Deep River," Harry T. Burleigh, GSH (E)

Art

The Eucharistic Window, Richard King, 1965–66
(VCS)

The Paschal Lamb, Richard King, 1966–67 (VCS)

The Eight Beatitudes, Hendrick Goltzius, 1578
(PD, MET)

Banner Keep Dancing_942, Wayne Forte, 2016 (EYE)

November 1, 2026

Twenty-third Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 26

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Joshua 3:7-17 Joshua leads the people through the Jordan to the promised land.
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 Give thanks to the Lord, who delivered us from the wilderness.

Complementary

Micah 3:5-12 False prophets, priests, and rulers will be put to shame by God.
Psalm 43 Vindicate me, O God; deliver me from those who oppress me.
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 We give thanks that you have received and believed God's word.
Matthew 23:1-12 The greatest will become servants; the humble will be exalted.

Opening Sentences

From the east and west, north and south,
God leads us, and we give thanks.
Through wastelands and wilderness,
God leads us, and we give thanks.
Out of desperation,
God leads us, and we give thanks.
Praise to the Gatherer and Redeemer.
Your promise awaits.

Prayer of the Day

God of transformation,
We give you thanks.
Dry deserts overflow with water because of you.
Dirt and dust blossom into fruitful fields.
Death becomes life.
In your Spirit of resurrection,
call us to grow new gardens of love,
that we might be transformed
and moved to serve you.
Bring low the mighty
and lift up the humble.
Your kingdom come. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Crashing Waters at Creation (Os)
CRASHING WATERS GTG 476
O God of Every Nation (Oc) LLANGLOFFAN GTG 756
How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION (E) GTG 463
Praise God for This Holy Ground (E)
HEYMONYSTRAAT GTG 405
Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather (G)
TOKYO GTG 311

WORD

When Israel Was Going Forth (Os) PISGAH GTG 58
What Does the Lord Require of You? (Oc)
MOON GTG 70
Deep in the Shadows of the Past (E)
SHEPHERDS' PIPES GTG 50
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (G)
THE SERVANT SONG GTG 727
Lift High the Cross (G) CRUCIFER GTG 826
Deep River (Os) DEEP RIVER OLOF 626

EUCCHARIST

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest (Oc) MC AFEE GTG 824
Break Thou the Bread of Life (E)
BREAD OF LIFE GTG 460
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (G)
LES PETITES SOEURS GTG 737

SENDING

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Os)

CWM RHONDDA GTG 65

Heaven Shall Not Wait (Oc)

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT GTG 773

O Word of God Incarnate (E) MUNICH GTG 459

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing (OcG)

WEISSE FLAGGEN GTG 755

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (G)

HANOVER GTG 299

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

Metrical

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries

[MORNING SONG]; GTG 653

Responsorial

The God of All Creation Is God of Peace and Love;

PSA 109, 110

Psalm 43

Metrical

As Pants the Deer for Living Streams [SEACHRIST];

GTG 778

Responsorial

My Soul Is Thirsting for the Lord; PSA 38

Remember Your Mercies, O Lord; LPGA 945

My Soul Is Thirsting for God; PRCL 69

Defend Me, O God; PRCL 165

Organ Music

“At the Name of Jesus,” KING’S WESTON, *Augsburg Organ Library: November*, Robert J. Powell, AF (M)

“Marching to Zion,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Healing and Funeral*, John Ferguson, AF (M)

“Slow March,” *100 Processionals and Recessionals*, Richard Shephard, KM (ME)

“Thanks Be to Thee,” *Church Music for All Organs*, George Frideric Handel, GSH (ME)

Piano Music

“Liquid Invention, Op. 76, No. 4,” *Pleiades Dances VI VII VIII IX*, Takashi Yoshimatsu, Ongaku no Tomo (M)

“Prelude in B Minor, Op. 28, No. 6,” *Preludes*, Frédéric Chopin, HEN (M)

“Prelude and Allegro from Sonata in B-flat Major, HWV 434,” *Klaviersuiten und Klavierstücke (London 1733)*, Georg Friederich Händel, HEN (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Your Servant I Will Be,” Mark Patterson, CGA, 2 pt, pno (E)

