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Lectionary Companion for the Revised Common Lectionary

Advent 2026 through Reign of Christ 2027

Year B

Introduction to the Lectionary Companion

Year B (2026–2027)

Sally Ann McKinsey

There is much to pray for these days. When we cannot find the words, Scripture teaches us to pray. Contributors to this edition have offered approaches to liturgy that use Scripture as a “school of prayer” and give permission to repeat spoken patterns, that we may learn the text and the liturgy by heart as it accompanies us on our way in both weariness and wonder. These suggestions for each week and season of the liturgical year are meant to serve as conversation partners in your own process of thinking about liturgy, preaching, and music for worship. May they prove adaptable to your unique context, and may they enliven your practice.

In this issue you will find weekly and seasonal suggestions for liturgy, music, and art responding to readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B. 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 organ music. I give thanks for the work of Phillip Morgan, music editor, whose efforts have been vital to this edition and to the journal.

Liturgy writers for this edition have followed patterns that teach us all to pray. Each week they have offered a call to worship and prayers of intercession. The call to worship uses repeated responses for each season and one-line summaries or language from each of the texts for the day between repeated responses. Preachers may want to adapt or modify these one-line leader parts based on the direction of the sermon or study of the texts for the day.

Prayers of intercession also use patterns for the congregation to learn in time through repetition. This approach focuses on the act of intercessory prayer itself, on approaching God corporately each

week with confidence and humility, as the psalmists have taught us. This form also promotes vocal participation while reducing the need for printed words, since responses are repeated over one or more seasons and within each prayer. Contributors and editors have developed this pattern with accessibility concerns in mind, hoping to enrich our prayer life as communities of all ages and abilities. Petitions based upon the psalm for the day provide a way for the psalm to teach us to pray. Over the course of several weeks, the petitions grow to make a full library of prayers. Leaders may choose to adapt these prayers for their own context, adding concerns of the community. Worship planners may also choose to use petitions in more expansive ways, keeping silence after each petition, providing a way for worshipers to add their own prayers, or using them as a form for nonverbal ways of praying.

Seasonal liturgy provides options for other elements of the worship service, including sequences of confession and pardon, thanksgiving for baptism, and eucharistic prayers. These pieces may be repeated each week in a season.

This annual issue always teaches the value of collaborative work and reminds 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

AAHH	<i>African American Heritage Hymnal</i> (GIA, 2001)
CP	<i>Common Praise</i> (Canterbury Press, 2000)
GTG	<i>Glory to God</i> (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)
GWA	<i>God Welcomes All: A CH4 Supplement</i> (St. Andrew Press, 2024)
LP	<i>The Lyric Psalter: Solemnities, Feasts and Other Occasions</i> (GIA, 2010)
LUYH	<i>Lift Up Your Hearts</i> (Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2013)
OLOF	<i>One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism</i> (GIA, 2018)
PAS	<i>Psalms for All Seasons</i> (Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2012)
PFCW	<i>Psalter for Christian Worship</i> (Witherspoon Press, 1999)
PH	<i>The Presbyterian Hymnal</i> (Westminster John Knox Press, 1990)
PP	<i>The People's Psalter</i> (MSM, 2008)
PSA	<i>The Psalter: Psalms & Canticles for Singing</i> (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993)
RIL	<i>Rejoice in the Lord</i> (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1985)
SGP	<i>Singing God's Psalms</i> (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2016)
UMH	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> (United Methodist Publishing House, 1989)

Hymnals

AAHH	<i>African American Heritage Hymnal</i> (GIA, 2001)
AM	<i>Ancient & Modern: Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship</i> (Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd., 2013)
CWG	Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (carolynshymns.com)
EH	<i>The Hymnal 1982</i> [Episcopal] (Church Publishing, 1982)
FJ	<i>Fiesta Jubilosa</i> (Abingdon Press, 2022)
G3	<i>Gather</i> , 3rd ed. (GIA, 2011)
GTG	<i>Glory to God</i> (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)
HP	<i>El Himnario Presbiteriano</i> (Geneva Press, 1999)
LUYH	<i>Lift Up Your Hearts</i> (Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2013)
OLOF	<i>One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism</i> (GIA, 2018)
PH	<i>The Presbyterian Hymnal</i> (Westminster John Knox Press, 1990)
RS	<i>RitualSong</i> , 2nd ed. (GIA, 2016)
SF	<i>Singing the Faith</i> (Hope Publishing, 1992)
SFHO	<i>Songs for the Holy Other</i> (https://thehymnsociety.org/resources/songs-for-the-holy-other/)
SNC	<i>Sing a New Creation</i> (Church Publishing Inc., 2022)
SSS	<i>Santo, Santo, Santo</i> (GIA, 2019)
STF	<i>Sing the Faith</i> (Geneva Press, 2003)
SW	<i>Singing Welcome: Hymns and Songs of Hospitality to Refugees and Immigrants</i> (thehymnsociety.org/resources/singing-welcome/)
TFWS	<i>The Faith We Sing</i> (Abingdon Press, 2001)
UMH	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> (Abingdon Press, 1989)
VT	<i>Voices Together</i> (MennoMedia, 2020)
VU	<i>Voices United</i> (The United Church Publishing House, Ontario, 1996)
WAS	<i>Worship & Song</i> (Abingdon Press, 2011)
WR	<i>Worship & Rejoice</i> (Hope Publishing, 2003)
ZSS	<i>Zion Still Sings</i> (Abingdon Press, 2007)

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/)
EYE	Eyekons (eyekons.com)
JR	Jan Richardson Images (www.janrichardsonimages.com)
KL	Kelly Latimore Icons (kellylatimoreicons.com)
LJ	Laura James Fine Arts (laurajamesart.com)
MET	Metropolitan Museum of Art (metmuseum.org)
MoMA	Museum of Modern Art (moma.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)
WC	Wikimedia Commons (commons.wikimedia.org)

Publishers

AF	Augsburg Fortress (augzburgfortress.org)
AGEHR	AGEHR Music (handbellmusicians.org)
ALF	Alfred Publishing Company (alfred.com)
AMP	Alliance Music Publications (alliancemusic.com)
BFP	Brookfield Press (available through sheetmusicplus.com)
BH	Boosey & Hawkes (boosey.com)
BKH	Breitkopf and Hartel (breitkopf.us)
BMP	Belwin-Mills Publishing (available through alfred.com)
BP	Beckenhorst Press (beckenhorstpress.com)
BRI	BriLee Music (brileemusic.com)
BV	Bärenreiter-Verlag (baerenreiter.com)
CF	Carl Fischer (carlfischer.com)
CFP	Peters (edition-peters.com)
CGA	Choristers Guild (choristersguild.org)
CMP	Composers Music Company (available from handbellworld.com)
CON	Concordia Publishing House (cph.org)
CPDL	Choral Public Domain Library (cpdl.org/wiki/)
CV	Colla Voce (collavoce.com)
ECS	E. C. Schirmer (ecspublishing.com)
EGM	Evergreen Music (available from jwpepper.com)
EHB	Elaine Hagenburg Music (elainehagenberg.com)
FB	Fred Bock (fredbock.com)
FJH	FJH Music (available through alfred.com)
FTM	From the Top Music (fromthetop.org)
GIA	GIA Publications, Inc. (giamusic.com)
GIG	Growing in Grace
GMC	Galaxy Music Corporation (https://ecspublishing.com)
GMH	Grassy Meadow Music (grassymeadowmusic.com)
GSH	G. Schirmer (available through sheetmusicplus.com)
GP	Gentry Publications (gentrypublications.com)
HAL	Hal Leonard Corporation (halleonard.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.com)
IMSLP	International Music Score Library Project (imslp.org)
JHS	Jeffers Handbell Supply (handbellworld.com)
JM	Jubilate Music (https://jubilatemusic.com)
KJO	Neil Kjos Music Company (kjos.com)
KM	Kevin Mayhew Ltd. (kevinmayhew.com)
LG	Lawson-Gould Choral Music
LOR	Lorenz Corporation (lorenz.com)
MF	Mark Foster Music
MSM	MorningStar Music Publishers (morningstarmusic.com)
NOV	Novello & Company Limited (musicsalesclassical.com)
OUP	Oxford University Press (ukcatalogue.oup.com/category/music.do)
PAR	Paraclete Press (paracletepress.com)
PAV	Pavane Publishing (pavanepublishing.com)
ROP	Ring Out Press (ringoutpress.com)
RRM	Red River Music (available through handbellworld.com)

RT	ringTrue Handbell Music
RW	Ringing Word Publications (ringingword.com)
SAC	Sacred Music Press (available through 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)
SM	Shaw Music (shawmusic.org)
SMP	Sheet Music Plus (sheetmusicplus.com)
TPR	Theodore Presser Company (presser.com)
WAL	Walton Music
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 Organ Music

The role of the organist on Sundays varies widely from parish to parish. For over three decades, I have been able to share my musical gifts in ways that enrich congregational worship. I am keenly aware that many congregations offer music to God in worship faithfully without professional organists or well-maintained instruments. This list is intended to serve musicians in many contexts.

I offer this year's organ music selections with clear and intentional goals. One primary aim is to serve organists in a wide range of contexts and stages of ministry. Many selections are designed for church organists who may not hold formal degrees in organ performance but who have faithfully served their congregations over many years. At the same time, this repertoire list reflects a deep commitment to lifelong learning. Included are significant works from the organ repertoire that I believe every organist should encounter at some point in their musical journey. While I have largely avoided advanced repertoire, I have included several challenging works for their lasting musical and liturgical value, even if they require extended study. In addition, earlier repertoire—such as works by George Böhm or Johann Gottfried Walther—offers organists a

rich opportunity to explore the instrument's unique sound and its historical connection to liturgy.

Inclusion and diversity has been another guiding principle for these selections. These lists feature many organ works by female composers, as well as repertoire beyond the Anglo-European tradition. As a strong admirer of the Black Church tradition, I am deeply grateful for GIA's publication of *King of Kings* in four volumes and for the editorial leadership of Dr. Jimmie Abbington, whose work has helped bring these musical treasures to a wider audience. Spirituals and gospel music speak powerfully to contemporary congregations, reflecting musical languages that resonate deeply within American culture.

Finally, these selections are grounded in the conviction that Scripture shapes every aspect of the liturgy. God's Word provides the foundation for coherent and meaningful worship. I hope that musicians using this resource will attend carefully to the appointed texts for each Sunday and select music that supports and enhances the proclamation of the Word. This, I believe, is at the heart of the church musician's vocation.

Mina Choi

About Adult Choral Anthems

Selecting choral anthems is both a joy and a deeply personal process. Every director understands the unique gifts and abilities of their choir, so no list can ever be definitive. I hope these selections serve not as prescriptions but as inspiration.

The anthems we choose carry forward a lyrical theology—they express what we believe and, in turn, shape belief within our communities. For that reason, musical difficulty cannot be our only criterion. The texts we program matter. Some pieces included here will resonate deeply in certain congregations and less so in others. As with congregational song, worship leaders must thoughtfully consider whose voice is represented and whose may be missing from the table.

With that in mind, I have sought to include composers of varied genders and to reflect the broader world of choral music. This list is an invitation to deeper discernment rather than a final word. Sometimes the well-worn anthem from the church library is exactly what is needed. Other times, a newer work, perhaps with unfamiliar instrumentation or poetry that stretches us, opens fresh space for worship.

In all of it, may our aim remain the same: to offer our very best in praise to God.

Joshua Taylor

About Psalms and Canticles

This list of suggestions for metrical and responsorial psalms contains selections from many hymnals and psalters, keeping in mind the diverse representation of congregations within the PC(USA). All texts with non-English titles have English translations included. The most recent hymnal, *God Welcomes All*, includes primarily new texts and tunes appropriate for honest worship in our times. Some congregations may not have experience with responsorial psalms, and here I suggest beginning with the choices from the

United Methodist Hymnal (UMH), as these responses are easily accessible and will make the experience relatively comfortable. If this is a new form of worship in your community, I suggest a short rehearsal of the response before the service starts. All suggestions express the elegance and integrity of the psalms as they appear in modern translations. The tunes are lyrical and can be learned quickly.

Nancy Graham

About Visual Art

Visual art suggestions in this edition are often used as reference images on bulletin covers or projections during worship. Each week's list includes at least one illustration of a biblical narrative or idea. Remember to obtain correct permissions and copyright language when printing or showing works. Effort has been made to include at least one image each week from the public domain, which allows you to use it without obtaining permission. The title, artist's name, date, and other relevant information still should be cited. The Vanderbilt Divinity Library's collection of Art in the Christian Tradition, from which many suggestions come, includes a link to copyright information in the listing for each work. Other sources also give information about how to obtain permission to print or reproduce a work if permission is required. Some of the sources cited, particularly artists' websites, allow you to purchase permission. Other works do not require payment but do require communication with the museum, gallery, artist, artist's estate, or owner of the work.

Some suggestions in these weekly lists, especially contemporary suggestions, may benefit from context information about the artist, their concept, process, or materials. These works may be good conversation partners for the preacher in their interpretation of the texts for the day, which will require some research on the artist and the work. When it is difficult to obtain permission to reproduce contemporary works that may lend themselves to sermon illustrations, preachers might consider

describing the work as it relates to their ideas. An example is Ann Hamilton's *The Event of a Thread*, suggested for Transfiguration Sunday. In this social practice / kinetic work, swings are attached with a pulley system to a huge piece of white fabric that fills the space. The movements of the swings move the fabric in the center of the room. This simple description might lend a contemporary image to the narrative of the disciples gathering around the transfigured Christ. An image of the work may not be needed to communicate the connection. This also supports concerns about accessibility for those with challenged sight. The concept of a process, material, or subject matter is often powerful even without the experience of seeing it.

The sources cited in the visual art suggestions can also serve as places to find other works that may not have been suggested but might be relevant to a particular service or theme.

Visual artists work in a wide range of materials and processes, and they engage topics across many disciplines. Many artists consider themes related to their identity and experience in the world, challenging systems of injustice and making meaning through material. In your planning, consider engaging artwork that may challenge previous assumptions about what is relevant to worship and theology. You may be surprised by what you find that enlivens your textual interpretation and service planning.

Sally Ann McKinsey

About Anthems for Children's Choirs

Children's voices can be transformative. Children can teach us to be responsive to our environment and wholly present. Their earnestness can show us God's love and grace and help us witness God at work in our world. Children can inspire us all to respond with honesty, wonder, and joy.

Choosing repertoire for children's choirs has always been a lovely adventure for me. I search for texts and melodies that will resonate with our young singers, hopefully staying with them long after they sing the final note. Children deserve to sing well-crafted music, with supportive accompaniments and beautiful choral writing that showcases their voices in the very best way. Music that is flexible, in terms of both voicing and content, serves developing

singers (and their directors) well. A unison Advent anthem can also be used for Palm Sunday and sung with a modified two-part or the addition of a simple handbell part.

The children's choir selections in this year's Lectionary Companion feature anthems that are well-crafted, flexible, and contain memorable messages worth learning and sharing. I have also included a few ideas for integrating these anthems more intentionally within a worship service as a prayer or reading response or a call to worship. Blessings as you undertake the important work of honoring and elevating children's voices in your congregation.

Katie Houts

About Anthems for Youth Choirs

I have done my best to provide options that exhibit the following criteria: connection to the lectionary texts, accessibility, and pedagogical awareness. In my searching, it was important to choose anthems with strong ties to the lectionary texts in each liturgical season. Accessibility was also a vital consideration in the selections I provided, so that each youth choir will be able to find selections appropriate for their unique context and capability. Each piece includes musical interest that will be meaningful for the conductor, singers, and congregation. A pedagogical approach was also important for me as I made this

year's selections. Many youth choirs include singers ranging in age from sixth through twelfth grades, and with that diversity in age comes developing voices all around. Not only do youth choral anthems teach music and singing, but they can also serve as a medium for Christian education. Overall, the list of anthems for youth choirs includes many difficulty levels and styles. It is my hope that these selections will benefit you and your youth choirs in your worship planning.

NeTorrian (Dé) Patton

About Piano Music

I serve in a congregation whose primary instrument in worship is the piano, so I spend time every week choosing appropriate piano preludes, offertories, and postludes for worship. I mostly utilize arrangements of hymn tunes for these moments and attempt to cover an eclectic range of styles and moods with my selections throughout the year.

I hope that you find my lists of seasonal suggestions useful, as I've tried to include several difficulty levels to accommodate many levels of piano artistry. Pieces that are graded easy (E) and moderately easy (ME) may be sight readable or

ready after one rehearsal. Pieces graded moderate (M) may be ready to play after a rehearsal or two for the intermediate pianist. Pieces graded moderately advanced (MA) may have several key changes, time signature changes, or syncopated rhythms, and they may take up more "space" on the keyboard, so rehearsal time will be dependent on individual piano proficiency. Pieces graded advanced (A) are virtuosic and expressive and may take some preparation for even the most seasoned player.

Tim Redding

About Vocal Solos

Willie Nelson said that “all music is sacred.” The vocal solo selections in this edition come from this spirit, so they may contain a few surprises and unlikely choices. Music from a wide variety of genres may share appropriate connections with biblical texts. Pop music and songs written for the contemporary musical theater are included. While this list doesn’t contain them because of the contextual awareness and care required in their choosing and use, many spiritual songs by hip hop artists, like *Faithful* by Common with John Legend, also brilliantly and eloquently speak about social justice concerns and incorporate biblical themes.

The grading scale for difficulty is as follows: advanced (A), moderately advanced (MA), moderate (M), moderately easy (ME), and easy (E). My interpretation of this scale is subjective and general. You may use your own judgment based on your knowledge of personnel and musical forces, strength of accompanist, rehearsal time, and other factors. Selections marked A or MA might be reserved for

those with accomplished technique or may require sensitivity in other areas, regardless of musical or technical demands.

When texts are strong, more than one example may be offered, and some like pieces have been assigned the same difficulty level for different reasons. Some may have an accessible melody but may require more vocal range or stamina, for example, while others may have an independent vocal line, requiring stronger music reading and aural skills, but may support a more limited range.

Think creatively, and don’t be afraid to be controversial. While there is enough sacred repertoire to last for hundreds of years of this resource, stepping outside the conventional can illuminate texts and themes in a fresh way, energize conversation in worship planning, and provide inspiration for parishioners and perhaps even the professed disinterested. Worship should hold space for many different voices. As Willie says, it’s all sacred.

Krista Wright

About Handbell Music

The ability of the handbell ensemble to augment or add to a choral selection may be novel, but it can be absolutely breathtaking. The selections provided here for handbell ensembles include original compositions as well as transcriptions and arrangements of traditional and contemporary music for handbells in each of the seasons of the church year.

Many factors can guide your repertoire selection process, including level of skill, size of the ensemble, and availability of auxiliary musicians. The options provided here will give you the opportunity to teach repertoire that is appropriate for both beginning and developing handbell ensembles. The ability to collaborate is essential in the world of handbells. Several options allow handbell choirs to collaborate with different instruments, add percussion, or

incorporate the use of hand chimes.

For over seventy years, the Handbell Musicians of America (previously known as the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers) has been providing workshops, classes, seminars, and resources to help church music programs get the most out of their bells and chimes. As a member of the board of directors, I highly recommend visiting the Handbell Musicians of America website (www.handbellmusicians.org) to learn more about English Handbells, the 12 Areas, and how we can help you learn and use your instrument to the best of your ability. We would love to assist you and your ensemble to reach your highest potential.

Wishing you the best this music season,
Lynn G. Atkins Jr.

The Season of Advent

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

Advent Candle Lighting

We light this candle of (hope/peace/joy/love),
a growing light in a season of vigil,
a promise in the night.

**We wait for the Holy One, Immanuel,
to come near.**

Prophets cry out,
“Restore us, O God.”

The wilderness prepares a way.

God's promise draws close.

**Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness does not overcome it.**

We light the (first/second/third/fourth) candle,
a sign of God's grace already among us.

Come, O Christ.

Restore us.

Make us ready. Amen.

Confession and Pardon

We wait for the one whose grace is already with us.

Confident in God's mercy,

let us humbly confess our sin,

praying together,

Coming God,

you call us to keep vigil, but we are too busy.

You call us to prepare the way, but we wander.

We confess we have not trusted your promise.

We have not loved with open hearts.

We are quick to fear and slow to hope.

Forgive us and restore us, O God.

Turn your face toward us,

that we may learn and receive your grace.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

The one who calls us is

the one who restores and forgives us.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are being made new.

Thanks be to God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We give you thanks, O God, for baptizing us
in the waters of beginning and belonging.

In the beginning your Spirit hovered over the deep.

You carried life through the flood.

In the wilderness, you sent water from rock.

In the Jordan, you named your Beloved.

In these waters, you name us.

For all this, we give you thanks.

When we forget you, remember us.

When we lose heart, find us in hope.

In the longest nights,

teach us that we belong to you.

Hold us in grace and send us in hope.

Glory to you, O God, now and always. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.
 You have been our help from generation to
 generation,
 our light in the wilderness,
 our promise in the night.
 When your people cried, you heard.
 When your people wandered, you led.
 When hope grew thin, you spoke again through
 prophets and dreamers.
 In the fullness of time,
 you came near in Jesus Christ,
 our Immanuel, God with us,
 light dawning, mercy and grace embodied,
 love made flesh.
 We praise you,
 joining the song of the universal church
 and the heavenly choir:
Holy, holy, holy, God of the Universe.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.
Hosanna in the highest.

(or a sung version such as GTG 595, 596)

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior, born of Mary,
 in whom you fulfilled your long-awaited promise.
 Christ came preaching good news to the poor,
 freedom to those held captive,
 and comfort to the brokenhearted.
 Jesus welcomed the lost,
 fed the hungry,
 and announced your reign drawing near.
 Raised from the dead, he is our living hope
 and the sign of your faithfulness forever.

*The Words of Institution may be said here or after the
 prayer.*

Remembering your goodness and grace,
 your mighty acts of mercy and renewal,
 we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
 as we share this joyful feast
 and proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ died. Christ rose. Christ comes again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon this bread and cup;
 make us one in the body of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Awaken us as a watchful people.
 Strengthen us as a hopeful people.
 Shape us as a people ready for your coming.

*If prayers of intercession are not included elsewhere in
 the service, brief petitions may be offered here by
 the presider or the assembly, spoken aloud or prayed
 in silence. You may choose to incorporate petitions
 from the weekly prayers of intercession offered in this
 edition.*

Feed us with the bread of life
 and fill us with the spirit of joy
 so that we may share your grace and peace
 with the whole world.
 Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
 in the unity of the Spirit,
 we bless you, God of glory,
 now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Breaking, pouring, and sharing the bread and cup:
 The Words of Institution may be said here or in the
 prayer.*

Blessing and Charge

As you go from this place, may the God
 of Advent hope
 steady your hearts in waiting.
 May Christ meet you on the road of promise.
 May the Spirit keep your lamps burning,
 that you may abide in peace.

Stay awake to God's grace.
 Prepare the way with mercy.
 Watch for joy breaking in. **Amen.**

Congregational Song in Advent

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.