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service,” Daniel Kallman, KJO, SATB, pno (E)

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service,” Kevin Vogt, GIA, SATB, org (ME)

“Whoever Would Be Great among You,” Ronald A. Nelson, AF, SAB, pno or gtr (ME)

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks,” Carolyn Hamlin, ALF, SATB, pno (ME)

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee,” Mark Hayes, BP, SATB, pno (M)

“Bring Low Our Ancient Adam,” *Bach for All Seasons*, Johann Sebastian Bach, AF, SATB, org (M)

Vocal Solos

“It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks,” *Sacred Songs for the Soloist*, James Kent, BH, medium high / medium low (M)

“The Great Cloud,” Joseph M. Martin, SHAW, duet, medium high / medium low (M)

“I Am Bound for the Kingdom,” *44 Art Songs and Spirituals*, Florence Price, Classical Vocal Reprints, medium (M)

“Then Sings My Soul (How Great Thou Art),” *Vocal Solos of Mary McDonald, Vol. 1*, Mary McDonald, HOPE, medium (M)

Art

Calanais Standing Stones central stone circle, unknown artists, 2900–600 BCE (VCS)

The Lord Will Deliver His People across Jordan, Howard Finster, 1976 (VCS)

Christ Teaches Humility, Robert Scott Lauder, 1803–69 (VDL)

Among the Humble, Léon-Augustin Lhermitte, 1905 (MET)

November 8, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 27

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Choose this day whom you will serve; we will serve the Lord.
Psalm 78:1-7 Each generation will tell the next of the glorious deeds of the Lord.

Complementary

Amos 5:18-24 The day of the Lord is darkness; let justice roll down like waters.
Psalm 70 O Lord, make haste to help me, for I am poor and needy.
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 The dead in Christ will rise first; then the living will meet the Lord.
Matthew 25:1-13 The parable of Ten Bridesmaids; keep awake, the Lord is coming.

Opening Sentences

The Lord is coming. Whom you will serve?
As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.
What has God done for you?
Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds.
Strength in the wilderness; paths of liberation!
Say more.
We'll never stop telling our story.
The next generation will hear it.
Children not yet born will know it.
Hope in God, whose story will never end.
Forever we will praise
our faithful helper and deliverer!

Prayer of the Day

Faithful One,
you are near; assure us.
In our joy and in our need,
help us to seek you,
for we know that we will find peace and gladness
with you.
Today and always, we say again and again,
"God is great!" **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord (Os)
JE LOUERAI L'ÉTERNEL GTG 628
You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (Os)
HANOVER GTG 299
I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say (Oc)
ENGLAND GTG 400
My Lord! What a Morning (E)
MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING GTG 352
Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers (G)
LLANGLOFFAN GTG 362

WORD

Love the Lord Your God (Os)
GREAT COMMANDMENT GTG 62
Bless All Who Trust in God (Os)
FRANCONIA GTG 47
Holy God, You Raise Up Prophets (Oc)
MARTIN'S SONG TFF 299
Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice (Oc)
CHARLESTOWN GTG 211
Soon and Very Soon (E)
SOON AND VERY SOON GTG 384
"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us (G)
WACHET AUF GTG 349
What Is the World Like (G) NEW WORLD GTG 771
The Sky Shall Unfold (E)
WE SHALL BEHOLD HIM OLOF 602
Let Justice Flow (Oc) LET JUSTICE FLOW LUYH 295
El Señor ya viene / Oh, the Lord Is Coming (G)
SSS 348

EUCCHARIST

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen (OsE)
 SURGE ECCLESIA GTG 536
 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation (Oc)
 O QUANTA QUALIA GTG 503
 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! (E)
 ASSURANCE GTG 839
 Now the Silence (G) NOW GTG 534

SENDING

Take Us as We Are, O God (Os)
 ENDLESS FEAST GTG 312
 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (Oc)
 KINGSFOLD GTG 757
 Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor (Oc)
 RHUDDLAN GTG 342
 Be Still, My Soul (E) FINLANDIA GTG 819
 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (G)
 KEEP YOUR LAMPS GTG 350
 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder (E)
 ROLL CALL AAHH 191

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 78:1-7

Metrical

We Will Tell Each Generation; PAS 78E
 People of the Lord [JENNY VAN TSCHEGG]; GTG 632,
 PAS 78A
 Open Your Ears, O Faithful People [YISRAEL
 V'ORAITA]; GTG 453, PAS 78C

Responsorial

O Lord, Still Guide Us; PP 140

Psalm 70

Metrical

Come Quickly, Lord, to Rescue Me [DISTRESS];
 GTG 780, LUYH 419

Responsorial

O Lord, Make Haste to Help Me; PSA 62
 Be Pleased, O God, to Deliver Me; PAS 70B

Organ Music

“Grand Choeur in G,” *An Organ Miscellany: 85 Attractive Pieces*, Théodore Salomé, KM (M)
 “Listen, God Is Calling,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Autumn*, Anne Krentz Organ, AF (ME)
 “Lord, You I Love with All My Heart,” HERZLICH LIEB, *Augsburg Organ Library: Healing and Funeral*, Paul Manz, AF (M)
 “The Feast Is Ready (The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing),” *Augsburg Organ Library: Autumn*, Aaron David Miller, AF (M)

Piano Music

“Troubled Water,” *Spiritual Suite for Piano*, Margaret Bonds, Videmus (MA)
 “The Village Church,” *5 Characteristic Impressions, Op. 103*, Jean Sibelius, IMSLP.org (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Wake, Awake,” Lynn Zettlemoyer, CGA, 3 pt, pno (E)
 “Let Thy Steadfast Love,” Emma Lou Diemer, HIN, SATB, pno (ME)
 “This Is My Song,” Tom Fettke, SHAW, SATB, pno (M)
 “Keep Your Lamps,” Andre Thomas, HIN, SATB, acap, perc (M)
 “Witness,” Jack Halloran, Gentry Publications, SATB div, acap (MA)
 “Psalm 70,” Oscar Osicki, Gentry Publications, SSAATTBB, acap (A)

Vocal Solos

“I Have Chosen the Way of Truth,” *Psalm Settings of Craig Courtney*, Craig Courtney, BP, medium (M)
 “O Divine Redeemer,” *The Church Soloist*, Charles Gounod, HOPE, high/medium/low (A)
 “At the River,” *Old American Art Songs Complete*, Aaron Copland, BH, high/medium/low (ME)

Art

King's Wish (Martin Luther's Dream), Jack Whitten, 1968 (VCS)
Midnight Oil, Jan Richardson (JR)
The Ten Young Women, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Timothy R. Botts, 2016 (EYE)

November 15, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 28

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Judges 4:1-7 The Israelites cry to the Lord; God sends Deborah to deliver them.
Psalm 123 Have mercy on us, O Lord; we have had our fill of contempt.

Complementary

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Beware, the day of the Lord is near; wealth will not save you.
Psalm 90:1-8 A thousand years are like a day to you; teach us to count our days.

(9-11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Be ready: the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
Matthew 25:14-30 The parable of Talents; good and trustworthy servants are rewarded.

Opening Sentences

We lift our eyes to you.
We raise our voices.
The day of the Lord is near,
coming like a thief in the night.
The day of the Lord is near;
the day is coming quickly.
The day of the Lord is near,
and we are your good and faithful servants.

Prayer of the Day

Spirit of power,
you call us your children of light.
Wake us up and prepare us
for all that is coming.
Clothe us with your faithfulness and love.
Wrap us with your hope and salvation.
Bind us together with your wisdom and strength.
Encourage us and build us up,
that we might do the same for others. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
Sing Out with Joy to God Our Strength (Os)
SHEPHERDS' PIPES GTG 56
Rejoice, the Lord Is King! (Os)
DARWALL'S 148TH GTG 363
Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor (Oc)
RHUDDLAN GTG 342
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (E)
ST. DENIO GTG 12
We Praise You, O God (G) KREMSER GTG 612

WORD
Come Quickly, Lord, to Rescue Me (Os)
DISTRESS GTG 780
God's Word Is Upright (Os) NELSON GTG 40
Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (Oc)
YISRAEL V'ORAITA GTG 453
Steal Away (E) STEAL AWAY GTG 358
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (EG)
BEACH SPRING GTG 716
In That Great Gittin' Up Mornin' (E)
FARE YE WELL AAHH 585