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 72
 Restáuranos, oh Dios / Restore Us, O God (refrain only or with stanzas) SSS 72
 Prepáren 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 Confession-Pardon liturgy, as part of the Call to Confession or 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

- "Advent Carol," Beth Kenreich, CGA, uni, pno, opt cong (E)
- "Advent Prayer," *Children Sing*, Mark Patterson, AF, uni, pno (E)
- "Will You Light a Candle," Katie Houts, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt hb/hc/cong (ME)
- "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain," Carolyn Jennings, KJO, SATB and uni, pno/org (M)
- "Prepare Ye the Way," Mark Burrows, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, hd (ME)

Anthems for Youth Choirs in Advent

- "In the Bleak Midwinter," Robert Powell, GIA, SAB, pno, vln, vc (ME)
- "Come, Messiah, Come," Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo, CGA, 2 pt, pno, fl (E)
- "O Magnum Mysterium," Evan Ramos, BRI, SAB, acap (ME)
- "People, Look East," John Leavitt, HAL, SAB, pno (M)
- "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," Mark Miller, CGA, SAB, pno (ME)
- "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," Carlton R. Young, AF, SAB, hb, fc (ME)
- "Creator of the Stars of Night," Andrew Bruhn, AF, 2 pt, keybd (E)

Handbell Music in Advent

- "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," EST IST EIN' ROS', arr. Michael Kastner and Kevin McChesney, 3-5 oct, JHS, JHS9304, Level 2
- "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came," BASQUE, arr. Jason W. Krug, 3-6 oct, opt 1 oct hc, GMH, GMH350034, Level 3
- "Savior of the Nations, Come," arr. Joshua Kramer, 3-5 oct, AGEHR, AG35328, Level 2
- "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending," BRYN CALFARIA, arr. Susan T. Nelson, 3-6 oct, opt 3-4 oct hc, HOPE, 2253, Level 3+
- "Advent Tidings," NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, VENI EMMANUEL, DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM, arr. Matthew Compton, 3-6 oct, opt 2 oct hc, HOPE, 2810, Level 3+
- "Fantasy on Winchester," WINCHESTER OLD, WINCHESTER NEW, arr. William Bryan Kyle, 3-6 oct, opt 3-5 oct hc, JM, JMG1101, Level 3
- "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," ABERYSTWYTH, arr. Linda R. Lamb, 3-5 oct, opt 3-5 oct hc, opt fl, BP, HB557, Level 3
- "Fantasy on Kingsfold," KINGSFOLD, arr. H. Dean Wagner, 3-6 oct, opt 3 oct hc, HOPE, 2134, Level 2+

Piano Music in Advent

- "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came," GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, *The Essential Collection for Christmas*, Larry Shackley, HOPE (MA)
- "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," HYFRYDOL, *Seasonal Sunday Solos for Piano*, HAL (ME)
- "Comfort, Comfort Now My People," GENEVAN 42, *The Essential Collection for Christmas*, Larry Shackley, HOPE (A)
- "Good King Wenceslas," TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM, *Christmas Expressions*, Joel Raney, HOPE (A)
- "The Holly and the Ivy / O Christmas Tree Medley," *Christmas Memories*, Book 3, Melody Bober, ALF (M)
- "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," PICARDY, *Visions of Noel*, Vicki Collinsworth, LOR (A)
- "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," HELMSLEY, *The Church Pianist's Library*, vol. 23, Terry Osman, LOR (MA)
- "Lo, How a Rose," ES IST EIN' ROS', *Carols A to Z*, Janet Vogt, LOR (MA)
- "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel / Born That We May Have Life," *Medleys for Blended Worship: Complete Collection*, Carol Tornquist, ALF (M)
- "Of the Father's Love Begotten," DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM, *Advent*, Mark Hayes, LOR (MA)
- "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us," WACHET AUF, *Emmanuel Shall Come*, Gilbert Martin, LOR (MA)

Vocal Solos in Advent

- "I Am Light," India.Arie, www.musicnotes.com (E)
"My Lord, What a Mornin'," *The Spirituals of Harry T. Burleigh*, H. T. Burleigh, BMP (ME)
"Ave Maria," *Sing Solo Christmas*, René Atkinson, OUP (M)
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," *10 Hymns and Gospel Songs for Solo Voice*, Mark Hayes, ALF (ME)
"Comfort Ye . . . Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted," *Messiah*, G. F. Handel, NOV, tenor (A)
"What You Goin' to Name the Baby?" *The Story of the Spirituals*, Edward Boatner, BMP (M)
"Mary's Soliloquy," *What Child Is This? A Christmas Songbook for Voice and Piano*, Cecil Effinger, GSH (M)
"Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion," *Messiah*, G. F. Handel, NOV, sop (A)
"Willkommen, werther Schatz," Cantata No. 36, *Schwingt freudig euch empor*, J. S. Bach, BV, bass (A)
"Bewundert, o Menschen," Cantata No. 62, *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, J. S. Bach, BV, tenor (A)

November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9	Tear open the heavens and come down; save us from our sin.
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Restore us, O God; let your face shine, and save us.
1 Corinthians 1:3-9	God will strengthen you while you wait for Christ's coming.
Mark 13:24-37	In those days the stars will fall from heaven; keep awake.

Call to Worship

The sun is darkened; the moon does not give light.

Come, Lord Jesus.

You are the potter; we are yours.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Strengthen us so that we are ready.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Prayers of Intercession

God of hosts, let your face shine.

Stir up your might and bring salvation.

We pray for your church . . .

Keep us watchful and waiting,
doing the work of your kingdom.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are hungry . . .

Nourish their bodies, minds, and spirits.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer . . .

Grant them your peace.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for prisoners and their loved ones . . .

Visit them with your love.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our nation . . .

Cause justice and compassion to flourish.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves . . .

Surprise us with your presence.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

God of hosts, let your face shine.

Stir up your might and bring salvation.

To you be honor and glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

(ST. DENIO) GTG 12 (O)

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

(WACHET AUF) GTG 349 (O)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(HYFRYDOL/STUTTGART) GTG 82/83 (E)

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

(ABERYSTWYTH) GTG 97 (G)

WORD

Toda la tierra (TAULÉ) Mil Voces para Celebrar 78 (E)

Just as I Am, without One Plea

(WOODWORTH) GTG 442 (O)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (FAITHFULNESS) GTG 39 (E)

My Lord! What a Morning

(MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING) GTG 352

EUCCHARIST

Take, O Take Me as I Am (TAKE ME AS I AM) GTG 698 (O)

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

(QUEBEC) GTG 494 (E)

Dona nobis pacem (DONA NOBIS PACEM) GTG 752 (E)

SENDING

I Bind unto Myself Today

(ST. PATRICK; DEIRDRE) GTG 6 (E)

You Come Like the Lowliest (COLUMCILLE) SW (E)

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

(HELMSLEY) GTG 348 (G)

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

(KEEP YOUR LAMPS) GTG 350 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Metrical

O Hear Our Cry, O Lord [VINEYARD HAVEN] GTG 355

Shine on Me [SHINE ON ME] AAHH 527

Responsorial

Restore Us Again PAS 80A

Lord Come Soon PSA 70

Organ Music

“The Advent of Our King,” FRANCONIA, *Christmas*

Preludes for Organ, arr. Elizabeth Hill, KM (E)

“Sleepers Awake,” BWV 645, J. S. Bach, IMSLP (MA)

“Set on VENI EMMANUEL,” *Flourishes and Reflections*,

Edward Landin, SAC (MA)

“Savior of the Nations, Come,” BuxWv 211, Dietrich

Buxtehude, IMSLP (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“My Lord, What a Morning,” from *Holy Light*, arr.

Robert Hobby, MSM, SATB/solo, pno (E)

“My Lord, What a Morning,” arr. Harry T. Burleigh,

ALF, SATB div, acap (M)

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” Sam Batt

Owens, MSM, SAB, keybd (E)

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,” Taylor Davis,

CGA, SAB, keybd (M)

“Wake, Awake,” Nicolai, arr. F. Melius Christiansen,

AF, SATB div, acap (A)

“I Thank You God for This Most Amazing Day,”

Eric Whitacre, WAL, acap (A)

“Hope for Resolution,” Sean Ivory and Paul

Caldwell, earthsongs, SATB/children's choir,

pno, perc (M)

“Why Don't You Tear Apart the Heavens?” John L.

Bell, GIA, SATB/solo, keybd (E)

Art

Aging Grace, Fe Langdon, 2011 (VDL)

Advent Star, Scott Laumann (EYE)

Solar Eclipse from Mount Santa Lucia, Carleton E.

Watkins, 1889 (VDL)

Making Way, Jan Richardson (JR)

God's Shining Face, stained glass, George Millereau,

16th century (VDL)

December 6, 2026

Second Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11	Comfort my people; a voice cries: prepare the way of the Lord!
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	God will speak peace; faithfulness and righteousness will meet.
2 Peter 3:8-15a	God is patient with us, but the day of the Lord is coming.
Mark 1:1-8	In the wilderness, John baptizes and proclaims the one to come.

Call to Worship

Be the voice in our wilderness.
Prepare the way of the Lord!
 Make us watchful for your new world.
Prepare the way of the Lord!
 Comfort and feed your flock.
Prepare the way of the Lord!

Prayers of Intercession

God of past, present, and future,
 hear our prayer.

We pray for your church throughout the earth . . .
 Sustain us in active waiting.
 Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority . . .
 Teach them to seek the good of all.
 Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world you love . . .
 Hasten the day when righteousness and peace
 will kiss each other.
 Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth and its creatures . . .
 Make us good stewards of your bounty.
 Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the poor and oppressed . . .
 Feed them with your justice and mercy.
 Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who mourn . . .
 Give them peace which passes understanding.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**
 God of past, present, and future,
 surely your salvation is at hand.
 Make us ready to receive you;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Comfort, Comfort Now My People
 (GENEVAN 42) GTG 87 (O)
 Wait for the Lord (WAIT FOR THE LORD) GTG 90 (O)
 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
 (TRURO) GTG 93 (E)
 Prepare the Way, O Zion
 (BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN) GTG 106 (G)

WORD

Prepare the Way of the Lord
 (PREPARE THE WAY) GTG 95 (O)
 Come Out the Wilderness (Spiritual) OLOF 393 (G)
 Heaven Shall Not Wait
 (HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT) GTG 773 (E)

EUCCHARIST

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
 (WINCHESTER NEW) GTG 96 (O)
 When Stars Fall Down (MORNING SONG) OLOF 246 (G)
 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us
 (BRADBURY) GTG 187 (O)

SENDING

People, Look East (BESANÇON) GTG 105 (O)
When All Is Ended (YOGANANDA) GTG 376 (E)
Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice
(ABERYSTWYTH) GTG 163 (G)
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
(I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN) GTG 729

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Metrical

A Voice Was Heard in Ramah [LLANGLOFFAN] GWA 107
The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow [OLD 107TH]
RIL 165

Responsorial

The Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed UMH 806
Lord, in Your Mercy, Hear My Prayer PP 156

Organ Music

"Creator of the Starry Height," CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM,
Christmas Preludes for Organ, arr. Christopher
Tambling, KM (ME)
"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You," *The Concordia
Hymn Prelude Series, Advent-Christmas*, vol. 2, arr.
Kimberly Kondal Patterson, CON (ME)
Partita on "Comfort, Comfort Now My People,"
Johann Pachelbel, IMSLP (MA)
"Savior of the Nations, Come," BWV 659, J. S. Bach,
IMSLP (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Comfort Ye My People," Taylor Davis, CGA, SATB,
pno (E)
"My Song in the Night," Elaine Hagenburg, EHB,
SATB, pno, orch (M)
"Prepare Ye," Marc Robinson, KJO, SATB/solo,
perc (M)
"Comfort, Comfort, Now My People," arr. Brenda
Austin, HOPE, pno, hb (E)
"My Song in the Night," Paul Christiansen, AF,
SATB div, acap (A)
"This Is the Record of John," Orlando Gibbons,
CPDL, SATB/tenor solo, org (A)

Art

John the Baptist, Aleksandr Andreevich Ivanov,
1837-57 (VDL)
The River, John August Swanson (EYE)
John the Baptist Preaches in the Desert, JESUS MAFA,
1973 (VDL)
The Desert in Advent, Jan Richardson (JR)
Preaching of St. John the Baptist, Pieter Bruegel,
1566 (VDL)

December 13, 2026

Third Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	The spirit of the Lord is upon me; I will rejoice in my Savior.
Psalm 126	When the Lord restored our fortunes, we shouted with joy.
or Luke 1:46b-55	My soul magnifies the Lord, who has done great things.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	Rejoice, pray give thanks; may God keep you until Christ's coming.
John 1:6-8, 19-28	John came to testify to the light, so that all might believe.

Call to Worship

Give us ears to hear voices crying out in the wilderness.

We watch for signs of your coming.

Help us to hold fast to what is good.

We watch for signs of your coming.

Inspire your people to offer good news to the oppressed,

bind up the brokenhearted,

and bring liberty to those held captive.

We watch for signs of your coming.

Prayers of Intercession

God of light and love,
rejoicing in your grace,
we make our prayer to you.

We pray for the hungry . . .
Fill them with good things.
Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the rich and powerful . . .
Open their eyes and bring us all to repentance.
Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of nations . . .
Put down greed and lust for power.
Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for refugees and those who live in fear . . .
Grant them safe homes and freedom from anxiety.
Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose needs are known to you
alone . . .

Lift their burdens and grant them peace.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves . . .
Teach us to hold fast to what is good,
to be constant in prayer,
and to rejoice in your word.
Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

God of light and love, shine in our hearts
and keep us ever in your embrace.
To you be glory and honor forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers (LLANGLOFFAN) GTG 362 (E)

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

Live into Hope (TRURO) GTG 772 (O)

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
(DEO GRACIAS) GTG 618 (G)

WORD

Christ Is Coming! (UNSER HERRSCHER) GTG 360 (G)

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper
(JEFFERSON) GTG 94 (O)

All Who Love and Serve Your City
(CHARLESTOWN) GTG 351 (E)

EUCCHARIST

Give Us Light (JYOTHI DHO) GTG 467 (G)
What Feast of Love (GREENSLEEVES) WAS 3710 (E)
In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
(IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL) GTG 654 (O)

SENDING

May the God of Hope Go with Us
(ARGENTINA) GTG 765 (E)
When the Lord Redeems the Very Least
(I'LL FLY AWAY) GTG 852 (O)
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (MARION) GTG 804 (E)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
(HOUSTON) GTG 377 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 126

Metrical

Los que sembraron con lágrimas [IRREGULAR] SSS 333
When God Delivered Israel [SHEAVES] PH 237

Responsorial

Our Mouths Were Full of Laughter PAS 126B
The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us UMH 847

Organ Music

"Jesus, Are You Coming from Heaven to Earth
Now?" BWV 650, J. S. Bach, IMSLP (MA)
"Offertoire in D Major, op. 25, no. 1," *L'Organiste
pratique*, Book 7, Alexandre Guilmant, IMSLP (M)
"Magnificat Suite in D Major," *Pièces d'orgue*, Jean
François Dandrieu, A. Durand & Fils (M)
"Glory to God, Glory in the Highest," GLORIA PERU,
Augsburg Organ Library: Christmas, arr. Emily
Maxson Porter, AF (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"The Spirit of the Lord," Philip W. J. Stopford, MSM,
SATB, fl, vln, brass, org (M)
"Psalm 126: A Psalm of Ascent," Abbie Bettinis, AF,
SATB, acap (A)
"The Call," Z. Randall Stroope, MSM, SATB, org (M)
"My Soul Cries Out," arr. Mark Hayes, HOPE, SATB,
keybd, fl, perc (E)
"Walk in the Light," arr. Andre Thomas, CGA,
SATB, pno (E)

Art

Testify to the Light, Jan Richardson (JR)
Mary's Song, Lauren Wright Pittman, 2016 (VDL)
Magnificat, Jan Richardson (JR)
Magnificat on Silk, Frank Wesley, 1923–2002 (VDL)

December 20, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55

or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

The Lord will build a house for David and his descendants.

My soul magnifies the Lord, who has done great things.

I will sing of God's steadfast love and faithfulness to David.

Glory to God for the mystery now revealed to all peoples!

The angel Gabriel appears to Mary; her child will be God's Son.

Call to Worship

God is already in the world and on the move.

God draws near.

Like Mary, we can feel perplexed and afraid.

God draws near.

God will be faithful and fan the flame of mystery.

God draws near.

Prayers of Intercession

God of steadfast love,

we rejoice in your promises

as we make our prayer.

We pray for the meek and lowly . . .

May they sing with Mary a song of praise to you.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the high and mighty . . .

Teach them the humility that comes

from knowing you.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth in all its beauty . . .

Make us faithful in its care.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who mourn while

others make merry . . .

Grant them the light that shines in the darkness.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for refugees and those who

have no homes . . .

Give them a warm welcome and a safe harbor.

Coming Savior, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love,

in Christ you put down the mighty

and lift up the lowly.

Bring us, with Mary,

to serve you with gladness of heart;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(VENI EMMANUEL) GTG 88 (O)

Savior of the Nations, Come

(NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND) GTG 102 (G)

Take, O Take Me as I Am (TAKE ME AS I AM) GTG 698 (O)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

(ST. DENIO) GTG 12 (E)

WORD

To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

(ANNUNCIATION) GTG 98 (G)

Do Not Be Afraid (ISAIAH 43) GTG 76 (O)

No Wind at the Window (COLUMCILLE) GTG 101 (G)

Of the Father's Love Begotten

(DIVINUM MYSTERIUM) GTG 108 (E)

EUCCHARIST

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

(ES IST EIN' ROS') GTG 129 (O)

Sing Out, My Soul (MAGNIFICAT (Taizé)) GTG 646 (G)

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

(VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN) GTG 104 (E)

She Walked in the Summer (THE VISIT) VU 12 (G)

SENDING

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

(STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN) GTG 100 (G)

Blest Be the God of Israel (MERLE'S TUNE) GTG 109 (O)

May the Love of the Lord (SOON TI) GTG 549 (E)

At the Name of Jesus (KING'S WESTON) GTG 264 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Metrical

I Will Sing a Song of Love [NAMED AND KNOWN]

GWA 148

My Song Forever Shall Record [PUER NOBIS NASCITUR]

GTG 67

Responsorial

Praise the Lord PP 162

Lord, I Will Sing Your Love Forever PSA 81

Organ Music

"Élévation No. 3, 'Entends Ma Voix Fidele,'" *Livre de Noël's, Op. 60, Book 1*, Alexandre Guilmant, IMSLP (ME)

"Chorale Prelude on ES IST EIN ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN," 11 *Chorale Preludes, Op. 122*, Johannes Brahms, IMSLP (M)

"The Angel Gabriel," *Christmas Preludes for Organ*, arr. Norman Warren, KM (M)

"Of the Father's Love Begotten," DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, *The Concordia Hymn Prelude Series, Christmas*, vol. 3, Flor Peeters, CON (E)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Mary's Song/Magnificat," John Ferguson, GIA, SATB, org, tpt (A)

"Gabriel's Message," Stephen Paulus, Stephen Paulus Music, SATB, harp (M)

"Angelus ad virginem," arr. David Willcocks, OUP, SATB, org (M)

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," arr. Shawn Kirchner, BH, SATB, keybd, sax (M or A)

"Gabriel's Message," arr. Tony Alonso, GIA, SATB, keybd, fl (E)

"Gloria," from *Gospel Mass*, Robert Ray, HAL, SATB, keybd, rhythm (M)

"Magnificat," M. Roger Holland II, GIA, SATB, pno, bass (M)

"Blest Be the God of Israel," Michael Burkhardt, MSM, SATB, org, inst (M)

Art

Annunciation to Mary, Father George Saget, 1963 (VDL)

Annunciation to Mary, Fra Angelico, 1425-28 (VDL)

Annunciation, Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1898 (VDL)

Gabriel and Mary, Jan Richardson (JR)

The Season of Christmas

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

Confession and Pardon

In Christ, God gives us grace upon grace.
Confident in God's mercy,
let us humbly confess our sin,
praying together,

**God of light and nearness,
you come to us in a child, and still we turn away.
You announce good news for all,
yet we keep it small and safe.
You bring peace on earth,
yet we cling to fear and division.
We confess what resists your coming:
hearts closed to wonder, hands slow to share,
lives too hurried to adore.
Forgive us, gracious God. Open us to your joy.
Make room in us for your Christ. Amen.**

God has drawn near,
not to condemn, but to save;
not to accuse, but to restore.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
In Jesus Christ, we are being made new.
Thanks be to God.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We give you thanks, O God, for baptizing us with
water and with your Word.
You called forth light at creation.
You led your people to freedom through the sea.
You became flesh in Bethlehem.
You revealed your Beloved in the Jordan.
By this same love, you claim us in baptism.

For all this we give you thanks.
When we forget you, remember us.
When hope grows dim, rekindle it in us.
Wash us in your grace,
that we may turn from evil and be born again
of your Spirit.
Glory to you, O God, now and always. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.
You spoke, and light was born.
You called, and creation sang.
You promised, and hope took root among
your people.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Word made flesh,
born in a feed trough,
announced by angels,
welcomed by shepherds,
a Savior for all people.
Jesus Christ revealed your glory,
made your mercy visible,
and set loose your peace in the world.
We praise you,
joining the song of the universal church
and the heavenly choir:
**Holy, holy, holy, God of the Universe.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(or a sung version such as GTG 595, 596)

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior,
the good news of great joy and the light for
the nations,
the radiance of your glory and the imprint
of your love.
Jesus healed the sick, gathered the lost,
fed the hungry, and proclaimed your reign of peace.
Raised from death, Christ lives, still with us and
always for us.

*The Words of Institution may be said here or after the
prayer.*

Remembering your love made flesh among us,
we come with gratitude
to share this joyful feast
and proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ died. Christ rose. Christ comes again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and cup;
make us one in the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*If prayers of intercession are not included elsewhere in
the service, brief petitions may be offered here by
the presider or the assembly, spoken aloud or prayed
in silence. You may choose to incorporate petitions
from the weekly prayers of intercession offered in this
edition.*

Let this meal be light for our path,
joy for our journey,
and strength for our calling.
Send us out
to be bearers of good news
for the weary, the poor, and the forgotten.
Fill us with Christmas peace,
that we may share it with all the world.
Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Breaking, pouring, and sharing the bread and cup:
The Words of Institution may be said here or in the
prayer.*

Blessing and Charge

May the God of light
shine in your hearts.
May Christ, born among us,
be your joy and your peace.
May the Spirit make you bearers of good news.
Go and tell what you have seen and heard:
Light has come and love has become flesh.
Share the joy and welcome the wonder;
abide in the peace of Christ. **Amen.**

Congregational Song in Christmas

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.