EUCCHARIST
God the Sculptor of the Mountains (Os)
JENNINGS-HOUSTON GTG 5
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (E)
QUEBEC GTG 494
Stay with Me (E) STAY WITH ME GTG 204

SENDING

Make Your Face to Shine (Os) GLÁUCIA GTG 811
When God Delivered Israel (Os) SHEAVES GTG 73
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Oc)
ST. ANNE GTG 687
Soon and Very Soon (E)
SOON AND VERY SOON GTG 384
Come, Labor On (G) ORA LABORA GTG 719

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 123

Metrical

To You, O Lord, We Lift Our Eyes [CANNONS];
GTG 788

Responsorial

Lord, I Call to You; PSA 127

Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11), 12

Metrical

Wildflowers Bloom and Fade [INCARNATION];
PAS 90D

Responsorial

Lord, In You Do I Trust; PP 161
Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord; PRCL 157

Organ Music

“Choral in G Major, Op. 49, No. 5,” *The Practical Organist: 50 Short Works for Church Services*, Alexandre Guilmant, DP (M)
“For the Fruit of All Creation,” *Augsburg Organ Library: November*, Frank Stoldt, AF (M)
“The Beauty of Holiness,” *Contemplation: Gentle Music for Organ*, Norman Warren, KM (ME)
“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant,” *Draw Us In: Organ Settings*, David Lasky, AF (ME)

Piano Music

“Prelude in C-sharp Major,” *Well-Tempered Clavier Book II*, Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (M)
“Take Me Back,” *Piano Music of Africa and the African Diaspora, Volume 23: Early Advanced*, John W. Work III, OUP (MA)
“Allegro moderato from Sonata in E-flat Major, Op. 1, No. 1,” *Piano Sonatas*, John Field, HEN (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Endless Mercies,” Reba Snyder, Wilds Christian Association, 2 pt, pno (E)
“Hymn of Mercy,” Dan Forrest, BP, SATB, pno, opt fl (ME)
“Open Thou Mine Eyes,” John Rutter, OUP, SATB, acap (MA)
“E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come,” Paul Manz, MSM, SATB, acap (MA)
“Wake, Awake,” F. Melius Christiansen, AF, SATB div, acap (A)
“Have Mercy upon Us (Miserere nostril, Domine),” Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, ECS, SATB, acap (A)

Vocal Solos

“Here I Am, Lord,” *High Voice Treasury*, arr. Lloyd Larson, Lillenas Publishing, high (ME)
“His Name So Sweet,” *The Hall Johnson Collection*, Hall Johnson, CF, medium (M)

Art

In Tune (Deborah), Lauren Wright Pittman, 2018 (VDL)
Deborah beneath the Palm Tree, James Tissot, 1896–1902 (VDL)
Deborah Judging Israel, Lee Oskar Lawrie, 1932 (VCS)
Parable of the Talents, Annette Gandy Fortt, 1987 (VDL)

November 22, 2026

Reign of Christ
Color: White

Lectionary Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 I will be the shepherd of my sheep, says the Lord; I will save them.
 Psalm 100 Make a joyful noise to the Lord; we are the sheep of God's pasture.
 or Psalm 95:1-7a The Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture.
 Ephesians 1:15-23 Christ is seated at God's right hand; all powers are under his feet.
 Matthew 25:31-46 The king will judge: just as you did it to the least, you did it to me.

Opening Sentences

The gates of the Lord are open to all;
Come before God with thanks!
 The courtyard of the Lord welcomes all the earth;
Bless God's holy name.
 The pastures of the Lord are places for all to dwell!
Shout with praise, all the earth,
 because God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.
God's faithfulness lasts from generation to generation.

Prayer of the Day

God of all people,
 you welcome us.
 In the faces of one another
 we see your face.
 Help us to look each other in the eye.
 Lead us from our comfortable corners
 toward those who live different lives
 and those we have forgotten or overlooked.
 Bring us face-to-face
 with service and humility,
 and call us into reconciliation
 with you, with creation,
 and with one another. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
 All People That on Earth Do Dwell (O)
 OLD HUNDREDTH GTG 385
 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (E)
 DEO GRACIAS GTG 258
 Holy God, We Praise Your Name (E)
 GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH GTG 4
 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (E)
 WESTMINSTER ABBEY GTG 394
 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us (G)
 AUSTIN GTG 44

WORD
 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (O)
 ST. COLUMBA GTG 802
 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (O)
 RESIGNATION GTG 803
 Showers of Blessing (O)
 SHOWERS OF BLESSING AAHH 571
 Open the Eyes of My Heart (E)
 OPEN THE EYES GTG 452
 Live into Hope (E) TRURO GTG 772
 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (G)
 THE SERVANT SONG GTG 727
 Soon and Very Soon (G)
 SOON AND VERY SOON GTG 384

EUCCHARIST
 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (O)
 BICENTENNIAL GTG 523
 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd (E)
 PICARDY GTG 274
 When the Poor Ones (G) EL CAMINO GTG 762

SENDING

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (O)

BRADBURY GTG 187

God Be with You Till We Meet Again (O)

RANDOLPH GTG 541, GOD BE WITH YOU GTG 542

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! (E)

DARWALL'S 148TH GTG 363

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least (G)

I'LL FLY AWAY GTG 852

Heaven Shall Not Wait (G)

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT GTG 773

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 100**Metrical**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell [OLD

HUNDREDTH]; GTG 385

Let Every Voice on Earth Resound [GENEVAN 100];

PAS 100C

Responsorial

Enter God's Gates with Thanks and Praise; PSA 97

Psalm 100, A Responsorial Setting; PAS 100E

Psalm 95:1-7a**Metrical**

Come, Worship God [O QUANTA QUALIA]; GTG 386

Come All You People [UYAI MOSE]; GTG 388

Come into God's Presence [COME INTO HIS

PRESENCE]; GTG 413

Responsorial

O Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord; PSA 89

All with Joyful Exultation; PP 172

Organ Music

"Christ Is Surely Coming (At the Name of Jesus),"

Boundless Love: Eight Organ Preludes for the Church Year, Matthew Machemer, CON (M)

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending," *Six*

Postludes on English Hymn Tunes, Charles Callahan, MSM (ME)

"Lead On, O King Eternal!," *Augsburg Organ Library:*

Autumn, Michael Helman, AF (M)

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth," *God of the World:*

Hymn Tunes from Many Nations, Edwin T. Childs, AF (M)

Piano Music

"First Movement from Italian Concerto, BWV 971,"

Johann Sebastian Bach, HEN (MA)

"Allegro moderato from Sonata in C Major, Hob.

XVI/7," *Complete Piano Sonatas Volume 1*, Franz Joseph Haydn, ALF (ME/M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Feed My Lambs," Tom Fettke, CF, SATB, pno (E)

"He Shall Feed His Flock," Earlene Rentz, ALF, SAB, pno (ME)

"Crown Him with Many Crowns," Mary McDonald, HOPE, SATB, org, opt brass (ME)

"Everything Is One," Charles Forsberg, AF, SATB, pno (M)

"My Eternal King," Jane Marshall, CF, SATB, org (M)

"Crown Him," Dan Forrest, BP, SATB, org, brass or orch (M)

"The King Shall Rejoice," *Coronation Anthems*, George Frederic Handel, SAATB, org, winds (A)

Vocal Solos

"Sheep May Safely Graze," *14 Sacred Solos: The Vocal Library*, J. S. Bach, HAL, high/low (M)

"Now Thank We All Our God," *The Sacred Collection*, arr. Richard Walters, HAL, high/low (MA)

"Thanksgiving," *Hymn Settings of John Ness Beck*, arr. Craig Courtney, BP, medium (M)