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

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

- "Carry the Light," Andy Beck, ALF, uni/2 pt/3 pt, pno, opt vln (MA)
- "The First Light of Christmas," Mark Burrows, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (ME)
- "Humble Savior," Diane Beckstead, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt fl (ME)
- "Room in My Heart," Mark Burrows, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (E)
- "Go, Tell It on the Mountain," Becki Slagle Mayo, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (ME)
- "A Calypso Noel," Victor C. Johnson, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt perc (ME)
- "May My Light Shine," Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo, CGA, uni, pno, opt hb/hc (E)
- "Tiny Little Baby Born in a Manger," Cynthia Gray, CGA, uni/2 pt/SSA, pno (M)
- "Christmas Cradlesong," Terry D. Taylor, JM, uni, pno, opt hb/hc (ME)
- "Bethlehem Night," Terry D. Taylor, CGA, uni, pno, opt hb/hc (ME)
- "Silent Night," Trevor Manor, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt vln (M)

Anthems for Youth Choirs for Christmas and Epiphany

- "Gloria," Michael John Trotta, BRI, 3 pt, pno, fl (E)
- "Always In a Manger," Adam and Matt Podd, Podd Brothers Music, SAB, pno (ME)
- "Walk in the Light," Karen Marroli, MSM, SAB, vln, pno (M)
- "A Star, a Manger, and a Boy," Andrew Huish, HIN, SAB, pno (ME)
- "Go Tell It!" Victor Johnson, ALF, 3 pt, pno (ME)

Handbell Music for Christmas and Epiphany

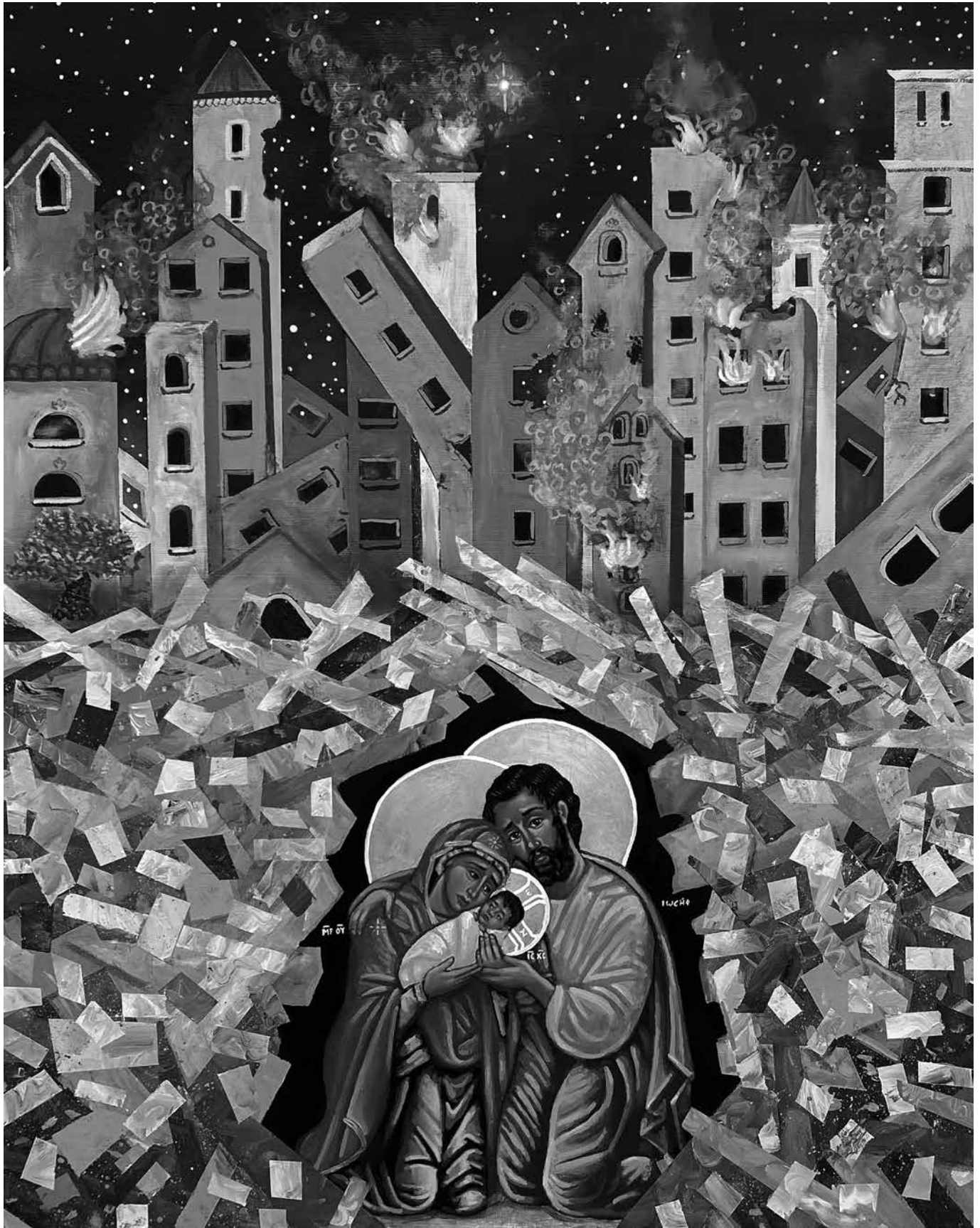
- "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice," IN DULCI JUBILO, arr. Anna Laura Page, 2-3 oct, ALF, 44603, Level 1
- "Coventry Carol," COVENTRY, arr. Cathy Moglebust, 2-3 oct, opt perc, BP, HB852, Level 1+
- "In the Bleak Midwinter," CRANHAM, arr. Mark Longfield, 3-5 oct, JM, JMG1459, Level 2
- "Stille, Stille, Stille," STILL, STILL, STILL, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson, 3-5 oct, opt hc, ALF, 23779, Level 2
- "All My Heart Again Rejoices," WARUM SOLLT ICH, GLORIA, arr. Karen L. Buckwalter, 3-6 oct, opt 3 oct hc, opt ct, CGA, CGB1391, Level 3-
- "Stille Nacht," STILLE NACHT, arr. James E. Weber Jr., 4-7 oct, BP, HB554, Level 3
- "Angel Tidings," MENDELSSOHN, GLORIA, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski, 3 or 5 oct, HOPE, 1215, Level 3
- "O Come, All Ye Faithful," ADESTE FIDELES, arr. Douglas E. Wagner, 3-5 oct, HOPE, 1262, Level 3
- "Sing We Now of Christmas," NOEL NOUVELET, arr. Kevin McChesney, 3-6 oct, HOPE, 1892, Level 3
- "The First Noel," THE FIRST NOWELL, arr. Cathy Moglebust, 3-7 oct, opt 3-5 oct hc, JHS, JHS9480, Level 3+
- "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child," WONDERFUL CHILD, arr. Linda R. Lamb, 3-6 oct, opt 2 oct hc, CGA, CGB1389, Level 4
- "Adoration of the Wise Men," CHARTRES, arr. Matthew Prins, 3-5 oct, GIA, G-7624, Level 2
- "As with Gladness," DIX, arr. Hart Morris, 3 oct, RRM, RRHBoo65, Level 2+
- "We Three Kings," arr. Cynthia Dobrinski, 3-5 oct, Agape, 1390, Level 3
- "Change Ring Prelude on 'Divinum Mysterium,'" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, arr. Fred Gramann, 3-6 oct, LOR, 20/1239L, Level 3+
- "A Manger Lullaby," MUELLER, GREENSLEEVES, CRADLE SONG, arr. Kathleen Wissinger, 3-7 oct, opt 3-6 oct hc, RT, RE8012, Level 3

Piano Music for Christmas and Epiphany

- “Away in a Manger,” MUELLER / CRADLE SONG, *Christmas Expressions*, Joel Raney, HOPE (MA)
 “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” GO TELL IT, *Christmas at the Keyboard*, Mark Hayes, LOR (MA)
 “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen,” GOD REST YOU MERRY, *Christmas Memories*, book 3, Melody Bober, ALF (ME)
 “The Huron Carol,” JESOUS AHATONHIA, *Christmas Illuminations*, Dan Forrest, BP (A)
 “Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head,” REST YOUR HEAD, *Sing We Now of Christmas*, Dan Wyrzten, FJH (M)
 “Joy to the World,” ANTIOCH, *Extol the Lord!* Andy Muskrat, LOR (MA)
 “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” ADESTE FIDELES, *Gospel Greats*, vol. 2, Joel Raney, HOPE (MA)
 “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing,” SUSSEX CAROL, *Sunday Morning Holiday Companion*, Victor Labenske, ALF (M)
 “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow,” RISE UP SHEPHERD, *Carols A to Z*, Faye López, LOR (M)
 “We Three Kings,” KINGS OF ORIENT, *Visions of Noel*, Vicki Collinsworth, LOR (A)
 “What Sweeter Music,” *The Christmas Piano Album*, John Rutter, OUP (MA)
 “While by the Sheep We Watched at Night,” JÜNGST, *The Essential Collection for Christmas*, Emily Lund, HOPE (M)

Vocal Solos for Christmas and Epiphany

- “Sweet Was the Song the Virgin Sang,” *Sacred Songs for the Soloist*, John Attey, BH (MA)
 “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” *The Story of the Spirituals*, Edward Boatner, BMP (M)
 “The Birds,” Benjamin Britten, BH (MA)
 “Behold That Star,” *The Spirituals of Harry T. Burleigh*, H. T. Burleigh, BMP (M)
 “O My Deir Hert,” *Herbert Howells Songs*, Herbert Howells, BH (M)
 “The Virgin’s Slumber Song,” *Sing Solo Christmas*, Max Reger, OUP (M)
 “Wexford Carol,” *The Christmas Collection*, Richard Walters, HAL (M)
 “A Christmas Carol,” *The Christmas Collection*, Norman Dello Joio, HAL (MA)
 “Glory Hallelujah to the Newborn King,” *Hall Johnson: 30 Spirituals*, Hall Johnson, GSH (ME)
 “In the Bleak Midwinter, from *A Christmas Triptych*,” *Christmas Solos for All Ages*, Mary E. Caldwell, HAL (MA)
 “Home by Another Way,” James Taylor, SMP (E)



Christ in the Rubble
Kelly Latimore

December 24, 2026

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.

Call to Worship

Gather round and see what God has done.
Glory to God in the highest!
 God's grace has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
Glory to God in the highest!
 God's glory shines this night.
Glory to God in the highest!

Prayers of Intercession

God of glory,
 we sing to you.

We pray for all nations and peoples . . .
 May we all experience your splendor
 and live in peace with each other.
 God of glory, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for families of all kinds . . .
 Teach us to create loving and healthy relationships
 in chosen and biological families.
 God of glory, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all that fills the seas . . .
 Protect the creatures of the deep
 and the ecosystems that support them.
 God of glory, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all that fills the fields,
 for trees and all forests . . .
 Protect the creatures of the land
 and the ecosystems that surround them.
 God of glory, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth you inhabited . . .
 Turn us from ways of greed
 and toward ways of care and respect for
 all living things.
 God of glory, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory,
 you came among us
 to show us the ways of love.
 Light our path with justice and peace,
 that we may learn to follow;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
 (MENDELSSOHN) GTG 119 (G)

WORD
 Before the Marvel of This Night (MARVEL) GTG 125 (G)
 O Little Town of Bethlehem (ST. LOUIS) GTG 121 (O)
 The People Who Walked in Darkness
 (ISAIAH 9) GTG 86 (O)

EUCCHARIST
 Still, Still, Still (STILL, STILL, STILL) GTG 124 (G)
 Where Shepherds Lately Knelt
 (MANGER SONG) GTG 120 (G)

SENDING
 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
 (WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT) GTG 127 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 96

Metrical

To God Be the Glory [THE GLORY] OLOF 23
Sing to the Lord No Threadbare Songs [CANTICUM
NOVUM] PAS 96G

Responsorial

O Sing a New Song to the Lord PH 217
Sing to the Lord PP 174

Organ Music

“Puer Natus in Bethlehem,” BuxWV 217,
Complete Organ Works, vol. 4, Dietrich Buxtehude,
IMSLP (ME)
“The Holy Boy: A Carol of the Nativity,” John
Ireland, IMSLP (M)
“Postlude on ‘Go Tell It on the Mountain,’” *King of
Kings*, vol. 3, arr. Norah Duncan IV, GIA (MA)
“Joy to the World,” ANTIOCH, *The Concordia Hymn
Prelude Series, Advent/Christmas*, vol. 2, arr. Hugo
Gehrke, CON (E)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Love’s Pure Light,” Elaine Hagenburg, EHB, SATB,
keybd, orch (M)
“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt,” Craig Courtney,
BP, SATB, keybd, fl (E)
“Joy to the World” (collection), arr. John Leavitt,
HAL, SATB, opt orch (E)
“Serenity (O Magnum Mysterium),” Ola Gjeilo,
WAL, SATB div (A)
“Love Came Down at Christmas,” arr. Nancy
Grundahl, MSM, SATB, ob (A)
“O Holy Light” (collection), arr. Robert Hobby, MSM,
SATB, opt orch (E)

Art

Annunciation to the Shepherds, Adam Pynacker, 1640
(VDL)
Joseph and Mary Traveling to Bethlehem, from the
Portinari Altarpiece (VDL)
Those Who Walked in Darkness, Jan Richardson (JR)
Difficult Journey, Fritz von Uhde, 1890 (VDL)
Manger, Liz Valente, 2021 (VDL)

December 25, 2026

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.

Call to Worship

How beautiful are the messengers of peace.

Glory to God in the highest!

Proclaim the good news of salvation.

Glory to God in the highest!

The ends of the earth shall see the Word made flesh
among us.

Glory to God in the highest!

Prayers of Intercession

God of glory,
we sing to you.

We pray for peoples around the world . . .
Foster peace and equity among the nations.
God of glory, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for musicians and artists . . .
Grant us instruments and materials we need
to give you praise.
God of glory, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by natural disasters . . .
Send hope in heartbreak and helpers in devastation.
God of glory, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are alone or grieving this
Christmas . . .
Surround them with your comfort.
God of glory, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory,
you came among us
to show us the ways of love.
Light our path with justice and peace,
that we may learn to follow;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Here in This Place (GATHER US IN) GTG 401 (O)

O Word of God Incarnate (MUNICH) GTG 459 (E)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

(IN DULCI JUBILO) GTG 132 (G)

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (GO TELL IT) GTG 136 (G)

WORD

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

(CAROL) GTG 123 (O)

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

(GOODNESS IS STRONGER) GTG 750 (O)

Cuán gloriosa será la mañana

(CUÁN GLORIOSA SERÁ LA MAÑANA) SSS 358 (E)

Womb of Life and Source of Being (RAQUEL) GTG 3 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

(ERMUNTRE DICH) GTG 130 (O)

God Is Here Today (DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ) GTG 411 (E)

My Song Is Love Unknown

(LOVE UNKNOWN) GTG 209 (G)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

(PICARDY) GTG 347 (G)

SENDING

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

(MORNING STAR) EH 117 (O)

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

(HELMSLEY) GTG 348 (E)

Joy to the World (ANTIOCH/RICHMOND) GTG 134/266 (G)

God's Love Made Visible (POSADA) WR 226 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 98

Metrical

New Songs of Celebration Render [RENDEZ À DIEU]

GTG 371

Joy to the World [ANTIOCH] GTG 134

Responsorial

Sing to the Lord a New Song PAS 98A

Sing a New Song to the Lord UMH 818

Organ Music

“Élévation No. 2, ‘Or nou dites Marie, Nous voici dans la ville,’” *Livre de Noël*s, Op. 60, Book 1, Alexandre Guilmant, IMSLP (ME)

“Sortie: Laissez paître vos bêtes / Venez, divin Messie,” *Pièces posthumes*, César Franck, IMSLP (MA)

“Postlude on MENDELSSOHN,” *The Oxford Book of Christmas Organ Music*, arr. David Willcocks, OUP (A)

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen,” *Christmas Preludes for Organ*, arr. Robert Jones, KM (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“The Word Was God,” Rosephanye Powell, GP, SATB, acap or pno (M/A)

“Christmas Day,” Gustav Holst, OUP, org (M)

“Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child,” arr. Mark Hayes, JM, pno (E)

“Wexford Carol,” arr. Elaine Hagenburg, EHB, pno, ob (M)

“Zither Carol,” arr. Malcolm Sargent, OUP, acap (A)

“African Noel,” arr. Andre Thomas, LG, acap (M)

Art

Star of Bethlehem with Pomegranate Trees, quilt, 1850, from Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (VDL)

Shepherds, John August Swanson, 1985 (VDL)

The Only Room, Frank Wesley, 1923–2002 (VDL)

For Joy, Jan Richardson (JR)

December 27, 2026

First Sunday of Christmas

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 61:10—62:3	The Lord will give you a new name; you will be a crown of beauty.
Psalm 148	Praise the Lord, all creation! God is exalted in heaven and earth.
Galatians 4:4–7	Through the Son and the Spirit, we may call God Abba, Father.
Luke 2:22–40	Jesus is presented in the temple; Simeon and Anna rejoice.

Call to Worship

We are filled with light, so let us rejoice!
Glory to God in the highest!
 For in the fullness of time God sent his Son.
Glory to God in the highest!
 And adopted us into the family of faith.
Glory to God in the highest!

Prayers of Intercession

Holy God, Creator of all,
 hear our prayer.

We pray for elders . . .
 Teach us to honor them.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for children and youth . . .
 Grant them strength and wisdom.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of nations . . .
 Guide them to seek the good of all.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and those who
 care for them . . .
 Touch them with your healing hand.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who mourn . . .
 Give them peace which passes understanding.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose souls are pierced
 with pain . . .
 Be with them in their journey toward wholeness.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, Creator of all,
 the whole cosmos sings your praise.
 To you be honor and glory,
 now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

I'll Praise My Maker (OLD 113TH) GTG 806 (O)
 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
 (MENDELSSOHN) GTG 119 (E)
 Angels, from the Realms of Glory
 (REGENT SQUARE) GTG 143 (G)

WORD

Creator of the Stars of Night
 (CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM) GTG 84 (E)
 The First Nowell (THE FIRST NOWELL) GTG 147 (E)
 What Child Is This (GREENSLEEVES) GTG 145 (G)
 Ahora, oh Dios, despide (NUNC DIMITTIS) HP 484 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Here, O Our Lord, We See You
 (MORECAMBE) GTG 517 (O)
 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
 (PICARDY) GTG 347 (E)
 God Be in My Head (LYTLINGTON) EH 694 (G)

SENDING

Live Into Hope (TRURO) GTG 772 (O)
Lord of All Hopefulness (COURTNEY) GTG 683 (G)
All Hail to God's Anointed (ROCKPORT) GTG 149 (G)
Go Now in Peace (GO IN PEACE) UMH 665 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 148

Metrical

Lift Every Voice and Sing [ANTHEM] AAHH 540
Praise to the Holiest in the Heights [GERONTIUS]
CP 557

Responsorial

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia PSA 155
Let All Things Their Creator Bless UMH 861

Organ Music

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice / IN DULCI
JUBILO," BWV 608, *Orgelbüchlein*, J. S. Bach,
IMSLP (MA)
"He Is Born / IL EST NÉ," *Augsburg Organ Library:*
Christmas, arr. Richard Hudson, AF (M)
"Once Again My Heart Rejoices / Fröhlich soll
mein Herze springen," *The Concordia Hymn*
Prelude Series, Christmas, vol. 3, Donald Busarow,
CON (ME)
"Noël X," *Livre de Noël*s, Op. 2, Louis-Claude Daquin,
IMSLP (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come," Allen Pote,
TPR, pno (E)
"Sans Day Carol," John Rutter, OUP, SATB, org or
orch (M)
"Nunc Dimittis," Imant Raminsh, BH, SATB, org (A)
"Dismiss Your Servant in Peace," David Schwoebel,
HAL, SATB, pno (M)
"This Christmastide (Jessye's Carol)," Donald Frasier,
HIN, SATB, pno, opt orch (E)
"Rise Up, Shepherd," Taylor Davis, CGA, SATB,
pno (E)

Art

The Presentation in the Temple, John August
Swanson, mid-20th century (EYE)
La presentación de Cristo en el templo, Kelly Latimore,
2018 (VDL)
Annunciation, Birth, Adoration and Presentation,
Conrad von Soest, 1403 (VDL)
Prophetess Anna, Rembrandt van Rijn, 1639 (VDL)

January 3, 2027

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.

Call to Worship

Sing for gladness, for God gathers all people together.

Glory to God in the highest!

God gathers us together and waters us like gardens.

Glory to God in the highest!

The Word made flesh dwells among upon us,
giving grace upon grace.

Glory to God in the highest!

Prayers of Intercession

God, Word made flesh,
gather up all things
and hear our prayer.

We pray for those who feel scattered and lost . . .
Seek them out and lead them like a shepherd.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church in every place . . .
Show your servants the path of true faithfulness.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations and those in authority . . .
Put down greed and lust for war.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who grieve . . .
Turn their mourning into joy.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are hungry . . .
Use us to satisfy their needs.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our families and loved ones . . .
Keep them in your tender care.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies . . .
Show us how to live in peace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, Word made flesh,
shine in the darkness
and grant us grace upon grace,
to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Shall We Gather at the River

(HANSON PLACE) GTG 375 (G)

Here In This Place (GATHER US IN) GTG 401 (OEG)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

(WESTMINSTER ABBEY) GTG 394 (E)

WORD

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

(ST. MARGARET) GTG 833 (G)

You Turn Mourning Into Dancing

(HYMN TO JOY) CWG (O)

Shepherd Me, O God (SHEPHERD ME) GTG 473 (O)

God Calls You Good SFHO (E)

EUCCHARIST

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

(CRIMOND) GTG 801 (G)

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

(DIVINUM MYSTERIUM) GTG 850 (G)

El Señor es mi Pastor (BOLIVIA) HP 413 (O)

SENDING

We Are Marching in the Light of God

(SIYAHAMBA) GTG 853 (G)

Jesus, Light of Joy (LAUDA ANIMA) GTG 673 (E)

Live Into Hope (TRURO) GTG 772 (E)

At the Name of Jesus (KING'S WESTON) GTG 264 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 147:12–20

Metrical

Praise Is Rising, Eyes Are Turning [IRREGULAR]

GWA 114

Now Praise the Lord [ST. ANNE] PH 255

Responsorial

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia PAS 147A

Organ Music

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice / IN DULCI JUBILO,”

BWV 729, J. S. Bach, IMSLP (MA)

“Prelude on ‘Whence is that goodly fragrance?’”

The Oxford Book of Christmas Organ Music, arr.

Harrison Oxley, OUP (MA)

“As with Gladness,” DIX, *Christmas Preludes for Organ*,

arr. Colin Hand, KM (M)

“Three Kings of Orient,” WE THREE KINGS, *Augsburg*

Organ Library: Epiphany, Janet Linker, AF (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,” arr. Dan
Forrest, BP, SATB, pno, ob (E)

“Who Would Think That What Was Needed,” arr.
Ronald Nelson, GIA, SATB, keybd, C inst (E)

“This Glimpse of Glory,” David Ashley White, AF,
SATB, keybd, tpt (E)

“My Lord Has Come,” Will Todd, OUP, acap (M)

“Gloria,” Tristino Ali, WAL, SSAATTBB, acap (A)

Art

Awakening, Edie Mae Herrel, 1975 (VDL)

On The Road, Liz Valente, 2021 (VDL)

Through Him, All Things, Lauren Wright Pittman,
2022 (sanctifiedart.org)

January 6, 2027

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.

Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come!
Jesus is good news for all.
 The Lord shines upon all creation.
Jesus is good news for all.
 We are members of one body.
Jesus is good news for all.
 Look, all have gathered, bringing gifts to offer.
Jesus is good news for all.

Prayers of Intercession

Ruler of all, shine your light upon the world.
 Hear us as we pray.