Art

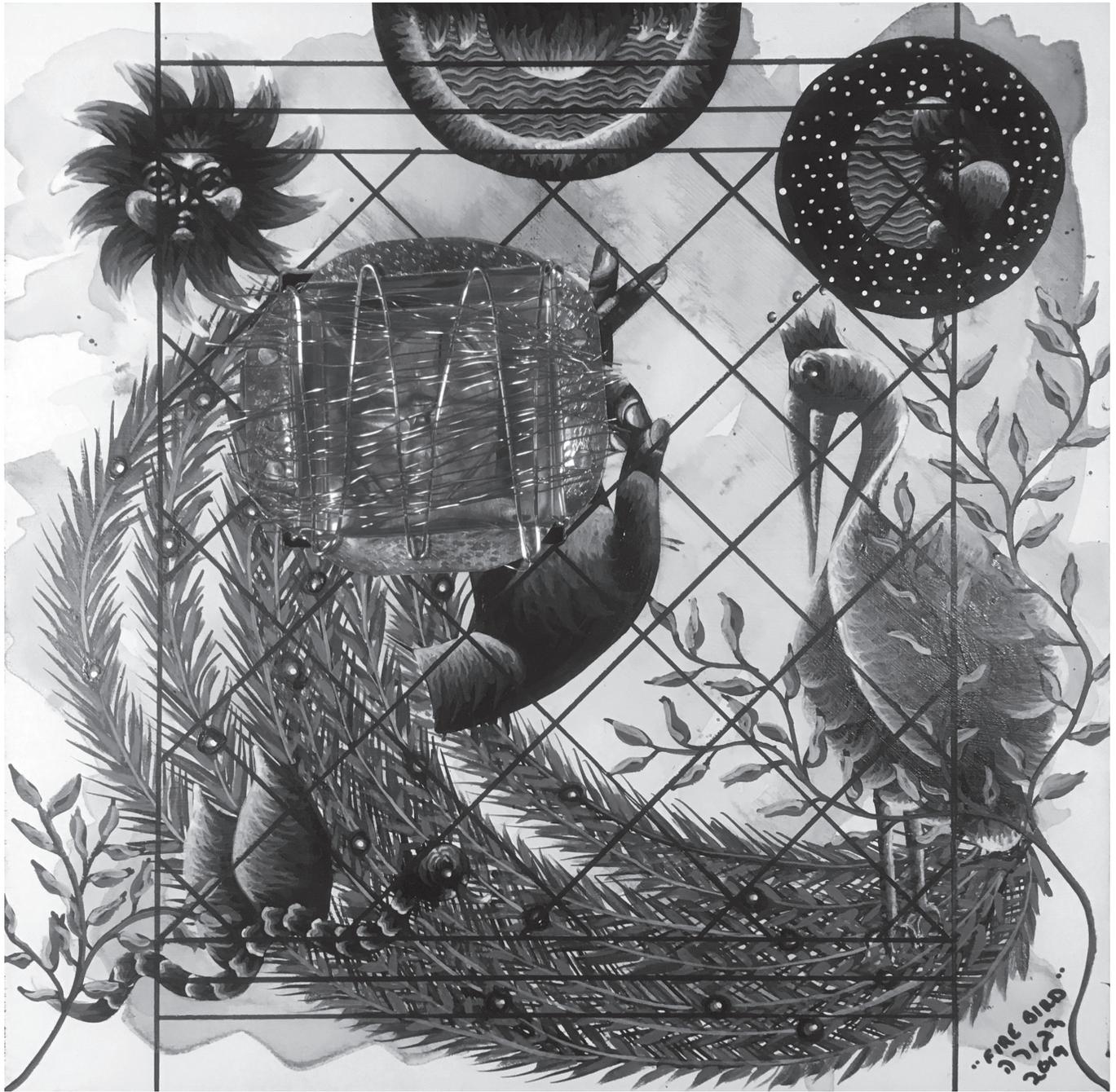
The Shepherd, Welby Sherman, 1828 (PD, MET)

Matthew 25, Timothy R. Botts, 2016 (EYE)

The Good Shepherd, Gottfried Eichler the Younger, 1750-70 (PD, MET)

Seven Works of Mercy, Diakonie Neuendettelsau, 2008 (VDL)

Landscape with Shepherd and Sheep, Anton Mauve, 1880 (VDL)



Deborah Sokolove,
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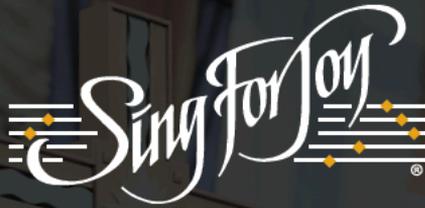
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