We pray for your justice to rule the earth . . .
 Let righteousness flourish and peace abound.
 Ruler of all, **let your light shine.**

We pray for the poor . . .
 Take pity on the weak and needy.
 Ruler of all, **let your light shine.**

We pray for the leaders of nations . . .
 Teach them true wisdom.
 Ruler of all, **let your light shine.**

We pray for your church, the body of Christ . . .
 Unite us in mission and service as fellow
 heirs of grace.
 Ruler of all, **let your light shine.**

We pray for immigrants and refugees . . .
 Grant them welcome and safety.
 Ruler of all, **let your light shine.**

We pray for those who are searching for faith . . .
 May they take delight in the child born of Mary.
 Ruler of all, **let your light shine.**

Ruler of all, shine your light upon the world.
 Scatter the proud and lift up the lowly
 for the sake of Jesus, your Son,
 the light of the world. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
 (REJOICE, REJOICE) GTG 107 (O)
 What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright
 (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR) GTG 152 (G)
 Arise, Your Light Is Come! (FESTAL SONG) GTG 744 (O)
 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
 (DEO GRACIAS) GTG 618 (E)

WORD

In the Heavens Shone a Star (KALINGA) GTG 131 (G)
 The People Who Walked in Darkness
 (ISAIAH 9) GTG 86 (O)
 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper
 (JEFFERSON/SUO GAN) GTG 94/VT 237 (O)
 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (LIEBSTER JESU) GTG 395 (E)

EUCCHARIST

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name
 (COME, SHARE THE LORD) GTG 510 (G)
 The Bread and the Wine Are Here
 (LOVE FEAST) GTG 512 (E)
 I Come with Joy (DOVE OF PEACE) GTG 515 (E)

SENDING

Sing Out, My Soul (MAGNIFICAT (Taizé)) GTG 646 (E)

Sing Out with Joy to God Our Strength

(SHEPHERDS' PIPES) GTG 56 (O)

We Three Kings of Orient Are

(KINGS OF ORIENT) GTG 151 (G)

In Bethlehem a Newborn Baby

(IN BETHLEHEM) GTG 153 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 72:1–7, 10–14

Metrical

Be Still, God Will Fight Your Battles [IRREGULAR]

AAHH 133

All Hail to God's Anointed [ROCKPORT] PH 205

Responsorial

In His Days, Justice Will Flourish PAS 72C

I Will Give You as a Light to the Nations UMH 795

Organ Music

“Prélude sur l'introït de l'Épiphanie en la mineur,
op. 13,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Epiphany*, Maurice
Duruflé, AF (MA)

“Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern,” BuxWV 223,
Complete Organ Works, vol. 4, Dietrich Buxtehude,
IMSLP (MA)

“Psalm 72,” *Seasonal Psalms for Organ*, vol. 1, Emma
Lou Diemer, SAC (M)

“What Child Is This?” GREENSLEEVES, *The Essential
Collection for the Church Organist*, vol. 1, arr. John
Behnke, HOPE (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Arise, Shine,” John Rutter, OUP, SATB, org (M)

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem,” arr. Keith

Christopher, HAL, SATB, pno, opt insts (E)

“Walk in the Light,” arr. Andre Thomas, CGA,
SATB, pno (M)

“Rise, Shine,” arr. Marques L. A. Garrett and Tom
Trenney, MSM, SATB, pno (M)

“Epiphany Alleluias,” John Weaver, BH, SATB,
org (A)

“The Three Kings,” Peter Cornelius, OUP, SATB,
org (A)

Art

Christmas Magi, Nicholas Markell (EYE)

Epiphany, Jan Richardson (JR)

Journey of the Magi, James Tissot, 1894 (VDL)

Star of Bethlehem Quilt, 1835, from Metropolitan
Museum of Art (VDL)

The Time after Epiphany / Ordinary Time

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

Confession and Pardon

Let us confess our sin together with trust
and humility.

**God among us,
forgive us when we assume you are far from us
and when we fail to recognize our part
in your ongoing ministry.
We grieve for all the wounds not healed,
actions not taken,
and calls not answered.
Teach us to remember our baptism,
to hear your call,
to participate in your mission,
and to help those in our midst.
Transform us,
that we may be more like Christ.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

God is among us!
We have been baptized into Christ,
who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
In Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

At the baptismal font:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, we give you thanks
for the faith, hope, and love you give to us
through the blessing of our baptism—
claiming us as your beloved children,
calling us to the path of discipleship,
revealing to us the light of your glory.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
poured out upon us in baptism,
help us to follow you with faith,
to trust in you with hope,
and to serve you with love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Blessed are you, O Lord our God:
We give you all thanks and praise, O God,
for your works are great and your righteousness
endures forever.
You have given us your covenant of steadfast love;
holy is your name.

The Sanctus may be sung or spoken:

With angels, saints, and all creation,
we join the hymn that never ends:
Holy, holy, holy Lord . . .

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:
He came to us teaching with authority
and showing us your will for our lives.
Even unclean spirits knew his voice and listened
to him.
He calls us still to share his words of love with
the world.

*The Words of Institution may be spoken here or after
the prayer.*

Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we share this joyful feast.
A memorial acclamation may be sung or spoken:

Great is the mystery of faith . . .

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and cup;
make us one in the body and blood
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*If prayers of intercession are not included elsewhere in
the service, brief petitions may be offered here by
the presider or the assembly, spoken aloud or prayed
in silence. You may choose to incorporate petitions
from the weekly prayers of intercession offered in this
edition.*

Hear our prayers for the world you love . . .

Through your Spirit we are fed with spiritual food,
a mystery we proclaim with our lives:
This bread is Christ's body for us, and we are the
body of Christ.
Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The great Amen may be sung or spoken.

Blessing and Charge

At the doors of the church:
Beloved children of God,
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**
As Jesus called the first disciples,
so he calls to us this day:
Follow me. **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.

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

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

"My Faith's Got Shoes," Mark Burrows, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt perc (ME)
 "I Will Show You the Way," Toni Sullivan, CGA, uni, pno (E)
 "Take This Light," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni, pno, opt hb/hc (E)
 "Shine, Shine Your Light," Becki Slagle Mayo, SHAW, uni/2 pt, pno (ME)
 "In God's Hands," Erik Whitehill, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (ME)

Anthems for Youth Choirs for the Time after Epiphany

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God," Wilhelm Schmidt, W. F. Schmidt Music, SAB, pno (ME)
 "Amazing Grace," Linda Spevacek, HOPE, 3 pt, pno (M)
 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," David Huntsinger, Huntsinger Music, SATB, keybd (M)
 "Let There Be Light," Mary McDonald, LOR, SAB, pno (ME)
 "Be Still, My Soul," Roy Hopp, AF, 2 pt (E)
 "Baptized in Water," Jane Holstein, HOPE, 2 pt, pno (ME)
 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light," Benjamin Harlan, JM, SAB, pno (ME)
 "Noble Magi," Nancy Gifford, CGA, 2 pt, pno, fc (ME)
 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," Alice Parker and Robert Shaw, LG, SATB, acap (ME)

Piano Music for the Time after Epiphany

- "Blessed," *Devotion and Reflection*, Heather Sorenson, LOR (MA)
 "Down to the River / Shall We Gather at the River," DOWN TO THE RIVER / HANSON PLACE, *Spirituals We Love*, Pepper Choplin, LOR (M)
 "The Gift to Be Simple," SIMPLE GIFTS, *A Time for Giving*, Dale Wood, LOR (M)
 "Jesus Loves Me," JESUS LOVES ME, *Sunday Morning Companion*, Victor Labenske, ALF (M)
 "On Eagle's Wings / Be Thou My Vision," ON EAGLE'S WINGS / SLANE, *Medleys for Blended Worship: Complete Collection*, Carol Tornquist, ALF (MA)
 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples," KINGSFOLD, *Morning Has Broken*, Penny Rodriguez, LOR (M)
 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," CONVERSE, *Hymns for a Jazzy Sunday Morning*, Larry Shackley, ALF (A)

Vocal Solos for the Time after Epiphany

- "The Call," *Sing a Song of Joy*, K. Lee Scott, AF (ME)
 "The Call," *New Songs of Gladness: Vocal Solos for Worship*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (M)
 "Beautiful City," *Godspell*, Stephen Schwartz, HAL (E)
 "Hallelujah," *The Green Pastures*, Hall Johnson, CF (M)
 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee," *The Church Soloist*, Eric H. Thiman, NOV (MA)
 "O Thou in Whose Presence," *Three Mountain Hymns*, Alice Parker, GMC (M)

Handbell Music for the Time after Epiphany

- "O Love, How Deep (O Wondrous Type)," arr. Cathy Moglebust, 3-5 oct, opt fc, bng, ct, CGA, CGB716, Level 2-
 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light," HOUSTON, arr. Cathy Moglebust, 2-3 oct, opt inst, CGA, CGB831, Level 2
 "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God," Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. Lloyd Larson, 3-5 oct, HOPE, 2913, Level 2
 "Processional on LANCASHIRE," LANCASHIRE, arr. Lloyd Larsen, 4-5 oct, keybd, opt 2 oct hb, opt cong, BP, HB243, Level 2+
 "The Spirit's Love," IVERSON, ST. MARGARET, MORECAMBE, arr. Michael W. Joy, 3 or 5 oct, 3 oct hc, GIA, G-11258, Level 2+
 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," AMAZON, arr. Julie Turner, 3-5 oct, opt 3-5 oct hc, RW, RW8289, Level 3

January 10, 2027

Baptism of the Lord

Color: White

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 1:1-5	Over the deep and formless waters, God speaks: Let there be light.
Psalm 29	Give glory to God; the voice of the Lord is over the waters.
Acts 19:1-7	Paul baptizes new believers in Jesus' name; they receive the Spirit.
Mark 1:4-11	Jesus is baptized; the Spirit descends; a voice says: You are my Son.

Call to Worship

In the beginning a wind from God swept
over the waters.

Beloved children, gather at the font.

Again and again people have gathered
at the waters of grace.

Beloved children, gather at the font.

God's Holy Spirit pours out upon us.

Beloved children, gather at the font.

Prayers of Intercession

Triune God,
hear us as we pray.

We pray for your church . . .
Keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
faithful in your service.
Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace . . .
Let justice and mercy rule in the hearts
of world leaders.
Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our nation . . .
Do not let pride blind us to the needs of others.
Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors . . .
Help us to overcome differences with love
for one another.
Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick and lonely . . .
Visit them and bless them with your presence.
Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have lost heart . . .
Restore them and lift them up.
Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

Triune God,
your voice thunders over the waters.
Send your Spirit to rest upon us
so that we, like Jesus your Son,
may live into our baptism.
To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be glory now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Morning Has Broken (BUNESSAN) GTG 664 (O)
Queerly Beloved SFHO (G)
Spirit of the Living God (LIVING GOD) GTG 288 (E)
Let All Things Now Living (ASH GROVE) GTG 37 (O)

WORD

O Day of Rest and Gladness
(ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN) GTG 393 (O)
Praise the Spirit in Creation (JULION) EH 507 (OE)
You Have Put on Christ
(BAPTIZED IN CHRIST) GTG 491 (E)
Preparen el camino del Señor
(PREPAREN EL CAMINO) HP 69

EUCCHARIST

God of the Sparrow (ROEDER) GTG 22 (O)
Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee
(ADORO TE DEVOTE) GTG 495 (E)
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
(BRIDEGROOM) GTG 285 (EG)
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (SPIRIT) GTG 291 (G)

SENDING

Womb of Life and Source of Being
(RAQUEL) GTG 3 (O)
Crashing Waters at Creation
(CRASHING WATERS) GTG 476 (OE)
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
(WINCHESTER NEW) GTG 96 (G)
The Play of the Godhead (PERICHORESIS) GTG 9 (OEG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 29

Metrical

All Glory, Laud, and Honor [VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN]
GTG 196
Joyful Is the Dark, Holy Hidden God [GEAR7] GWA 96

Responsorial

Your Voice, Lord, Is a Voice of Splendor PSA 29D
Praise the Lord PSA 26

Organ Music

"Deep River," from *Jazz Hymns and Spiritual Songs*,
arr. Marianne Kim, LOR (M)
"Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam," BWV 684,
Clavier-Übung III, J. S. Bach, IMSLP (A)
"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise," SALZBURG, *The
Concordia Hymn Prelude Series, Christmas*, vol. 6,
Johann Pachelbel, CON (E)
"Children of the Heavenly Father," TRYGGARE KAN
INGEN VARA, *Augsburg Organ Library: Baptism and
Communion*, arr. Robert A. Hobby, AF (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Let There Be Light," Ana Levy-Lyons and Adam
Todd, Podd Brothers Music, SATB, pno (E)
"Ascribe to the Lord," Rosephanye Powell, GP,
SATB, pno (M)
"Once Led to Your Font," arr. Stephen Folkemer, AF,
SAB, org, fl (E)
"Take Me to the Water," arr. Alice Parker, GIA,
SAATB, acap (A)
"Come to the Water," Anna Laura Page, LOR, SATB
or 2 pt mx, pno (E)
"The Baptism of Jesus / Jesus Autem Hodie," Peter
Hallock, GIA, SATB, acap (A)
"The One Who Clothes Himself with Light," Brent
Weiland, GIA, SATB, acap (M)

Art

Baptism of Christ, Joachim Patinir, early 16th
century (VDL)
Baptism of Jesus, Lorenzo Scott, 1987 (VDL)
Bayou Baptism, Lauren Wright Pittman, 2016 (VDL)
River, John August Swanson, 1987 (VDL)

January 17, 2027

Second Sunday after Epiphany
Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)	The boy Samuel hears God calling and replies: Speak, Lord.
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	O Lord, you search me and surround me; I praise you.
1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Your body is a temple of the Spirit; you were bought with a price.
John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip; Philip in turn calls Nathanael: Come and see.

Call to Worship

Come, hold fast to Christ; become one in the Spirit.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Come, learn from Christ, our teacher.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Come, listen and serve.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

All-merciful God,
before the words are on our tongues,
you know them completely.
May these prayers honor you.

We pray for those who doubt their worth . . .
Show them they are fearfully and
wonderfully made.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who think too highly
of themselves . . .
Grant them grace that prompts repentance.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace in our time . . .
Cause world leaders to seek the good of all.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for children and youth . . .
Help them to hear you calling their name.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those of advancing years . . .
Hold them in your steadfast love.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose hearts are breaking . . .
Grant them wholeness through your Spirit.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All-merciful God,
we belong to you.
Keep us ever faithful in your service,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Lord, Speak for Me, for I Am Yours

(PERRY) GTG 723 (O)

Que mi vida entera esté (HOLLINGSIDE) HP 302 (E)

Be Still and Know That I Am God

(PSALM 46) GTG 414 (O)

The God of Abraham Praise (LEONI) GTG 49 (OEG)

WORD

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

(HERE I AM (Schutte)) GTG 69 (O)

Oh, háblame y hablaré (CANONBURY) HP 268 (O)

Be Thou My Vision (SLANE) GTG 450 (G)

Sacred the Body (TENDERNESS) GTG 27 (E)

EUCCHARIST

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

(RENDEZ À DIEU) GTG 499 (E)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

(BICENTENNIAL) GTG 523 (OG)

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

(COPELAND) GTG 506 (OEG)

SENDING

O Jesus, I Have Promised

(ANGEL'S STORY/NYLAND) GTG 724/725 (O)

Take My Life (HENDON) GTG 697 (E)

Lead Me, Guide Me (LEAD ME, GUIDE ME) GTG 740 (OG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

Metrical

You Are Before Me, Lord [SURSUM CORDA] PH 248

God, Lord of Hosts, Whose Purpose Never

Swerving [WELWYN] RIL 432

Responsorial

I Know the Lord Lay His Hands on Me AAHH 360

Lord, You Have Searched Me PAS 139C

Organ Music

“Aria on Psalm 139,” Jan Peter Teeuw, JR

Productions, Holland (available at www.KoraalBoek.nl) (M)

“Jesus Calls Us,” GALILEE, *With Praise and Love*, vol. 2,

arr. Emma Lou Diemer, SAC (M)

“Prelude for Organ at the Close of the Day,” SLANE,

Healey Willan, IMSLP (M)

“Meditation on BRADBURY” (Savior, Like a Shepherd

Lead Us), arr. Charles E. Callahan, MSM (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Come and See,” Karen Marrolli, GMC, SATB,

pno (E)

“Will You Come and Follow Me,” arr. Tom Trenney,

MSM, SATB, pno (E)

“Search Me, O God,” Jonny Priano, ALF, SATB,

acap (A)

“The Call,” Kenneth Jennings, *earthsongs*, SATB,

acap (M)

“Psalm 139,” Allen Pote, CGA, SATB, pno (E)

“Here I Am,” arr. Craig Courtney, BP, SATB, pno,

fl (M)

“Psalm 139,” Michael Burkhardt, MSM, SSAATTBB,

pno, org, hb (A)

Art

The Call to Samuel, Frank Wesley, 1923–2002 (VDL)

Samuel Relating to Eli the Judgments of God upon Eli's

House, John Singleton Copley, 1780 (VDL)

Come and See, Jan Richardson (JR)

A Choice, Lauren Wright Pittman, 2018 (VDL)

January 24, 2027

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10	God sends Jonah to Nineveh; the people repent and God forgives.
Psalm 62:5-12	My soul waits in silence for God; God is my rock and salvation.
1 Corinthians 7:29-31	The present world is passing away; let go of earthly attachments.
Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls four fishermen: Simon, Andrew, James, and John.

Call to Worship

The Word cries out and awaits our response.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Let all else fall away.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

God, our rock and salvation,
our hope is from you.
Hear your people as we pray.

We pray for a right use of the earth . . .
Make us faithful stewards of your bounty.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for justice that leads to peace . . .
Reorder our priorities while there is still time.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church in every place . . .
Make all who heed his calling faithful
followers of Jesus.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for neighbors in distress . . .
Rekindle in all hearts the love that reaches out.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for prophets in our time . . .
Bring repentance that leads to life.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves . . .

Fill us with the good news of your kingdom.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our rock and salvation,
our hope is from you.
Bring us ever closer to your reign;
though Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

For the Healing of the Nations

(ST. THOMAS (Wade)) GTG 346 (O)

God, Reveal Your Presence (ARNSBERG) GTG 412 (E)

The Kingdom of God (LAUDATE DOMINUM) G3 736

WORD

O God, Show Mercy to Us (THAXTED) GTG 341 (O)

We Are Forgiven (WE ARE FORGIVEN) GTG 447 (O)

When Peace like a River (VILLE DU HAVRE) GTG 840 (E)

Will You Come and Follow Me

(KELVINGROVE) GTG 726 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Bread of Life from Heaven

(ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD) GTG 497 (G)

Lord, Prepare Me (SANCTUARY) GTG 701 (E)

God Welcomes All (THEMBA AMEN) GTG 399 (OG)

SENDING

God of Grace and God of Glory
(CWM RHONDDA) GTG 307 (OEG)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
(ST. ANNE) GTG 687 (E)

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
(PESCADOR DE HOMBRES) GTG 721 (G)

Above the Voices of the World Around Me
(ASTON ROWANT) AM 114 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 62:5-12

Metrical

My Soul Rests in God Alone [MODE MELODY] PAS 62C

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone [MY SOUL FINDS REST]
SSS 328

Responsorial

My Soul Is at Rest GTG 843

I Sing Your Praise for Steadfast Love UMH 787

Organ Music

“From the Depths of My Heart,” from *Choralvorspiele für den gottesdienstlichen Gebrauch*, Band I, *Aus meines Herzens Grunde*, Johann Gottfried Walther, BV (MA)

“O Jesus, I Have Promised,” ANGEL'S STORY, *The Essential Collection for The Church Organist*, vol. 1, arr. Kenneth Lowenberg, HOPE (ME)

“Abide with Me,” EVENTIDE, *Grace and Majesty: Nine Hymn Arrangements for Organ*, William Henry Monk, arr. Marianne Kim, BP (E)

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me,” TOPLADY, *Rock of Ages: Six Hymn Settings for Organ*, Thomas Hastings, arr. Benjamin Kolodziej, CON (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Jesus Calls Us,” Joy Patterson, MSM, SATB, pno, cl (E)

“Jonah,” Rollo Dillworth, HAL, SATB, pno (E)

“Hallelujah,” from *The Cry of Jeremiah*, Rosephanye Powell, GP, SATB, pno (M)

“Be Still and Know,” Michael John Trotta, MSM, SATB, pno (M)

“I Wanna Be Ready!” arr. Brandon Boyd, HIN, SSAATTBB, pno (A)

Art

Prophet Jonah Before the Walls of Ninevah, Rembrandt van Rijn, ca. 1655 (VDL)

Jonah's Blessing, Jan Richardson (JR)

Christ Calling the Apostles Peter and Andrew, Duccio, di Buoninsegna, 1308–11 (VDL)

Christ Calling the Disciples, Church of Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria, San Pedro Bautista, Candelaria, Philippines (WC)

Diminish and Ascend, David McCracken, 2013 (VDL)

January 31, 2027

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20	The Lord says: I will raise up a new prophet to speak my word.
Psalm 111	Praise the Lord; the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.
1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Concerning food and idols: knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.
Mark 1:21-28	Jesus casts out an unclean spirit; all are amazed at his authority.

Call to Worship

The Word of God comes as the Spirit wills.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

The Word of God is known in love.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

The Word of God astounds with power and grace.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

Covenant-making God,
great are your works.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations . . .
Put down war and lust for power.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority . . .
Open their ears to the cries of the needy.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for followers of Jesus . . .
Make them agents of reconciliation and
bearers of good news.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors . . .
Cast out the demons that obscure your
image in all people.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies . . .
Show them the grace that confounds
and amazes us.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves . . .
Reveal to us the Holy One of God.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Covenant-making God,
great are your works.
Align our lives with the words we pray,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (MARION) GTG 804 (O)
I Believe in God the Father (GENEVAN 42) GTG 481 (E)
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(ST. DENIO) GTG 12 (E)
Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (LIEBSTER JESU) GTG 395 (G)

WORD
Profetiza, Pueblo mío (PROFETIZA) HP 265 (O)
Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice
(ABERYSTWYTH) GTG 163 (OG)
Open My Eyes, That I May See
(OPEN MY EYES) GTG 451 (E)
Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit
(EBENEZER) GTG 181 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

(CANONBURY) GTG 722 (E)

O Christ, the Healer (ERHALT UNS, HERR) GTG 793 (G)

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

(ST. FLAVIAN) GTG 500 (G)

SENDING

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(KINGSFOLD) GTG 13 (OE)

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

(SINE NOMINE) UMH 166 (E)

There Is Now a New Creation (STUTT GART) GTG 774 (G)

When We Are Tested (ANGELS OF HEALING) GTG 783 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 111

Metrical

Rejoice in God, My Heart [LEONI] PAS 111D

A Grateful Heart [ROCKINGHAM] GTG 652

Responsorial

Lord Come and Help Me PP 108

Organ Music

“Speak, O Lord, My Hope is Found,” Keith Getty
and Stuart Townend, arr. Jason D. Payne, LOR
(MA)

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness,” PRAISE, MY SOUL, *Augsburg*
Organ Library: Epiphany, John Goss, arr. Robert
Buckley Farlee, AF (MA)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,” ST. DENIO, *With*
Praise and Love, vol. 1, arr. Emma Lou Diemer,
SAC (M)

“Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr,” *Sämtliche*
Orgelwerke, Georg Böhm, IMSLP (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Show Us How to Love,” Mark Miller, CGA, SATB,
pno (E)

“All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord,”
Rene Clausen, MF, SSAATTBB, acap (A)

“Balm in Gilead,” arr. M. Roger Holland II, MSM,
SATB, pno (E)

“Ubi Caritas,” Ola Gjeilo, WAL, SATB, pno or acap
(M/A)

“A New Commandment,” Thomas Tallis, CPDL,
SATB, acap (M)

“Vebrum Caro Factum Est,” Hans Leo Hassler,
CPDL, SATB/SATB, acap (A)

Art

Abbie Sweetwine Treating Injured, Air Force Medical
Service Art, 2016 (VDL)

1 Corinthians 6, Timothy Botts (EYE)

Jesus Teaching in the Temple, carving, Amiens
Cathedral, France, 1508–19 (VDL)

I Know Who You Are, Jan Richardson (JR)

February 7, 2027

Transfiguration of the Lord

Color: White

Lectionary Readings

2 Kings 2:1-12	After crossing the Jordan, Elijah ascends to heaven in a chariot.
Psalm 50:1-6	From the storm and fire, God calls: Gather up my faithful ones.
2 Corinthians 4:3-6	We know the glory of God through the face of Jesus Christ.
Mark 9:2-9	On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.

Call to Worship

We inherit a measure of our ancestors' faith.

The glory of God shines all around.

Yet sometimes we are too afraid
to understand the gifts that are ours.

The glory of God shines all around.

We long to hear, to see, to understand.

The glory of God shines all around.

Prayers of Intercession

God of highest mountain and deepest valley,
shine out of darkness and show us your glory.
Hear us as we pray.

We pray for the right use of the
world's resources . . .

Grant to future generations the wonders of your
bounty.

God of glory, **let your love shine.**

We pray for the leaders of nations . . .
Bring them under your sway.

God of glory, **let your love shine.**

We pray for ourselves . . .

Help us to listen to your Beloved Son.

God of glory, **let your love shine.**

We pray for those we love . . .

Bring them, with us, nearer to you.

God of glory, **let your love shine.**

We pray for all who suffer . . .

In your mercy, make them whole.

God of glory, **let your love shine.**

We pray for those who live in fear . . .

Be their shield and defender.

God of glory, **let your love shine.**

We pray for those who long for change . . .

Reveal to them signs of your dawning kingdom.

God of glory, **let your love shine.**

God of highest mountain and deepest valley,
shine out of darkness and show us your glory
in the face of your Son, the Beloved,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

(BREWER) GTG 191 (OG)

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

(DEO GRACIAS) GTG 189 (G)

God Is Here! (ABBOT'S LEIGH) GTG 409 (E)

All Creatures of Our God and King

(LASST UNS ERFREUEN) GTG 15 (OEG)

WORD

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

(GENEVA) GTG 190 (OG)

Sing of God Made Manifest (SALZBURG) GTG 156 (G)

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (SWING LOW) GTG 825 (O)

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

(PUER NOBIS NASCITUR) GTG 666 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Within Our Darkest Night

(DANS NOS OBSCURITÉS) GTG 294 (E)

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

(PICARDY) GTG 274 (G)

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

(UNION SEMINARY) GTG 529 (EG)

SENDING

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

(UNSER HERRSCHER) GTG 193 (G)

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

(RATISBON) GTG 662 (EG)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

(HOUSTON) GTG 377 (E)

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

(FESTAL SONG) GTG 744 (OEG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 50:1–6

Metrical

Nearer, My God, to Thee [BETHANY] OLOF 117

Pour Out Thy Spirit from on High [MELCOMBE] CP 554

Responsorial

O Lord You Have the Words of Life PP 98

Out of Zion, Perfect Beauty PAS 50B

Organ Music

“Swing Low, Swing Chariot,” *Spirituals for Organ:*

Vibrant Settings with Jazz Spirit, arr. Marianne

Kim, LOR (MA)

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies,” *Sunset and*

Dawning: Hymn Preludes for Evening and Morning,

arr. Jeffrey Blersch, CON (M)

“Beautiful Savior,” David N. Johnson, HWG (ME)

“Toccata on ABERYSTWYTH,” *Again, I Say, Rejoice! Festive*

Postludes for Organ, arr. Brenda Portman, SAC (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“This is My Beloved Son,” Knut Nystedt, CON, SAB, org (E)

“Prayer for Transfiguration Day,” John Weaver, HOPE, SATB, org (M)

“And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth,” from

Elijah, Felix Mendelssohn, CPDL, SATB, keybd (A)

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak,” Michael Burkhardt, MSM, SATB, org (E)

“O Nata Lux,” Thomas Tallis, CPDL, SATB, acap (M)

“Dazzling as the Sun,” Gwyneth Walker, ECS, SATB, org (A)

“Fairest Lord Jesus,” Derek Hakes, BP, SATB, pno (E)

Art

The Event of a Thread, Ann Hamilton, 2012–13

(<https://www.annhamiltonstudio.com/projects/armory.html>)

Transfiguration, Theophanes, 15th century (PD)

Moses with the Law and the Veil, stained glass, Abbey of St. Denis, Paris, France (PD)

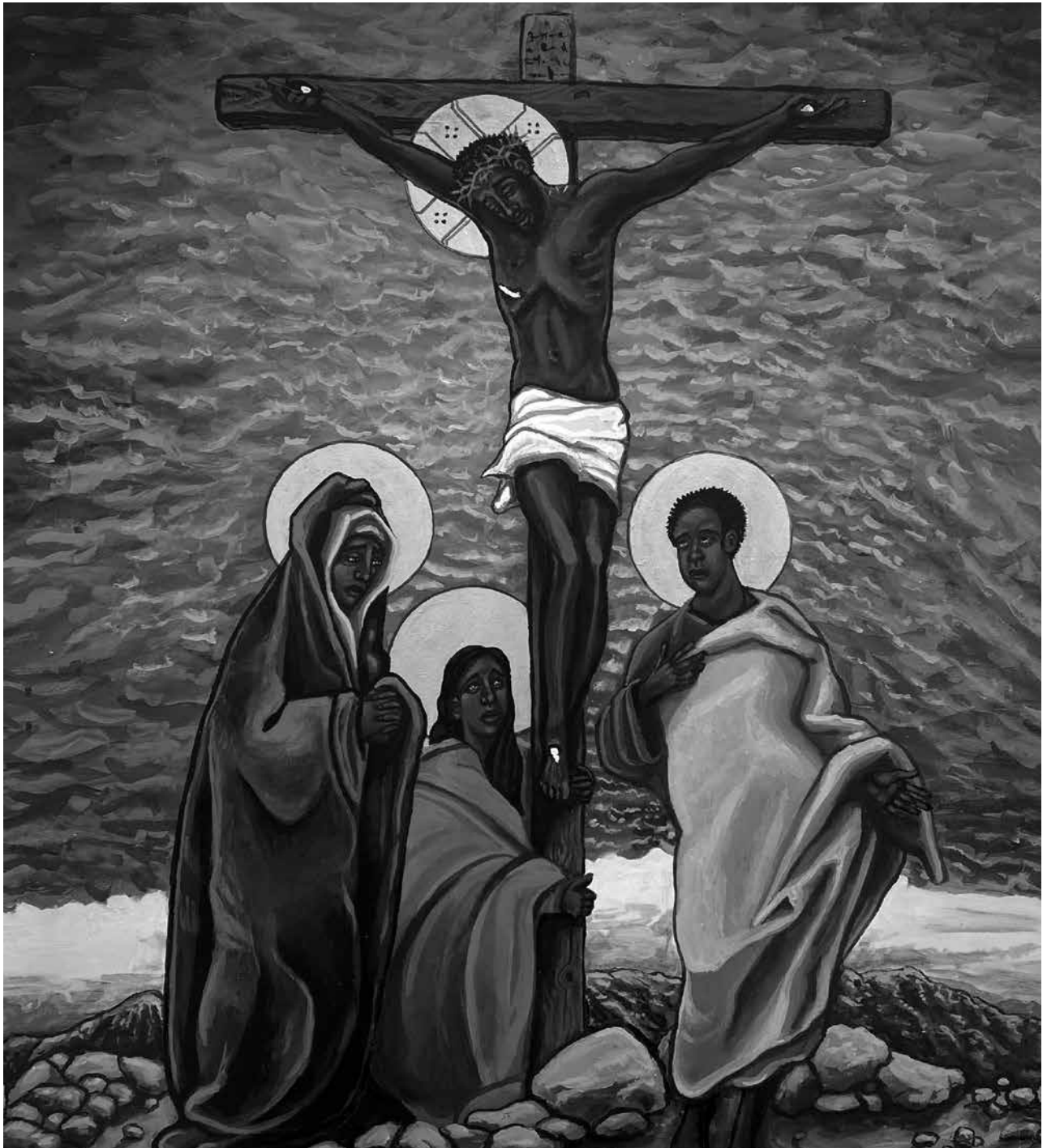
Transfiguration, Fra Angelico, 1450 (VDL) (PD)

Transfiguration, Kelly Latimore, 2014 (VDL)

Be Thou My Vision, Mike Moyers, 2013 (VDL)



Glitch Transfiguration
Kelly Latimore



The Crucifixion
Kelly Latimore

The Season of Lent

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

Confession and Pardon

1

At the baptismal font:

In the name of Christ, I urge you:

Be reconciled to God.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God,
from all that separates us from you.**

Still, we would rather believe

that we can earn your love.

Forgive us when we do not recognize

the radical gift of your grace;

**have mercy when we fail to share that grace
with another.**

Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.

Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

Amen.

Lifting water from the font:

Listen, the time has come at last.

Look, now is the day of salvation!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

2

We need 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, 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.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

1

At the baptismal font:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, we give you thanks
for the mercy you so freely offer us
through the grace of our baptism—
safe passage through the sea,
justice rolling down like water,
deliverance from sin and death forever.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
poured out upon us in baptism,
teach us to love and serve you faithfully
and reconcile us to you and to one another
as members of one, living body;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** ¹

2

At the baptismal font:

God of ancient covenants,
who never breaks trust,
we thank you for baptismal waters
that pour out your steadfast love
for all creation.

Thank you for the salvation promise
you have kept.

In the name of Jesus,
the Living Water, we pray. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
for love that never lets us go—
you are patient and kind,
reaching out with open arms
to welcome your children home.

The Sanctus may be sung or spoken:

With angels, saints, and all creation,
we join the hymn that never ends:

Holy, holy, holy Lord . . .

We give you thanks for Jesus,
who teaches us how to love one another—
taking care of those who are sick,
being friends to those who are lonely,
and helping those who are in need.

*The Words of Institution may be spoken here, at the
invitation to the table, or at the breaking of the
bread.*

At this table, we remember
how Jesus took bread, blessed it,
broke it, and shared it with everyone,
saying: This is my body, given for you.
At this table, we remember
how Jesus took the cup,
saying: This cup is the promise
that I will love you always.
At this table, we look forward
to the great meal we will share
with the whole family of faith
when Jesus comes again.

A memorial acclamation may be sung or spoken:

Great is the mystery of faith . . .
Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God,
as we share this bread and cup—
bring us together as one body,
sharing the good news of Jesus
and working for good in the world.

*If prayers of intercession are not included elsewhere
in the service, brief petitions may be offered here by
the presider or the assembly, spoken aloud or prayed
in silence. You may choose to incorporate petitions
from the weekly prayers of intercession offered in
this edition.*

Hear our prayers for the world you love . . .
Help us to follow the way of Jesus,
breaking down dividing walls
and building up your church.
For the meal we are about to share
and for every gift of your grace

we give you thanks, O God,
through Jesus, in the Spirit,
now and always. **Amen.**
The great Amen may be sung or spoken.

The Lord's Prayer ¹

Blessing and Charge

At the doors of the church:
May the steadfast love of God,
the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
If any wish to be my disciples
let them take up the cross
and follow me. **Amen.**

Notes

1. *Book of Common Worship* (WJK, 2018.) 235.
2. Written for the Presbyterian Association of Musicians *Child of Blessing: Growing Faith in Worship* program, funded by the Lilly Endowment's *Nurturing Children through Worship and Prayer Initiative*.

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.

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

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 for Lent

"God, You Hold Your Children Dear," Andrew Bruhn, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt vln (ME)
 "Prayer," Natalie Sleeth, ed. Katie Houts, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt C inst (ME)
 "God So Loved the World," Bill Wolaver, CGA, uni, pno, opt vln (ME)
 "Guide Us, Lord," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt viola (M)
 "Hear Our Prayer (A Trilogy for Lent and Holy Week)," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (ME)
 "Savior, King!" Katie Houts, CGA, uni, pno, opt hb/hc (E)
 *"Open the Gates," Hal H. Hopson and Katie Houts, CGA, uni/2pt, pno, opt hb/hc/cong (ME)
 *"Hosanna! Blessed Is He!" Charlotte Judge and Katie Houts, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt hb/hc/cong (E)
 *"Blessed Is He! (A Palm Sunday Partner Song)," Vivian Hare and Katie Houts, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt hb/hc/perc/cong (E)
 *These anthems contain flexible congregational refrains for use in palm processions.

Ideas for Using the Suggested Anthems in Worship

These anthems contain short, memorable refrains that can be incorporated into the worship liturgy (seasonally or monthly). A children's choir might introduce the refrain to the congregation, and the following weeks could be led by soloists, small groups, or other vocal ensembles from your congregation.

Palm Sunday and Easter: Two suggested anthems contain a choice of text for Palm Sunday and Easter, giving choirs the option to sing on either festival day—or on both. Take advantage of these flexible options for "Open the Gates" and "Savior, King!"

Anthems for Youth Choirs for Lent

"What Does the Lord Require?" Mark Burrows, CGA, 2 pt, pno (E)
 Wait for the Lord, WAIT FOR THE LORD, GTG 90 (E)
 "You Are My All in All / Fairest Lord Jesus," Larry Shackley, HOPE, SAB, pno (ME)
 Change My Heart, O God, CHANGE MY HEART, GTG 695 (ME)
 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," David M. Cherwien, MSM, 2 pt, pno (M)
 "What Wondrous Love Is This?" Tim Sharp, FB, SAB, pno (M)
 "There Is a Balm in Gilead," Robert Lau, HIN, SAB, keybd (M)
 O Lord, Hear My Prayer, HEAR MY PRAYER, GTG 471 (M)
 "Were You There?" John Leavitt, BFP, SATB, pno (M)

Handbell Music for Lent

- "Abide with Me," EVENTIDE, arr. Valerie W. Stephenson, 3-5 oct, CGA, CGB547, Level 1+
- "I Know That Jesus Loves Me," William E. Gross, 3-5 oct, GIA, G-11113, Level 1+
- "Before the Dawn," Jason W. Krug, 3 oct, opt pno, GMH, GMH120061, Level 2
- "And He Never Said a Word," PASSION CHORALE, SUFFERER, arr. Michael Ryan, 2-3 oct, LOR, 20/1564L, Level 2
- "Fantasy on 'Land of Rest,'" LAND OF REST, arr. Kurt Meyer, 3-6 oct, 3 oct hc, opt inst, HOPE, 3064, Level 2+
- "Fantasy on Kingsfold," KINGSFOLD, arr. H. Dean Wagner, 3-6 oct, opt 3 oct hc, HOPE, 2134, Level 2+
- "The Power of the Cross," Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. Peggy Bettcher, 3-5 oct, HOPE, 2513, Level 3-
- "Ride On, King Jesus," Traditional Spiritual, arr. Anna Laura Page, 3-6 oct, BP, BH532, Level 3-
- "Ah, Holy Jesus," HERZLIEBSTER JESU, arr. Cathy Mokebust, 3-5 oct, opt 2 oct hc, MSM, MSM-30-304, Level 3
- "The Old Rugged Cross," RUGGED CROSS, arr. Jeffery A. Hall, 3 or 5 oct, opt hc, RW, RW8302, Level 3
- "Soliloquy on Hyfrydol," HYFRYDOL, arr. Kurt Meyer, 3-6 oct, 3 oct hc, FTM, Cat. 20752, Level 3
- "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," Traditional Spiritual, arr. Julie Stitt, 3-6 oct, AGEHR, AG36031, Level 4

Piano Music for the Season of Lent and Holy Week

- "Ah, Holy Jesus!" HERZLIEBSTER JESU, *He Leadeth Me*, Gilbert M. Martin, LOR (MA)
- "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," ST. THEODULPH, *Palms and Passion Suite*, Mark Hayes, LOR (A)
- "The God of Abraham Praise," LEONI, *Hymn Tunes A to Z*, Lyndell Leatherman, LOR (MA)
- "Go to Dark Gethsemane," REDHEAD 76, *Sunday Morning Holiday Companion*, Victor Labenske, ALF (M)
- "God So Loved the World," STAINER, *Symphonic Hymns for Piano*, Phillip Keveren, HAL (M)
- "I Surrender All," SURRENDER, *Devotion and Reflection*, Heather Sorenson, LOR (MA)
- "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer / Nearer, My God, to Thee," *Medleys for Blended Worship: Complete Collection*, Carol Tornquist, ALF (MA)
- "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," ABERYSTWYTH, *I Have Heard You Calling in the Night*, Don Wyrzten, HOPE (M)
- "Lift High the Cross," CRUCIFER, *Reflections for Worship 2*, Mark Hayes, HOPE (A)
- "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," PASSION CHORALE, *Seasonal Sunday Solos for Piano*, Hans Leo Hassler, HAL (M)
- "Via Dolorosa," *Sunday Solos for Piano*, HAL (MA)
- "What Wondrous Love Is This," WONDROUS LOVE, *Impressions of Grace*, David Angerman, SHAW (MA)

Vocal Solos for the Season of Lent and Holy Week

- "I Wonder as I Wander," John Jacob Niles, SMP (ME)
- "En Priere," Gabriel Fauré: *50 Songs*, Gabriel Fauré, HAL (MA)
- "The Crucifixion," *Hermit Songs*, op. 24, Samuel Barber, GSH (MA)
- "Ingemiso," *Requiem*, Andrew Lloyd Webber, HAL, tenor (A)
- Lamb of God, Twila Paris, GTG 518 (E)
- "Pie Jesu," *Oxford Solo Songs: Sacred*, John Rutter, OUP, sop (A)
- "Agnus Dei," *Mass in C Major K. 317 (Coronation)*, W. A. Mozart, BV, sop (MA)
- "Amplius lava me," *Sacred Songs for the Soloist*, J. C. F. Bach, BH (M)
- "From Depths of Woe," *New Songs of Gladness: Vocal Solos for Worship*, John Dowland, AF (M)
- "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" *The Story of the Spirituals*, Edward Boatner, BMP (M)
- "Oh, Didn't It Rain," *The Spirituals of Harry T. Burleigh*, H. T. Burleigh, BMP (M)
- "Gethsemane," *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Andrew Lloyd Webber, HAL, tenor (A)

A Statement on the Lectionary Readings

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 commended to the churches for a three-year trial period, beginning in Advent of 2025. For more information, visit the CCT website, <https://www.commontexts.org/2025-update/>. Feedback on the proposed update may be offered at <https://forms.gle/JsZmqogKe1EHrTz89>.

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.

Alternative Gospel Reading for Good Friday

John 19:1–42 or Mark 14:1–15:47

If Mark is to be used on Good Friday in Year B, the alternative Gospel Reading for Palm/Passion Sunday B may be John (18:1–40) 19:1–42 or Mark 14:1–15:47.

February 10, 2027

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 5:20b-6:10	Be reconciled to God in Christ; now is the day of salvation!
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Don't flaunt your fasting and prayer; store up treasure in heaven.

Call to Worship

Day after day we seek humility.
Give us clean hearts, O God.
Teach us justice and freedom
in sharing bread and welcoming the outcast.
Give us clean hearts, O God.
Now is the time to repent, without delay or excuse.
Give us clean hearts, O God.

Prayers of Intercession

God of steadfast love and abundant mercy,
we are sinners in your sight.
With contrite hearts we pray to you.

We pray for true repentance . . .
Deliver us from bloodshed
and turn our hearts toward you.
According to your loving-kindness,
have mercy, O God.

We pray for a clean heart . . .
Save us from guilt that imprisons.
According to your loving-kindness,
have mercy, O God.

We pray for a new and right spirit . . .
Free us to walk in your light.
According to your loving-kindness,
have mercy, O God.

We pray for justice and peace . . .
Sovereign God, rule over us.
According to your loving-kindness,
have mercy, O God.

We pray for the brokenhearted . . .
Even in their sorrow help them to rejoice in you.
According to your loving-kindness,
have mercy, O God.

We pray for those who suffer for your
gospel's sake . . .
Assure them of your presence in all times.
According to your loving-kindness,
have mercy, O God.

We pray for deliverance from hypocrisy
and greed . . .
Show us where true treasure lies.
According to your loving-kindness,
have mercy, O God.

God of steadfast love and abundant mercy,
we who are sinners in your sight
rejoice in your loving-kindness.
Renew us by your Spirit
as we walk with Christ on our Lenten journey.
To you, holy, triune God,
be honor and glory now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

(WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT) GTG 816 (O)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

(KINGSFOLD) GTG 182 (O)

Sign Us with Ashes (PHOENIX) GTG 433 (G)

The Glory of These Forty Days

(ERHALT UNS, HERR) GTG 165 (G)

WORD

When the Poor Ones / Cuando el pobre

(EL CAMINO) GTG 762 (O)

Where Charity and Love Prevail

(TWENTY-FOURTH) GTG 316 (E)

Forty Days and Forty Nights

(AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH) GTG 167 (G)

EUCCHARIST

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (OLIVET) GTG 829 (O)

Come Now, O Prince of Peace (O-SO-SO) GTG 103 (E)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

(PASSION CHORALE) GTG 221 (E)

Hear My Prayer, O God (HYMN CHANT) GTG 782 (G)

SENDING

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

(CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT) GTG 314 (O)

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (DETROIT) GTG 444 (E)

Steal Away (STEAL AWAY) GTG 358 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 51:1-17

Metrical

Still, My Soul Be Still [IRREGULAR] GWA 168

Lord, Make Me More Holy [IRREGULAR] AAHH 632

Responsorial

The Sacrifice You Accept PH 196

Cast Me Not Away from Your Presence UMH 785

Organ Music

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound,” *God*

with Us: Eleven Pieces for Organ, arr. Emma Lou

Diemer, SAC (ME)

“Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott,” BWV 721, J. S.

Bach, IMSLP (ME)

“Kyrie (5 Couplets),” *Mass for the Convents*, François

Couperin, IMSLP (M)

“Choral Dorien,” *Two Chorals*, JA 67-68, Jehan Alain,

IMSLP (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Create in Me,” Victor Johnson, LOR, SATB, pno (E)

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

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus,” David Cherwien,

MSM, SATB, pno and C inst (M)

“Miserere Mei,” Antonio Lotti, CPDL, SATB,

acap (M)

“To Dust,” Karen Marrolli, MSM, SATB, pno (M)

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 14, 2027

First Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 9:8–17	God's covenant with Noah: I will never again flood the whole earth.
Psalm 25:1–10	Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord; do not remember my sin.
1 Peter 3:18–22	The flood of former days prefigures the sacrament of baptism.
Mark 1:9–15	After his baptism, Jesus is tested in the wilderness for forty days.

Call to Worship

God's covenant is for all creation and for all time.

Lord, have mercy on us.

God's covenant is with us through the wilderness.

Lord, have mercy on us.

God's covenant is alive in Christ and the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Prayers of Intercession

God of steadfast love and faithfulness,
to you we lift up our souls.

Hear us as we pray.

We pray to walk in your paths . . .

Lead us in your truth

according to your steadfast love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this world you love . . .

Feed the hungry, show mercy to the outcast,
and soften hearts hardened by fear.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority . . .

Show them the strength of kindness and mercy.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those weighed down by guilt . . .

Free them to welcome your forgiveness,
turn around, and face in a new direction.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who bear heavy burdens . . .

Help us to share their load

and give them rest in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love and faithfulness,
to you we lift up our souls.

May our prayers conform to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Touch the Earth Lightly (TENDERNESS) GTG 713 (O)

All the Colors of the Rainbow

(ABBOT'S LEIGH) SFHO (O)

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

(MORECAMBE) GTG 517 (E)

WORD

God of the Sparrow (ROEDER) GTG 22 (O)

There Is a Green Hill Far Away (HORSLEY) EH 167 (E)

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

(ST. FLAVIAN) GTG 166 (G)

Take Me to the Water (TAKE ME TO THE WATER) GTG 480

EUCCHARIST

We Are a Rainbow (SLOCAN) SFHO

Thy Holy Wings, O Savior

(BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR) UMH 502 (E)

As I Went Down to the River to Pray

(AS I WENT DOWN TO THE RIVER) VT 453 (G)

SENDING

In the Midst of New Dimensions

(NEW DIMENSIONS) GTG 315 (O)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (CONVERSE) GTG 465

You Walk along Our Shoreline

(WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN) GTG 170 (G)

God Is Calling through the Whisper

(W ZŁOBIE LEŻY) GTG 410 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 25:1-10

Metrical

Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted [GENEVAN 25] GTG 420

He Leadeth Me [HE LEADETH ME] OLOF 229

Responsorial

To You, O Lord / A ti, Señor SSS 575

Lord, You Are My Strength PSA 23

Organ Music

“Ah, Holy Jesus,” HERZLIEBSTER JESU, *Eternal Grace*, arr.
Brenda Portman, SAC (MA)

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is,” ST. COLUMBA,
Grace and Majesty: Nine Hymn Arrangements for
Organ, arr. Marianne Kim, BP (E)

Partita on ST. FLAVIAN, *Ten Hymn Preludes for Organ*,
set 1, Healey Willan, IMSLP (MA)

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me,” *8 Hymn Settings for*
Organ, arr. Edwin T. Childs, MSM (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days,” arr.

Zebulon Highben, MSM, SATB, acap (M)

“Timor et Tremor,” Francis Poulenc, Editions

Salabert, SATB, acap (A)

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me,” arr. Moses Hogan,

HAL, SSATTBB, acap (M)

“Jesus in the Wilderness,” Tyler Mabry, SHAW,

SATB, pno (E)

“The Wilderness of Wandering,” Victor Johnson,

SHAW, SATB, pno (M)

“Been in de Storm / Wayfaring Stranger,” Craig

Hella Johnson, HAL, SSAATTBB, acap (A)

Art

Noah and the Dove, Émile Aebischer, stained glass,
20th century (VDL)

Noah's Ark Icon, Natalia Ermakova, 20th century
(VDL)

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)

February 21, 2027

Second Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

or Mark 9:2-9

God's covenant with Abraham: I will make of you a great nation.

In the great congregation I will praise the Lord, my deliverer.

Abraham's faith was reckoned to him as righteousness by God.

Jesus says: Deny yourselves; take up your cross and follow me.

On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.

Call to Worship

We are children of the covenant.

Lord, have mercy on us.

The covenant life is not exclusive.

Lord, have mercy on us.

The covenant life demands faith.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Prayers of Intercession

Promise-keeping God,
in company with Abraham, Sarah,
and all the saints, we glorify your name.
Do not hide your face from us,
but hear us as we pray.

We pray those who struggle with faith . . .
Help them to hope against hope
and put their trust in you.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . .
Cause those who claim to follow Jesus
to reflect his sacrificial love for all.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority . . .
Show them how to put the good of all
ahead of clan and party.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for refugees and immigrants,
for children who live in fear,
and for parents who long for safety . . .

Open our eyes to see ourselves in them,
and teach us true compassion.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body,
mind, or spirit . . .

May they feel your healing presence.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves in the shadow
of the cross . . .

Help us not to be ashamed
of the One who calls us to follow him.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Promise-keeping God,
your steadfast love endures forever.
To you be glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

The God of Abraham Praise (LEONI) GTG 49 (O)

All My Hope on God Is Founded

(MICHAEL) EH 665 (E)

Lift High the Cross (CRUCIFER) GTG 826 (G)

WORD

To Abraham and Sarah (LLANFYLLIN) GTG 51 (O)

My Life Flows On

(HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING) GTG 821 (E)

Lord of All Hopefulness (COURTNEY) GTG 683 (E)

EUCCHARIST

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

(DIVINUM MYSTERIUM) GTG 850 (O)

Creator of the Stars of Night / De las estrellas,

Creador (CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM) SSS 74 (E)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

(ST. CHRISTOPHER) GTG 216 (G)

I Am the Bread of Life (I AM THE BREAD) GTG 522 (G)

SENDING

For All the Faithful Women (NYLAND) GTG 324 (O)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(HYFRYDOL) GTG 366 (E)

Be Still, My Soul (FINLANDIA) GTG 819 (G)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(HAMBURG/ROCKINGHAM) GTG 223/224 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 22:23–31

Metrical

O Come and Sing unto the Lord [BUSH, L.M.] RIL 118

The Ends of the Earth [VISION] PAS 22G

Responsorial

Give Praise All You That Fear the Lord PSA 17

Lord, in You I Trust PP 38

Organ Music

“Go to Dark Gethsemane,” GETHSEMANE, Augsburg

Organ Library: Lent, arr. David Cherwien, AF (ME)

“Psalm 22,” *Seasonal Psalms for Organs*, vol. 1, Emma

Lou Diemer, SAC (M)

“The God of Abraham Praise,” LEONI, *Hymn Preludes*

for the Liturgical Year, op. 100, vol. 6, CFP (M)

“Meditation on FINLANDIA,” arr. Brenda Portman,

SAC (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“God of the Promise,” Richard Hillert, AF, SATB, org (E)

“You Do Not Walk Alone,” Elaine Hagenburg, BP, SATB, pno (M)

“A Covenant Prayer,” Dan Forrest, HIN, SATB or SSAATTBB, pno or acap (M/A)

“Let Your Faith Be Stronger than Your Fear,” Tom Trenney, BP, SATB, pno (M)

“Hear My Prayer,” Moses Hogan, HAL, SATB, acap (M)

“Take Up Your Cross,” R. Christopher Treichler, LOR, SATB, pno (E)

Art

Crossing the Rio Bravo, Minerva Cuevas (<https://www.themodern.org/program/artist-minerva-cuevas>)

A Poem about the Cosmos, Caroline Kent, 2022 (MoMA)

Fruits (Wapu), Sheroanawe Hakihiwe, 2021 (MoMA)

Inner and Outer Space, Laida Lertxundi, 2021 (MoMA)

Promising, Kiki Smith, 2018 (MoMA)

Carrying the Cross, Hieronymus Bosch, 1516 (VDL)

Spiral Hill, Robert Smithson, 1971 (WA)

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

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

February 28, 2027

Third Sunday in Lent
Color: Purple

Lectionary Readings

Exodus 20:1-17	On Mount Sinai, God gives the Ten Commandments to Moses.
Psalm 19	The law of the Lord is perfect; God's commandments are clear.
1 Corinthians 1:18-25	The message of the cross reveals God's wisdom and strength.
John 2:13-22	Before Passover, Jesus chases the money changers out of the temple.

Call to Worship

The way of God is humility, not power.
Lord, have mercy on us.
The way of Christ is service, not transaction.
Lord, have mercy on us.
The way of the Spirit is wisdom, not foolishness.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Prayers of Intercession

God of Sinai and Calvary,
your wisdom and power are made perfect
in the foolishness of the cross.
Hear these, the prayers of your people.

We pray for who have undertaken
Lenten disciplines . . .
Draw them nearer to the mystery of the cross.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who seek justice . . .
Let the cries of your prophets be heard.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for immigrants and refugees . . .
Grant them safety for your love's sake.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the right use of the earth's resources . . .
Let the welfare of future generations guide our
actions today.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the president, Congress,
and all in authority . . .
Show them the strength of empathy and the right
use of power.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the lonely, and those
who feel broken . . .
Use us to share their burden and lighten their load.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves . . .
Help us to trust your promises, which never fail.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Sinai and Calvary,
from the highest mountain and the lowest valley
your people sing your praise.
To you be honor and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

I Danced in the Morning

(LORD OF THE DANCE) GTG 157 (G)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

(WESTMINSTER ABBEY) GTG 394 (EG)

Let Us Build a House (TWO OAKS) GTG 301 (E)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (ELLACOMBE)
GTG 32 (O)

WORD

In the Cross of Christ I Glory (RATHBUN) GTG 213 (E)
 Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House

(RIDGEMOOR) GTG 419 (O)

O Day of Rest and Gladness

(ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN) GTG 393 (O)

Porqué Él entró en el mundo

(TENEMOS ESPERANZA) HP 397 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

(RENDEZ À DIEU) GTG 499 (E)

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

Come to the Table of Grace

(TABLE OF GRACE) GTG 507 (G)

SENDING

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (ST. THOMAS) GTG 310 (G)

O for a Closer Walk with God

(CAITHNESS) GTG 739 (O)

In Christ There Is No East or West

(MCKEE/ST. PETER) GTG 317/318 (E)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 19

Metrical

Nature Shines with Beauty [6.8.6.8.] GWA 161

The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise [CAITHNESS]
 PH 166

Responsorial

The Law of God Is Just, Reviving the Soul UMH 750
 Lord, You Have the Words PP 32

Organ Music

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens," HOLY
 MANNA, *God with Us: Eleven Pieces for Organ*, arr.

Emma Lou Diemer, SAC (ME)

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory," RATHBUN, *A Suite of
 Passion Hymn Settings*, arr. Wilbur Held, CON (ME)

Andante from Sonata No. 6, *Organ Sonatas*, op. 65,
 Felix Mendelssohn, IMSLP (M)

"No. 10, Großer Gott, wir loben dich," 30 *Kleine
 Choralvorspiele*, op. 135a, Max Reger, IMSLP (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Order My Steps," Glenn Burleigh, HOPE, SATB,
 pno (E)

"Teach Me, O Lord," Phillip Stopford, MSM, SATB,
 org (E)

"The Heavens Are Telling," from *The Creation*,
 Franz Joseph Haydn, CPDL, SATB, solos, org (A)

"Psalm 19," James Chepponis, MSM, SATB, fl, ob,
 brass, perc (M)

"Inspired by Love and Anger," in *Love & Anger
 Collection*, John Bell, GIA, pno (E)

"Be Thou My Vision," John Rutter, OUP, SATB,
 pno (M)

Art

Cleansing of the Temple, Pieter Aertsen, 16th century
 (VDL)

The Two Commandments, Jan Richardson (JR)

Untitled (Skate), Barbara Kreuger (hyperallergic.
[com/barbara-kruger-les-coleman-skatepark-
 performa/](http://com/barbara-kruger-les-coleman-skatepark-performa/))

March 7, 2027

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Lectionary Readings

Numbers 21:4-9	God instructs Moses to use a bronze serpent to save the people.
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Give thanks to the Lord, who forgives, heals, and delivers us.
Ephesians 2:1-10	By the gift of God's grace we are saved through faith.
John 3:14-21	Like Moses' serpent, Jesus will be lifted up as a sign of salvation.

Call to Worship

We grow impatient when we lack what we need.

Lord, have mercy on us.

God's grace has saved us and sustained us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

God has not deserted us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Prayers of Intercession

God of steadfast love,
you bring salvation in Jesus Christ.
May our prayers reflect his light.

We pray for those who love darkness rather
than light . . .

Turn them around and bring them into the
brightness of your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who regret what they
have done wrong . . .

Show them the immeasurable riches of your grace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who live in fear . . .

Shield them under your wings.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for world leaders and all in authority . . .
Show them the right use of the power that comes
from you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church assembled here and spread
throughout the world . . .

Bring humility where pride intrudes and trust
where faith falters.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer from illness,
pain or distress . . .

Heal them for your mercy's sake and grant them
wholeness in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love,
your love for the world shines in Jesus Christ.
Keep us ever in your light
and sustain us by your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

(CWM RHONDDA) GTG 65 (O)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

(IN BABILONE) GTG 435 (E)

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

(TOULON) GTG 624 (E)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

(RESTORATION) GTG 415 (OEG)

WORD

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

(AMAZING GRACE) GTG 649 (E)

My Song Is Love Unknown

(LOVE UNKNOWN) GTG 209 (G)

O Come unto the Lord (KOREA) GTG 416 (O)

EUCCHARIST

Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

(ARFON) GTG 496 (O)

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

(GOODNESS IS STRONGER) GTG 750 (OEG)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

(HOLY MANNA) GTG 509 (OEG)

SENDING

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

(I'M GONNA LIVE) GTG 700 (E)

O God, We Bear the Imprint

(TODOS LOS COLORES) GTG 759 (E)

What Wondrous Love Is This

(WONDROUS LOVE) GTG 215 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Metrical

Certainly, Lord [CERTAINLY] OLOF 188

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries [MORNING
SONG] GTG 653

Responsorial

Give Thanks to the Lord for Steadfast Love

UMH 830

Thanks Be to God PP 202

Organ Music

VI. Andante con moto, *Six Short Preludes and
Postludes*, set 1, op. 101, C. V. Stanford,
IMSLP (MA)

"No. 1. Ach bleib mit deiner Gnade / Ah, abide with
your grace," *30 Kleine Choralvorspiele*, op. 135a,
Max Reger, IMSLP (ME)

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," ROCKINGHAM
OLD, *Augsburg Organ Library: Lent*, arr. Robert
Buckley Farlee, AF (M)

"Litanies," Jehan Alain, IMSLP (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Moses," Ken Medema, WORD, SATB, pno (M)

"God So Loved the World," John Stainer, GSH,
SATB, acap (M)

"Greater Love Hath No Man," John Ireland, GMC,
SATB, org (M)

"God of Second Chances," Marty Haugen, GIA,
SATB, keybd (E)

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy," Brenda
Portman, AF, SATB, keybd (E)

Art

Brazen Serpent, Giovanni Fantoni, Mount Nebo,
Jordan, 20th century (VDL)

The Serpent in the Text, Jan Richardson (JR)

The Mission to the World, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)

March 14, 2027

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34	God says: I will make a new covenant, writing my law in your heart.
Psalm 51:1-12	Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new spirit within me.
or Psalm 119:9-16	I seek you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I treasure your word.
Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus Christ, our high priest, is the source of eternal salvation.
John 12:20-33	Jesus says: Now I will be glorified; I will die and be lifted up.

Call to Worship

Believe the good news: God is making
a new covenant.

Lord, have mercy on us.

We come to wonder: Who is this God?

Lord, have mercy on us.

We come to seek God with our whole heart,
to be drawn toward God.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Prayers of Intercession

Have mercy, O God,
according to your steadfast love.
Though we are sinners,
forgive and hear us.

We pray for this world you love . . .
Bring in the day of your justice and peace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church . . .
Write your law in our hearts.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority . . .
Conform their wills to yours.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer illness or anxiety . . .
Make them whole and let them rest in you.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose memories are fading . . .
Enfold them in your love, which endures
from birth to death to everlasting life.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for caregivers . . .
Give them grace to look after themselves
as you renew their strength.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose names we lift
before you . . .
Restore to them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy, O God,
according to your steadfast love.
Draw us to you by the power of the cross;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

(TRENTHAM) GTG 286 (O)

Womb of Life and Source of Being (RAQUEL) GTG 3 (E)

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

(BOURBON) GTG 718 (G)

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

(PANGE LINGUA) EH 165 (G)

WORD

Spirit, Open My Heart

(WILD MOUNTAIN THYME) GTG 692 (O)

So Much Wrong (SO MUCH WRONG) SNC 47 (E)

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

(ST. MARGARET) GTG 833 (G)

Sheaves of Wheat (UNA ESPIGA) GTG 532 (G)

EUCCHARIST

What Feast of Love (GREENSLEEVES) WAS 317o (O)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

(SALZBURG) EH 174 (E)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

(PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS) GTG 753 (G)

SENDING

O Day of Peace (JERUSALEM) GTG 373 (O)

May the God of Hope Go with Us / Canto de
esperanza (ARGENTINA) GTG 765 (O)

Lift High the Cross (CRUCIFER) GTG 826 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 51:1-12

Metrical

God, Be Merciful to Me [7.7.7.7] PAS 51N

O For a Heart to Praise My God [STOCKTON] CP 533

Responsorial

The Sacrifice You Accept, O God PH 196

God of Mercy, in Your Goodness PP 100

Organ Music

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now,” JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UN PEIN,
Improvisations for the Lenten Season, Set 1, Paul
Manz, MSM (ME)

“Kyrie,” *Mass for the Parishes*, François Couperin,
IMSLP (M)

“My Song is Love Unknown,” LOVE UNKNOWN,
Augsburg Organ Library: Lent, John Ireland, arr.
Karl Osterland, AF (M)

“O Jesus, I Have Promised,” ANGEL'S STORY, *God with
Us: Eleven Pieces for Organ*, arr. Emma Lou
Diemer, SAC (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“A Covenant Prayer,” Dan Forrest, HIN, SATB,
keybd (A)

“A Covenant Prayer,” Karen Marrolli, MSM, SATB,
keybd (E)

“What Wondrous Love is This?” arr. Brian Hanson,
CGA, SATB, keybd (M)

“Spirit, Open My Heart,” Alfred Fedak, MSM, SATB,
keybd (M)

“My Song Is Love Unknown,” Molly Ijames, BP,
SATB, keybd (E)

“Just As I Am,” Richard DeLong, ECS, SATB,
keybd (E)

Art

Martyrs of Uganda, Emmaus House, Kampala,
Uganda, 20th century (VDL)

Seed Resurrection, Frank Wesley, 1923-2002 (VDL)

Grain Fields, Edwin Evans, 1844-1923 (VDL)

March 21, 2027

Palm/Passion Sunday /
Sixth Sunday in Lent

Color: Red and/or Purple

Lectionary Readings

Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1-11 Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey; the people shout: Hosanna!
or John 12:12-16 Waving palm branches, a great crowd greets Jesus in Jerusalem.
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.
Mark 14:1-15:47 After the Passover meal, Jesus is betrayed, tried, and crucified.
or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47) [abbreviated reading] Jesus is tried and crucified.

Call to Worship

Let us gather together, eager, obedient, and
humbled before God.
Hosanna, Lord, save us!
Let us gather together along the way of Christ.
Hosanna, Lord, save us!
Let us gather together in this week we call holy.

Prayers of Intercession

God of palm and passion,
welcomed and betrayed,
guide us as we pray.

We pray for justice in our land . . .
Cause judges to rule with courage and integrity.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church . . .
Humble us as we behold the cross of Christ.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for victims of violence . . .
Heal their wounds and lead them to safety.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who inflict violence on others . . .
Restrain them from evil and restore them to their
true humanity.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves as we recall
the ways we have betrayed our Lord . . .
Self-giving God, forgive us and give
us fresh courage
to take up our cross to follow Christ.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of palm and passion,
by the wonder of the cross
you embrace the world in love.
Hear us as we pray in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

(VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN) GTG 196 (G)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (ELLACOMBE) GTG 197 (G)

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

(TRURO) GTG 93 (G)

WORD

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

(CHRISTIAN LOVE) GTG 200 (OEG)

Filled with Excitement / Mantos y Palmas

(HOSANNA) GTG 199 (G)

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

(ALL SAINTS) GTG 262 (E)

EUCCHARIST

I Come with Joy (DOVE OF PEACE) GTG 515 (EG)
 To My Precious Lord (TO MY PRECIOUS LORD) GTG 704 (G)
 Bless the Lord (BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)) GTG 544 (OEG)

SENDING

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
 (PASSION CHORALE) GTG 221 (O)
 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
 (THE SERVANT SONG) GTG 727 (E)
 At the Name of Jesus (KING'S WESTON) GTG 264 (E)
 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty
 (ST. DROSTANE) GTG 198 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

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

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made [NUN DANKET ALL
 UND BRINGET EHR'] GTG 681
 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty [UNSER HERRSCHER]
 RIL 502

Responsorial

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made PAS 118G
 Blessed, Yes, Blessed Is the One PP 226

Liturgy of the Passion: Psalm 31:9-16

Metrical

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God [MORNING SONG/
 CONSOLATION] GTG 214
 Be Gracious to Me, O My Lord [CMD] SGP 49,
 setting 2
 Be Gracious, Lord, for I, in Anguish [WAYFARING
 STRANGER] PP 58 (with refrain), PFCW 31b (as
 9.8.9.8)

Responsorial

I Give My Spirit PAS 31A
 Into Your Hands, O Lord SGP 17
 Father, into Your Hands LP 29
 Haz resplandecer / Make Your Face to Shine upon
 Your Servant [GLÁUCIA] GTG 811, PAS 31D,
 SSS 514/5
 My Times Are in Your Hands [MARGARET] PAS 31C,
 LUYH 458

Organ Music

"All Glory, Laud and Honour," ST. THEODULPH, *Twenty-Five Hymn Preludes*, Malcolm Archer, KM (M)
 "Hosannah!" Theodore Dubois, IMSLP (MA)
 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN,
Augsburg Organ Library: Lent, Melchior Teschner,
 arr. Emma Lou Diemer, AF (MA)
 "O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig," BWV 656, *18 Leipzig Chorales*, J. S. Bach, IMSLP (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Ride On!" Taylor Davis, CGA, SATB, pno (E)
 "Ride On, King Jesus," arr. Moses Hogan, HAL,
 SSAATTBB, acap (A)
 "Lift Up Your Heads," William Mathias, OUP, SATB,
 org (M)
 "Every Time I Think About Jesus," arr. L. L.
 Fleming, AF, SATB, acap (M)
 "Hosanna to the Son of David," Orlando Gibbons,
 CPDL, SATB, acap (A)
 "Hosanna," Daniel Barta, SM, 2 pt, pno (E)

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

I Exist, Harmonia Rosales, 2017 (WA)
Golgotha, Romare Bearden, 1945 (WA)
Christ Crowned with Thorns, Horace Pippin, 1938
 (PD) (WA)
Bible Quilt, Harriet Powers, 1895-98 (VDL)

March 25, 2027

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.

Call to Worship

This is the Passover of the Lord.

We remember.

Tonight, the new covenant is poured out among us.

We remember.

Jesus loves us until the end.

We remember.

Prayers of Intercession

God of ancient promise and new commandment,
you wash us in your mercy
and welcome us at your Table.
May our prayers this night glorify you.

We pray for those who betray you . . .
Count us with them and pour out your grace.
Lamb of God, **have mercy.**

We pray for those who act without
understanding . . .
Bless their enthusiasm and quiet their anxiety.
Lamb of God, **have mercy.**

We pray for those who are embarrassed
by your Son . . .
Show them your face in him.
Lamb of God, **have mercy.**

We pray for those who feel unworthy
of your love . . .
Make them heirs of the new covenant.
Lamb of God, **have mercy.**

We pray for this broken and hurting world . . .
Bend our knees to serve neighbors in need.
Lamb of God, **have mercy.**

We pray for the church here and in every place . . .
Increase our love for one another
so that the world may see in us your love for all.
Lamb of God, **have mercy.**

God of ancient promise and new commandment,
hear the prayers of your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Deep in the Shadows of the Past
(SHEPHERDS' PIPES) GTG 50 (O)
O God, in a Mysterious Way (DUNDEE) GTG 30 (OG)
Jesus, We Are Here (JESUS, TAWA PANO) GTG 392 (G)
This Is the Night (MY NEIGHBOR) GTG 206 (G)

WORD

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken
(BEACH SPRING) GTG 498 (EG)
Live in Charity (UBI CARITAS (Taizé)) GTG 205 (G)
Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather
(TOKYO) GTG 311 (OG)
In Deepest Night (ROSE MARY) GTG 785 (OEG)

EUCCHARIST

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

(CHEREPONI) GTG 203 (G)

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

(KINGDOM) GTG 516 (E)

Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine

(TENEBRAE) GTG 207 (G)

Nothing Can Trouble (NADA TE TURBE) GTG 820 (OG)

SENDING

Stay With Me (STAY WITH ME) GTG 204 (G)

Abide with Me (EVENTIDE) GTG 836 (OG)

What Wondrous Love Is This

(WONDROUS LOVE) GTG 215 (OEG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Metrical

Hope for the World's Despair [LOVE UNKNOWN]

GWA 136

What Shall I Render to the Lord [MARTYRDOM]

GTG 655

Responsorial

I Will Walk in the Presence of the Lord PSA 115

I Love the Lord Who Heard My Cry PAS 116D

Organ Music

"Meditation on UBI CARITAS," arr. Alejandro D.

Consolacion II, GIA (ME)

"No. 4, Lamento," 18 *Pièces nouvelles*, op. 90,

Alexandre Guilmant, IMSLP (M)

"Jesus Christus unser Heiland," BWV 666, *Bach-*

Gesellschaft Ausgabe, Band 25.2, J. S. Bach,

IMSLP (M)

"Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele," BWV 654, 18 *Leipzig*

Chorales, J. S. Bach, IMSLP (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Ubi Caritas," Ola Gjeilo, WAL, SATB, pno or acap
(M/A)

"Ubi Caritas," James Biery, MSM, SATB, keybd (M)

"O Sacrum Convivum," James Biery, MSM, SATB,
keybd (M)

"Ah, Holy Jesus," arr. John Ferguson, AF, SATB,
org (E)

"Ave Verum Corpus," William Byrd, HAL, SATB,
acap (A)

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

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, 1999
(VDL)

Last Supper, Father George Saget, 1963 (VDL)

March 26, 2027

Good Friday

No Color

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16–25

or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

John 18:1–19:42

or Mark 14:1–15:47*

The innocent servant suffers; surely he has borne our sin.

A desperate prayer of lament turns to thanksgiving and praise.

Jesus opens the sanctuary for us; trust in him, for he is faithful.

In Jesus, we have a great high priest who knows our weakness.

Jesus is arrested, put on trial, crucified, and buried.

After the Passover meal, Jesus is betrayed, tried, and crucified.

**See the note on page 61 about the alternate Gospel Readings for this day.*

Call to Worship

Mocked and scorned,

look, the Savior of the world.

God's sacrifice for us,

look, the Savior of the world.

Poured out,

look, the Savior of the world.

Prayers of Intercession

My God, my God,

why have you forsaken us?

We pray for those who cry by day . . .

Do not abandon them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who cannot find rest . . .

Give them sleep that ends in praise.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who groan with needs,
for the poor, hungry, and marginalized . . .

Come quickly to deliver them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who endure illness and injury
and those who are close to death . . .

Bring them safely to your breast.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are mocked

or bullied by others

and for victims of evil and oppression . . .

Rescue them in your great love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves as we recall

that we all go down to the dust

and that in Christ God went down to the grave,

that we may live and serve him.

Hear us as we pray in the name of Jesus,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

(WALK WITH ME) GTG 775 (E)

On a Barren Hilltop (KING'S WESTON) GTG 217 (E)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

(PASSION CHORALE) GTG 221 (O)

Go to Dark Gethsemane (REDHEAD 76) GTG 220 (G)

WORD

There Is a Green Hill Far Away (HORSLEY) EH 167 (E)

Ah, Holy Jesus (HERZLIEBSTER JESU) GTG 218 (OEG)

Rejected and Despised (CARDINAL) GTG 222 (OG)

They Crucified My Lord (CRUCIFIXION) GTG 219 (OG)

EUCCHARIST

Jesus, Remember Me (REMEMBER ME) GTG 227 (G)
 In the Cross of Christ I Glory (RATHBUN) GTG 213 (OG)
 Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine
 (TENEBRAE) GTG 207 (G)

SENDING

My Song Is Love Unknown
 (LOVE UNKNOWN) GTG 209 (G)
 I Need Thee Every Hour (NEED) GTG 735 (E)
 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
 (HAMBURG/ROCKINGHAM) GTG 223/224 (EG)
 What Wondrous Love Is This
 (WONDROUS LOVE) GTG 215 (OEG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 22

Metrical

Mijn God, mijn God / My God, My God (Dutch)
 [IRREGULAR] GWA 2
 My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me
 [IRREGULAR] PAS 22A

Responsorial

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded UMH 752
 Lord, in You I Trust PP 38

Organ Music

“Were You There?” *King of Kings*, vol. 1, arr. Uzee
 Brown Jr., GIA (ME)
 “No. 21, O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden,” 30 *Kleine
 Choralvorspiele*, op. 135a, Max Reger, IMSLP (M)
 “O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde gross,” BWV 622,
Orgelbüchlein, J. S. Bach, IMSLP (M)
 “Prélude funèbre,” *Répertoire de l’organiste*, No. 72,
 Guy Ropartz, IMSLP (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs,” Eleanor Daley,
 AMP, SATB, acap (M)
 “Tenebrae Factae Sunt,” Francis Poulenc, Editions
 Durand, SATB, acap (A)
 “O Vos Omnes,” Pablo Casals, Tetra, SSAATTBB,
 org (M)
 “Into Your Hands I Surrender My Soul,” Michael
 John Trotta, MSM, SATB, acap (A)
 “Psalm 22,” Rory Cooney, GIA, SAB, keybd (E)
 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” arr. Gilbert
 Martin, TPR, SATB, org (E)
 “When Jesus Wept,” William Billings, CPDL, SATB,
 acap (M)

Art

Lamentation, William H. Johnson, 1944 (WA)
Lamentation over the Body of Christ, Dosso Dossi,
 1517–18 (PD) (NAT)
Broken Vessel, Lauren Wright Pittman, 2017 (VDL)
Carrying the Cross of Christ, Gabriel Loire, 20th
 century (VDL)
The Crucifixion, Aaron Douglas, 1927 (WA)

The Season of Easter

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

Confession and Pardon

1

Even in the joy of resurrection,
we have much to confess.
Trusting God's mercy,
we humbly pray together:

**Risen One,
forgive us when our silence brings harm
and when our actions support oppressive powers.
Teach us to listen to your voice above all others.
Show us how to care for our neighbor,
feed the hungry,
and care for those in need,
as you have done for us.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

In the joy of resurrection,
we claim the victory of Christ
over the power of sin.
God has rolled away the stone
to reveal our salvation.
Go and tell the world!
In Christ we are forgiven. **Amen.**

2

With contrite hearts, trusting God's mercy,
we humbly pray:

**God of new life,
we sing hallelujah,
but we confess we do not always trust
your saving power in our lives.
We demand signs to prove your promises.
We do not love one another as you have loved us,**

**and we do not love you with our whole hearts.
Forgive us and help us in our unbelief,
that we might be free to recognize you, risen
among us.**

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

In Christ, we are forgiven.
May the blessing pour from our lips
when we remember this peace,
and may we exclaim,
"My Lord and my God!" Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

At the baptismal font:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, we give you thanks
for the new life you raise up in us
through the mystery of our baptism—
the sorrow of the heavy cross,
the surprise of the empty tomb,
the love that death could not destroy.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
poured out upon us in baptism,
fill us with the joy of resurrection,
so that we may be a living sign
of your new heaven and new earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** ¹

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
for love that is stronger than death—
safe passage through deep waters,
a seed that sprouts from a stump,
dry bones that rise up and dance.

The Sanctus may be sung or spoken:

With angels, saints, and all creation,
we join the hymn that never ends:
Holy, holy, holy Lord . . .

We give you thanks for Jesus,
who is alive and right here with us—
like bread when we are hungry,
like water when we are thirsty,
like a shepherd when we are lost.

The Words of Institution may be spoken here, at the invitation to the table, or at the breaking of the bread.

At this table, we remember
how Jesus took bread, blessed it,
broke it, and shared it with everyone,
saying: This is my body, given for you.
At this table, we remember
how Jesus took the cup,
saying: This cup is the promise
that I will love you always.
At this table, we look forward
to the great meal we will share
with the whole family of faith
when Jesus comes again.

A memorial acclamation may be sung or spoken:

Great is the mystery of faith . . .

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God,
as we share this bread and cup—
bring us together as one body,
sharing the good news of Jesus
and working for good in the world.

If prayers of intercession are not included elsewhere in the service, brief petitions may be offered here by the presider or the assembly, spoken aloud or prayed in silence. You may choose to incorporate petitions from the weekly prayers of intercession offered in this edition.

Hear our prayers for the world you love . . .

Help us to show and tell
the joy of new life in Jesus,
life forever, and for everyone.
For the meal we are about to share
and for every gift of your grace
we give you thanks, O God,
through Jesus, in the Spirit,
now and always. **Amen.**

The great Amen may be sung or spoken.

The Lord's Prayer ¹

Blessing and Charge

At the doors of the church:
May the love of the holy triune God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**
Now go forth in Jesus' name,
remembering his new commandment
to love one another,
just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

Notes

1. *Book of Common Worship* (WJK, 2018.) 319.
2. Written for the Presbyterian Association of Musicians *Child of Blessing: Growing Faith in Worship* program, funded by the Lilly Endowment's *Nurturing Children through Worship and Prayer Initiative*.

Congregational Song in Easter

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.

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

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 for Easter

"Savior, King!" Katie Houts, CGA, uni, pno, opt hb/hc (E)

"Do You Hear the Shepherd?" Kimberly Ingram, CGA, uni, pno, opt hb/hc/orff (E)

"The Fruit of the Vine," *Can't Wait to Sing!* 2, Mark Patterson, CGA, uni, pno, opt perc (ME)

"Seeds," Mark Burrows, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt vc (ME)

"Praise Ye the Lord," Victor C. Johnson, SHAW, uni/2 pt, pno, opt hb/hc (M)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," arr. Victor C. Johnson, CGA, SATB and uni, pno/org, opt brass/timp/cong (MA)

Ideas for Using the Suggested Anthems

The following anthems contain short, memorable refrains that can be incorporated into the worship liturgy (seasonally or monthly). A children's choir might introduce the refrain to the congregation, and in the following weeks it could be led by soloists, small groups, or other vocal ensembles from your congregation.

Prayer Response / Gospel Acclamation: "Guide Us, Lord," Mark Patterson (CGA); "Do You Hear the Shepherd?," Kimberley Ingram (CGA); "May My Light Shine," Lynn Shaw Bailey & Becki Slagle Mayo (CGA)

Call to Worship/Introit: "Room in My Heart," Mark Burrows, CGA

Palm Sunday and Easter: Two suggested anthems contain a choice of text for Palm Sunday and Easter, giving choirs the option to sing on either festival day—or on both. Take advantage of these flexible options for "Open the Gates" and "Savior, King!"

Anthems for Youth Choirs in Easter

Resurrection of the Lord / Season of Easter

- "Stay With Us," Michael John Trotta, Hampton Roads Music Group, SAB, keybd, hb (E)
- "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven," Jason A. Heald, AF, SAB, pno, tpt (ME)
- "Ride On, King Jesus," Philip Kern, SHAW, SATB, pno (M)
- "Sing Hallelujah!" Mark Burrows, CGA, 2 pt, pno (ME)

Pentecost

- "African Spirit Song," Victor Johnson, SHAW, SATB, acap, perc (M)
- "Holy Spirit, Come," Douglas Nolan, SHAW, SAB, pno (ME)
- "On the Day of Pentecost," Douglas Nolan, SHAW, 2 pt, pno (ME)

Piano Music in Easter

- "Because He Lives," RESURRECTION, *Gospel Greats*, Phillip Keveren, HAL (MA)
- "Christ Arose," CHRIST AROSE, *Crucified and Triumphant King!* Cindy Berry, LOR (M)
- "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," EASTER HYMN, *Symphonic Hymns for Piano*, Phillip Keveren, HAL (M)
- "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise," LLANFAIR, *What Can I Play on Sunday, Book 3*, Cindy Berry, ALF (M)
- "Hymn of Promise," PROMISE, *Today's Hymns and Songs for Piano*, John Carter, HOPE (M)
- "I Will Rise," Wondrous Praise, James Koerts, ALF (M)
- "Jesus Lives, and So Shall I," ZUVERSICHT, *Hymn Tunes A to Z*, Larry Shackley, LOR (M)
- "Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious," BRYN CALFARIA, *Morning Has Broken*, Penny Rodriguez, LOR (M)
- "Morning Has Broken," BUNESSAN, *Glad Hymns of Praise*, Lloyd Larson, LOR (MA)
- "Oh Happy Day," *Jazzy Hymns and Spirituals*, Paul Johnston, ALF (A)
- "Shine, Jesus, Shine," SHINE, JESUS, SHINE, *Big Purple Book of Praise and Worship Piano Solos*, Carol Tornquist, WORD (M)
- "The Day of Resurrection," LANCASHIRE, *Sunday Morning Holiday Companion*, Victor Labenske, ALF (M)

Vocal Solos in Easter

- "Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain," *New Songs of Gladness: Vocal Solos for Worship*, K. Lee Scott, AF (ME)
- "Osterlied," *Sacred Songs for the Soloist*, Edvard Grieg, BH (MA)
- "All Good Gifts," *Godspell*, Stephen Schwartz, HAL (E)
- "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," *The Deep River Collection*, Moses Hogan, HAL (ME)
- "By the Grace of the Spirit," *Oxford Solo Songs: Sacred*, Andrew Gant, OUP (MA)
- "Rise Now, My Heart, with Gladness," *New Songs of Gladness, Vocal Solos for Worship*, Johann Crüger, J. S. Bach, AF (M)
- "Regina Coeli," *Sacred Songs for the Soloist*, Josef Rheinberger, BH (MA)
- "Laudamus te," *Mass in C Minor, K. 427*, W. A. Mozart, BV, sop (A)
- "The Trumpet Shall Sound," *Messiah*, G. F. Handel, NOV, bass (A)
- "I Shall Not Be Moved," traditional, www.musicnotes.com, variety (E)
- "Not Lucky, I'm Loved," Jonathon McReynolds, SMP, variety (M)

Handbell Music for Easter

- “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” DIADEMATA, arr. David Angerman, 2–3 oct, ALF, 12388, Level 1
- “He Is Exalted,” Twila Paris, arr. Michel Ryan, 2–3 oct, LOR, 20/1609L, Level 1+
- “Alleluia, Give Thanks,” Donald Fishel, arr. Sondra K. Tucker, 3–5 oct, opt hc, HOPE, 2461, Level 2
- “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need,” RESIGNATION, arr. Diane McAninch, 2 oct, High Meadow Music, HM-01-026, Level 2
- “The Spirit’s Love,” IVERSON, ST. MARGARET, MORECAMBE, arr. Michael W. Joy, 3 or 5 oct, 3 oct hc, GIA, G-11258, Level 2+
- “The Holy City,” Stephen Adams, arr. Patricia Hurlbutt, 3–5 oct, LOR, 20/2099L, Level 3
- “Now the Green Blade Riseth,” NOEL NOUVELET, arr. Kevin McChesney, 3–6 oct, HOPE, 1892, Level 3
- “This Joyful Eastertide,” VRUECHTEN, arr. Jason W. Krug, 3–7 oct, opt 3–5 oct hc, opt 2 tpt, BP, HB517, Level 3
- “He Lives,” ACKLEY, arr. Mitchell Eithun, 3–5 oct, opt 3–5 oct hc, ROP, RO3382, Level 3
- “Lord of the Dance,” SIMPLE GIFTS, arr. Kevin McChesney, 3–5 oct, HOPE, 2099, Level 4

A Statement on the Lectionary Readings

This provisional update to the Revised Common Lectionary is commended to the churches for a three-year trial period, beginning in Advent of 2025. For more information, visit the Consultation on Common Texts website, <https://www.commontexts.org/2025-update/>. Feedback on the proposed update may be offered at <https://forms.gle/JsZmqogKe1EHrTz89>.

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.

Alternative Readings from the Hebrew Scriptures in Easter

For use in the place of the first reading from Acts and the accompanying Psalm during the Season of Easter. The Epistle and Gospel readings remain the same.

Easter Day	Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24
Easter 2	Isaiah 65:17–25 Psalm 3
Easter 3	Isaiah 6:1–8 Psalm 40:1–8
Easter 4	Zechariah 10:1–12 Psalm 80:1–7 or Psalm 23
Easter 5	Exodus 19:1–8a Psalm 118:19–25
Easter 6	Genesis 35:9–15 Psalm 101
Ascension	Daniel 7:9–10 (11–12) 13–14 Psalm 68:15–20, 32–35
Easter 7	Jeremiah 10:1–10a Psalm 108
Pentecost	Ezekiel 37:1–14 Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

March 27, 2027

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.
Mark 16:1–8	Finding Jesus' tomb empty, the women flee in wonder and fear.

Call to Worship

In the beginning God brought light from darkness.

This is the night of salvation.

When we turn away, God turns toward us.

This is the night of salvation.

This is the story that shapes us: God's promise in our brokenness.

This is the night of salvation.

Prayers of Intercession

God of light and life,

by your word you made the heavens and the earth
and in the light of your Word made flesh
the darkness is vanquished.

With choirs of angels we sing your praise.

Hear us as we pray.

We pray for the earth and its creatures . . .
As the bow in the skies prompts us to
recall your covenant with all living things,
cause us to care for your good creation.
God of light and life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, the body of Christ . . .
As you led our forebears, the children of Israel,
dry-shod through the sea,
guide your servants to walk in the light
of Christ's resurrection.
God of light and life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the outcast and downtrodden . . .
Bring dignity to the despised
and honor to the rejected,
for the sake of Christ who endured the cross
and is raised to honor and glory.
God of light and life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority . . .
Subdue their worst impulses,
remind them of their high calling,
and teach them true wisdom.
God of light and life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the baptized . . .
Raise those who have died with Christ in baptism
to live with him in newness of life
and shine as a light in the world.
God of light and life, **hear our prayer.**

God of light and life,
bathe us in the paschal mystery,
and renew in us the joy and promise
of this holy night.
To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,
be honor and glory now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Versicle & Response: The Light of Christ EH S68 (G)

O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine

(CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM) GTG 671 (EG)

In the Darkness of the Morning

(KAS DZIEDAJA) GTG 229 (G)

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

(PUER NOBIS NASCITUR) GTG 666 (OG)

WORD

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

(ST. KEVIN) GTG 234 (OEG)

The Day of Resurrection! (LANCASHIRE) GTG 233 (EG)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

(ALLELUIA NO. 1) GTG 240 (OEG)

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

We Know That Christ Is Raised

(ENGELBERG) GTG 485 (E)

Baptized in Water (BUNESSAN) GTG 482 (E)

EUCCHARIST

This Is the Feast of Victory

(FESTIVAL CANTICLE) GTG 513 (OG)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

(SALZBURG) EH 174 (E)

SENDING

Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen (SANTO DOMINGO) GTG 253 (G)

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

(GELOBT SEI GOTT) GTG 239 (EG)

The Strife Is O'er (VICTORY) GTG 236 (EG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 136:1-9, 23-26

Metrical

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind [MONKLAND] GTG 31

Give to Our God Immortal Praise [DUNEDEN] CP 434

Responsorial

All God's Mercies Shall Endure PP 272

For God's Mercy Endures Forever PAS 136D

Psalm 46

Metrical

God, Our Help and Constant Refuge [MICHAEL] PH 192
Exalted, O Lord, in the Earth [IRREGULAR] PAS 46F

Responsorial

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God UMH 780
God the Lord of Hosts Is with Us PP 88

Psalm 16

Metrical

The Lord of the Earth Is a Holy God [ROMERO]
GWA 213
When in the Night I Meditate [ST. FLAVIAN] GTG 810

Responsorial

Protect Me, O God PSA 10
Lord, in You I Trust PP 28

Psalm 19

Metrical

The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise [CAITHNESS]
PH 166
God Is So Good [GOD IS SO GOOD] GTG 658

Responsorial

Through the Witness of Creation PAS 19C
The Law of God Is Just UMH 750

Psalm 42

Metrical

Como el ciervo ansioso brama [GENEVAN 42] SSS 502
Chūyo sasūmi (Korean) [IRREGULAR] PAS 42C

Responsorial

My Soul Is Thirsting for the Lord PH 190
God Will Give You a New Heart UMH 777

Psalm 43

Metrical

Nor Far Beyond the Sea, Nor High Above the Earth
[CORNWALL] CP 528
Send Out Your Light [IRREGULAR] PAS 43B

Responsorial

My Soul Is Thirsting for the Lord PSA 38
O Why Are You Cast Down, My Soul PP 80

Organ Music

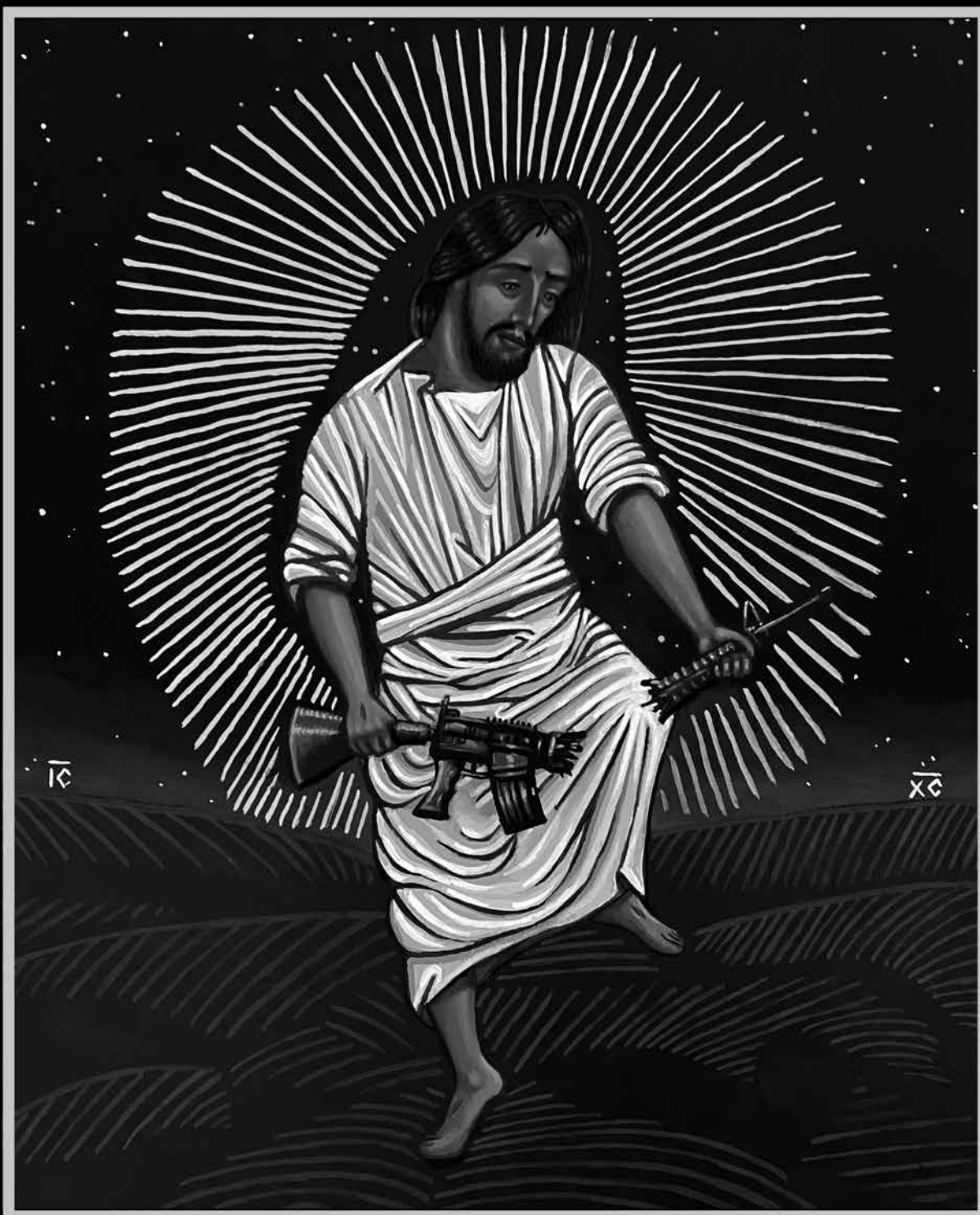
"Go Down, Moses," *King of Kings*, vol. 1, arr. W. C. Handy, adapt. Walter C. Simon, GIA (ME)
"No. 17. Meinen Jesum lass' ich nicht," 30 *Kleine Choralvorspiele*, op. 135a, Max Reger, IMSLP (ME)
"Offertoire for Easter on O Filii et Filiae," Jean Francois Dandrieu, IMSLP (M)
"Pange Lingua / Of the Glorious Body Telling," *Augsburg Organ Library: Lent*, arr. Ronald Arnatt, AF (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks," Herbert Howells, NOV, SATB, org (A)
"When Mary Through the Garden Went," C. V. Stanford, OUP, SATBB, org (A)
"Magdalena," Johannes Brahms, GSH, SATB, acap (A)
"Come to the Water," Anna Laura Page, LOR, 2 pt mx, pno (E)
"Let All the World in Every Corner Sing," Calvin Hampton, GIA, 2 pt mx, pno (E)
"Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky," Horatio Parker, H. T. FitzSimons Co., SATB/solo, org (M)

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, late 19th century (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, 1855–56 (VDL)



Christ Breaks the Rifle
Kelly Latimore

March 28, 2027

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 Isaiah 25:6-9	A feast on the day of the Lord; God will swallow up death forever.
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	I will not die, I will live; this is the day that the Lord has made.
1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Remember the good news of Jesus Christ, by which we are saved.
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 Mark 16:1-8	Finding Jesus' tomb empty, the women flee in wonder and fear.

Call to Worship

Why are you weeping?

Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

Death has lost its power.

Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

God wipes our tears and speaks our names.

Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

Prayers of Intercession

O Lord, our Savior,
your steadfast love endures forever.
Rejoicing in this day—marvelous in our eyes—
we make our prayers to you.

We pray for the despised and rejected . . .
Restore their human dignity.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for neighbors in need . . .
Feed and protect your beloved children.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for those who are near death . . .
Grant them peace and hope in Christ.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for those who mourn . . .
Call them by name; bless them with your presence.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for those in authority . . .
Teach them to eschew vain praise
and honor you alone.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for your church,
born of water and the Spirit . . .
Give courage to the faint of heart
and strength to the bearers of good news.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

O Lord, our God,
your steadfast love endures forever.
Receive the prayers of your people
and answer us with grace;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Now the Green Blade Rises

(NOËL NOUVELET) GTG 247 (G)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

(EASTER HYMN) GTG 232 (OG)

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

(HYMN TO JOY) GTG 248 (AEG)

Alleluia! (CELTIC ALLELUIA) GTG 587 (OAE)

WORD

In the Bulb There Is a Flower (PROMISE) GTG 250 (O)
Because You Live, O Christ
(VRUECHTEN) GTG 249 (AEG)
Be Not Afraid (BE NOT AFRAID) GTG 243 (AEG)
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
(PUER NOBIS NASCITUR) GTG 254 (EG)

EUCCHARIST

Be Not Afraid (BE NOT AFRAID) GTG 243 (G)
Bread of Life from Heaven
(ARGENTINE SANTO) GTG 497 (EG)
Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven
(LLANFAIR) GTG 511 (OE)
Vamos todos al banquete
(HOY ME LEVANTE MUY TEMPRANO) SSS 412 (AEG)

SENDING

Jesus, Light of Joy (LAUDA ANIMA) GTG 673 (OG)
These Things Did Thomas Count as Real
(KEDRON) GTG 256 (E)
Thine Is the Glory (JUDAS MACCABAEUS) GTG 238 (OEG)
Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers
(SUO GAN) GTG 231 (OEG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Metrical

Freedom Is Coming [FREEDOM IS COMING] GTG 359
This Is the Day the Lord Has Made [THIS IS THE DAY]
PAS 118D

Responsorial

Este es el día SSS 191
Blessed, Yes Blessed PP 226

Organ Music

“Carillon for Easter,” *Eternal Grace*, arr. Brenda Portman, SAC (MA)
“Grand Choeur Dialogué,” *6 Pièces d'orgue*, Eugène Gigout, IMSLP (A)
“Thine Is the Glory,” JUDAS MACCABAEUS, *Augsburg Organ Library: Easter*, arr. Emily Maxson Porter, AF (MA)
Toccata in F, BWV 540, J. S. Bach, IMSLP (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Easter Alleluia,” Tony Alonso, GIA, SATB, pno (E)
“Psalm 118: Alleluia, This Is the Day!” Brad Croushorn, MSM, SATB/solo, perc (M)
“Alleluia,” Elaine Hagenburg, EHB, SATB, acap (A)
“Alleluia,” Bryan Sharpe, HMP, SATB, acap (M)
“Aleluya! Cristo Resucito!” arr. Nathan Zullinger, MSM, SATB, perc (M)
“Christ Is Alive,” arr. Hal Hopson, JM, SATB, org (E)

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, 1898 (VDL)
Woman, Why Weepest Thou? Fritz von Uhde, 19th century (VDL)
The Robe of Christ, Silviu Oravitzan, 1996 (WA)

April 4, 2027

Second Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 4:32–35	The disciples share everything and testify to Jesus' resurrection.
Psalm 133	How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.
1 John 1:1–2:2	Walk in the light of God; confess your sins and be forgiven.
John 20:19–31	Jesus shares the Holy Spirit; a week later, he appears to Thomas.

Call to Worship

We have seen the signs,
but we ask to know for ourselves.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

God is light and peace.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We draw the circle wide.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We are of one heart and soul.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We hold all in common.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Prayers of Intercession

God of our salvation,
through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
we offer our prayers for ourselves and others.

We pray for the human family . . .
Bring us to that good and pleasant land
where kindred live together in unity.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for the followers of Christ here and
everywhere . . .

Make your church one in heart and soul.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for those who say they have no sin . . .
Free them from self-deception and bring them to
repentance.

God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for those who struggle to believe . . .
Fill them with the peace of the risen Christ.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for enemies and those who would
do us harm . . .
Save all your children from hardness of heart.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

God of our salvation,
in Christ you reach out wounded hands of grace.
Hear our prayers and, by your Spirit,
grant us life in his name.
To you, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
be praise forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

(GELOBT SEI GOTT) GTG 239 (A)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

(TRENTHAM) GTG 286 (EG)

The Day of Resurrection! (LANCASHIRE) GTG 233 (A)

Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen / ¡Aleluya! Cristo recusitó
(SANTO DOMINGO) GTG 253 (G)

WORD

O for a World (AZMON) GTG 372 (A)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (HOUSTON)
GTG 377 (E)

O for a Closer Walk with God (CAITHNESS) GTG 739 (E)

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
(DUNLAP'S CREEK) GTG 817 (EG)

EUCCHARIST

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

(BRIDEGROOM) GTG 285 (A)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (DENNIS) GTG 306 (A)

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

(KEDRON) GTG 256 (G)

SENDING

Will You Come and Follow Me

(KELVINGROVE) GTG 726 (G)

We are Marching in the Light of God

(SIYAHAMBA) GTG 853 (E)

Send Me, Jesus (THUMA MINA) GTG 746 (G)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

(AR HYD Y NOS) GTG 547 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 133

Metrical

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands [WHOLE
WORLD] AAHH 150

Behold the Goodness of Our Lord [CRIMOND] PH 241

Responsorial

La, La, La (Hungarian) [8.14.8.14 with refrain]
GWA 18

Unite Us, Lord UMH 850

Organ Music

HYFRYDOL, *Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn
Tunes*, R. Vaughan Williams, IMSLP (M)

"Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing,"
Hymn Preludes for the Liturgical Year, op. 100,
vol. 2, CFP (M)

"Gelobt sei Gott," *Six Chorale Preludes*, set 1, Healey
Willan, CON (M)

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen," EARTH AND ALL STARS,
Augsburg Organ Library: Easter, arr. Keith
Kolander, AF (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"O How Amiable," Ralph Vaughan Williams, OUP,
SATB, org (M)

"Hine ma tov," Allan Naplan, BH, SATB, pno, cl (M)

"These Things Did Thomas Count as Real," Stephen
Johnson, CON, SAB, org (E)

"Peace I Leave with You," Michael J. Diorio, PAR,
SATB div, acap (A)

"Peace I Leave with You," Knut Nystedt, AF, SATB,
acap (A)

"Modimo," arr. Michael J. Barrett, WAL, SATB,
djembe (E)

Art

Christ with Thomas, Rowan and Irene LeCompte
(VDL)

Touch in Real Time, Holly Hanessian, 2013 (SECC)
Empathy Quilt, Melissa Sarris, 2024 (melissasarris.
com/sq)

Caring and Sharing, stained glass, Washington
National Cathedral (VDL)

Holding Hands, Liz Valente, 2021 (VDL)

Jesus Appears to Thomas, Jacek Andrzej Rossakiewicz,
1990 (VDL)

Thomas Touches Christ's Side, Béla Iványi-Grünwald,
20th century (VDL)

April 11, 2027

Third Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Peter speaks of Jesus' rejection and calls the people to repent.

Answer me when I call, O God; in you I will find joy and peace.

See what love the Father has given us; we are children of God.

The risen Lord eats with the disciples and interprets the Scriptures.

Call to Worship

We are God's children.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The risen Christ brings healing.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Even now, Jesus stands among us.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Prayers of Intercession

Holy God,

you call us your children.

Let the light of your face shine on us,

and hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation . . .

Deliver us from the allure of vain words and lies.

God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for all nations . . .

Let your love cover the earth.

God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for the church . . .

Give peace when doubts arise

and confidence to proclaim the good news

of the risen Christ.

God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for an end to war . . .

Rule the nations with justice and peace.

God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for ourselves and those we love . . .

Remind us who and whose we are.

God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

Holy God, we are your children now.

What we will be has not yet been revealed.

Look with love upon your whole creation

and draw us ever closer to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Christ Is Alive! (TRURO) GTG 246 (AG)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

(DIADEMATA) GTG 268 (G)

Joyful Is the Dark (LINDNER) GTG 230 (G)

Now the Green Blade Rises

(NOËL NOUVELET) GTG 247 (G)

WORD

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

(KINGDOM) GTG 241 (G)

Fairest Lord Jesus (CRUSADERS' HYMN) GTG 630 (EG)

For You, Dear Child (YE BANKS AND BRAES) *Breathing*

Spirit into Dust, GIA (E)

EUCCHARIST

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

(KINGDOM) GTG 516 (EG)

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

(QUEBEC) GTG 494 (A)

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

(THE FEAST IS READY) GTG 505 (AEG)

SENDING

May the Love of the Lord (SOON TI) GTG 549 (E)
Go in Grace and Make Disciples
(WONDROUS LIGHT) GTG 296 (G)
Go to the World! (SINE NOMINE) GTG 295 (G)
Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded
(IN DER IST FREUDE) GTG 242 (AEG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 4

Metrical

Give Me Joy in My Heart [SING HOSANNA] CP 433
O God, Be Gracious [TALLIS' ORDINAL] GTG 776

Responsorial

In the Night I Can Take My Rest PH 160
There Is a Balm in Gilead UMH 741

Organ Music

“My Song Is Love Unknown,” John Ireland, arr.
Michael Burkhardt, MSM (E)
“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain,” GAUDEAMUS
PARITER, *Augsburg Organ Library: Easter*, Johann
Horn, arr. Robert Buckley Farlee, AF (M)
“At Easter-tide,” 6 *Occasional Preludes*, op. 182,
Charles Villiers Stanford, IMSLP

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Day of Arising,” Michael Burkhardt, MSM, 2 pt,
org, ob (E)
“Emmaus,” Tony Alonso, GIA, SATB, pno, C inst (E)
“I Will Be a Child of Peace,” Elaine Hagenburg, BP,
SATB, pno (M)
“If Ye Love Me,” Thomas Tallis, CPDL, SATB,
acap (M)
“Hear My Prayer,” Moses Hogan, HAL, SATB,
acap (M)
“O Sons and Daughters,” arr. Alice Parker and
Robert Shaw, HAL, SATB, acap (A)

Art

Between You and Me, Jen DePaolo, 2018 (SECC)
Make a Salad, Alison Knowles, 1962 (WA)
Breaking Bread, Christa Prema Seva Ashram, Pune,
India (VDL)
Road to Emmaus, Altobello Melone, 14th century
(VDL)
Road to Emmaus, Fritz von Uhde, 1891 (VDL)

April 18, 2027

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 4:5-12	Filled with the Spirit, Peter challenges those who have arrested him.
Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd, leading, protecting, and feeding me.
1 John 3:16-24	Love means laying down one's life for those who are in need.
John 10:11-18	Jesus says: I am the good shepherd; I lay down my life for my sheep.

Call to Worship

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Before he was risen, he was love poured out.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

God's love abides in us when we love one another.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Prayers of Intercession

Lord God, Good Shepherd,
we are your people,
the sheep of your pasture,
the flock you have gathered.
With thanksgiving we pray to you.

We pray for the leaders of nations . . .
Bring them under your rule of mercy and justice.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for this community . . .
Bind us together in love for our neighbors.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for those who walk through
dark valleys . . .
Free them from fear and guide them to safety.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for ourselves . . .
Seat us at your table
and bring us home to you.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

Send your Spirit to abide in us
and keep us always in your fold;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

(LLANFAIR) GTG 245 (AG)

God Is Here Today (DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ) GTG 411 (EG)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

(WESTMINSTER ABBEY) GTG 394 (AE)

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

(ABERYSTWYTH) GTG 11 (G)

WORD

Though I May Speak (GIFT OF LOVE) GTG 693 (E)

We Are the Body of Christ

(SOMOS EL CUERPO DE CRISTO) GTG 768 (AG)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(ST. COLUMBA) GTG 802 (AG)

EUCCHARIST

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

(BICENTENNIAL) GTG 523 (G)

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

I Come with Joy (DOVE OF PEACE) GTG 515 (EG)

SENDING

Help Us Accept Each Other (BARONITA) GTG 754 (E)

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

(GERMANY) GTG 343 (E)

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

(KINGSFOLD) GTG 757 (E)

We Will Walk with God (SIZOHAMBA NAYE) GTG 742 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 23

Metrical

Give Me Jesus [GIVE ME JESUS] AAHH 561
Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows [DOMINUS
REGIT ME] PAS 23E

Responsorial

My Shepherd's the Lord PSA 18
The Lord's My Shepherd PP 40

Organ Music

"Psalm 23," *Psalms for Organ*, Emma Lou Diemer,
SAC (M)
Andante in G Major, *Female Composers: 22 Organ
Pieces from the 19th and 20th Century*, Elfrida
Andrée, Schott (ME)
"Beside the Still Waters," Gwyneth Walker, ECS (MA)
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is," ST. COLUMBA,
Augsburg Organ Library: Easter, arr. Kenneth
Leighton, AF (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"The Lord Is My Shepherd," John Rutter, OUP,
SATB, org (M)
"The Lord Is My Shepherd," Allen Pote, CGA, SATB,
pno (E)
"Psalm 23 from Songs of Faith," Paul Basler, CV,
SATB, pno, hn (A)
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," arr. Mack
Wilberg, HIN, SATB, hp, fl, ob (M)
"Loving Shepherd of the Sheep," Michael Burkhardt,
MSM, SATB, org (E)
"The 23rd Psalm," Bobby McFerrin, HAL, SATB,
acap (M)

Art

Fields in Spring, Yayoi Kusama, 1988 (WA)
Holy Mountain I, Horace Pippin, 1944 (WA)
The Good Shepherd, Julien Dupre, 1851–1910 (VDL)
Good Shepherd, Kelly Latimore, 2019 (VDL)
Ravine, Vincent Van Gogh, 1889 (VDL)
Psalm 23, John August Swanson, 2010 (VDL)

April 25, 2027

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 8:26-40	Philip meets an Ethiopian eunuch, who asks to be baptized.
Psalm 22:25-31	In the great congregation I will praise the Lord, my deliverer.
1 John 4:7-21	Let us love one another; we love because God first loved us.
John 15:1-8	Jesus says: I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me.

Call to Worship

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 We are made to bear the fruit of Christ's love.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 Friends, let us believe and abide in love.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Prayers of Intercession

Sovereign God,
 dominion belongs to you alone.
 Bowing our hearts before you,
 we make our prayer.

We pray for the health of the earth . . .
 May future generations rejoice in its bounty.
 God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for the leaders of nations . . .
 Prod them to seek the good of all.
 God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for the church . . .
 Build it with love which comes from you.
 God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for neighbors who are hungry . . .
 Satisfy them with food and justice.
 God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for our enemies . . .
 Show them your saving grace.
 God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

Sovereign God,
 you are the vinegrower,
 and Christ is the true vine.
 Nurture us in him to bear good fruit
 to the glory of your holy name;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Christ Is Alive! (TRURO) GTG 246 (AE)
 Here in This Place (GATHER US IN) GTG 401 (AE)
 God Welcomes All (THEMBA AMEN) GTG 399 (AE)
 We Know That Christ Is Raised
 (ENGELBERG) GTG 485 (A)

WORD

We Are One in the Spirit
 (THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS) GTG 300 (E)
 Take Me to the Water
 (TAKE ME TO THE WATER) GTG 480 (A)
 Be Thou My Vision (SLANE) GTG 450 (G)
 God of the Sparrow (ROEDER) GTG 22 (E)

EUCCHARIST

For Everyone Born (FOR EVERYONE BORN) GTG 769 (AE)
 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
 (HOLY MANNA) GTG 509 (AG)
 Holy Spirit, Come to Us (TUI AMORIS IGNEM) GTG 284 (G)

SENDING

May the God of Hope Go with Us

(ARGENTINA) GTG 765 (G)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(HYFRYDOL) GTG 366 (E)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

(LINSTEAD) GTG 526 (G)

Heaven Is Singing for Joy (ALEGRÍA) GTG 382 (E)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 22:25-31

Metrical

Let Our Praise Be Your Welcome [IRREGULAR] GWA 48

Amid the Thronging Worshipers [BOVINA] PAS 22E

Responsorial

He Is King of Kings GTG 273

Lord, in You I Trust PP 38

Organ Music

“Three Global Songs,” LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune,
adapt. Doreen Potter, arr. John A. Behnke,
HOPE (M)

“I Danced in the Morning,” SIMPLE GIFTS, *Augsburg
Organ Library: Easter*, arr. J. Wayne Kerr, AF (ME)

“Meditation on LLANFAIR,” from *Wondrous Love*, arr.
Brenda Portman, SAC (M)

“XI. Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier,” *Twenty Preludes and
Postludes*, op. 78, Sigfrid Karg-Elert, IMSLP (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“The Fruit of the Vine,” Mark Patterson, CGA, SAB,
pno (E)

“May This Fruit Abound in You,” Victor Johnson,
CGA, SATB, pno (E)

“I Am the True Vine,” Arvo Pärt, Universal Editions,
SATB div, acap (A)

“Love One Another,” John Bell, GIA, SATB, acap (M)

“Ubi Caritas,” Ola Gjeilo, WAL, SATB, acap (M)

“I Sat Down Under His Shadow,” Edward Bairstow,
OUP, SATB, acap (A)

Art

Baptism of the Eunuch, Rembrandt van Rijn, 1626
(VDL)

Jesus as the True Vine, Eastern Orthodox icon,
Byzantine and Christian Museum, Athens (VDL)

In the Vineyard, Jean François Millet, 1852–53 (VDL)

Sun, Edvard Munch, 1909 (VDL)

Lift Every Voice and Sing, or, The Harp, Augusta
Savage, 1939 (VDL)

May 2, 2027

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Gentiles receive the gift of the Spirit; they should be baptized too.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord; give thanks for God's victory.

Trust in Jesus, who came by water and blood, and be born of God.

Jesus says: This is my commandment, that you love one another.

Call to Worship

Love has chosen to abide in the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

God's commandments are not a burden.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We abide in God's love.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Prayers of Intercession

God of steadfast love,
you judge the world with righteousness and equity.
Send your Spirit of truth
to guide us as we pray.

We pray for your creation . . .
May all the earth rejoice in you.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for those in authority . . .
Make them lovers of truth and doers of justice.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for migrants and refugees . . .
Bring them to a place of safety.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for the sick and those who mourn . . .
Bring them wholeness and peace.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for the church . . .
May your chosen ones bear fruit that lasts.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for people of all faiths . . .
May they know your love for the whole world.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

God of steadfast love,
you have done marvelous things.
Trusting in you, we hope
for a new heaven and a new earth
in which your glory shines;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather
(TOKYO) GTG 311 (G)
Called as Partners in Christ's Service
(BEECHER) GTG 761 (E)
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(NETTLETON) GTG 475 (AE)

WORD

Un mandamiento nuevo / A New Commandment
(MANDAMIENTO NUEVO) SSS 152 (G)
In Christ There Is No East or West
(MCKEE/ST. PETER) GTG 317/318 (AG)
I Want to Be as Close to You
(DAVIDSON) GTG 736 (AEG)
You Belong to Christ
(YOU BELONG TO CHRIST) GTG 492 (AG)

EUCCHARIST

Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

(ARFON) GTG 496 (G)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

(CHEREPONI) GTG 203 (G)

One Bread, One Body

(ONE BREAD, ONE BODY) GTG 530 (A)

SENDING

Joy to the World (RICHMOND) GTG 266 (A)

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

(REPTON) GTG 432 (E)

Lord, Make Us More Holy

(LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY) GTG 313 (AEG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 98

Metrical

New Songs of Celebration Render [RENDEZ À DIEU]

GTG 371

Sing to God New Songs of Worship [ODE TO JOY]

CP 173

Responsorial

Sing a New Song to the Lord PAS 98B

Sing It Out, Sing It Loud PP 182

Organ Music

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus,” CONVERSE, *God With Us: Eleven Pieces for Organ*, Charles Crozat Converse, arr. Emma Lou Diemer, SAC (ME)

“Joy to the World,” ANTIOCH, *The Essential Collection for the Church Organist*, vol. 1, G. F. Handel, arr. Don Hustad, HOPE (ME)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,” HYFRYDOL, *Step It Up! Volume 3: Hymns from the Isles*, arr. Meirion Wynn Jones, World Library Publications (ME)

Larghetto in C Minor, *Female Composers: 22 Organ Pieces from the 19th and 20th Century*, Elfrida Andrée, Schott (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“A New Commandment,” Thomas Tallis, CPDL, SATB, acap (A)

“If Ye Love Me,” Philip Stopford, MSM, SATB divisi, acap (A)

“Let Us Love One Another,” Mark Sirett, AF, SATB, org (E)

“Cantate Domino,” Giuseppe Pitoni, CPDL, SATB, acap (E)

“All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice,” Vivaldi, arr. Hal Hopson, BMP, SATB, keybd (E)

Art

Prodigal Son, wood carving, Paszym, Poland, 20th century (VDL)

Messenger of Sympathy and Love, Eugene Savage, 1939 (VDL)

Baptistery, Coventry Cathedral, 1956–62 (VDL)

Wooden Love Sign, Doi Inthanon National Park, Thailand, ca. 2000 (VDL)

Baptized and Beloved, Jan Richardson (JR)

May 6, 2027

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.

Call to Worship

God's timing is not for us to know.

Even now, we are witnesses!

We long to know God's power in Jesus.

Even now, we are witnesses!

The Holy Spirit enlightens our hearts with wisdom.

Even now, we are witnesses!

Prayers of Intercession

Most High God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for justice . . .

Allow all people to prosper and thrive.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for compassion . . .

Let loving-kindness be our rule of life.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for vision . . .

Show us the new things you are doing.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for hope . . .

Teach us to trust in your promises.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace . . .

Put an end to all war and violence.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for discernment . . .

Help us to hear your voice and follow you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most High God,
gather us to exalt you
and make us ready for your holy realm
of righteousness, justice, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL) GTG 260 (G)

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

(LOBE DEN HERREN) GTG 35 (E)

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

(RATISBON) GTG 662 (AG)

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

(DEO GRACIAS) GTG 258 (A)

WORD

I Love to Tell the Story (HANKEY) GTG 462 (A)

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (LIEBSTER JESU) GTG 395 (G)

Let the Whole Creation Cry

(SALZBURG) GTG 679 (AEG)

EUCCHARIST

Let Us Break Bread Together

(LET US BREAK BREAD) GTG 525 (AEG)

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

(GREEN TYLER) GTG 543 (AG)

This Is the Feast of Victory

(FESTIVAL CANTICLE) GTG 513 (AEG)

SENDING

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

(PICARDY) GTG 274

At the Name of Jesus (KING'S WESTON) GTG 264 (E)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

(DIADEMATA) GTG 268 (AEG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 47

Metrical

Clap Your Hands All Ye Nations [10.10.10.12]

GWA 5

God Has Gone Up [IRREGULAR] PAS 47B

Responsorial

Earth and Heaven Repeat the Cry UMH 781

Clap Your Hands, O Faithful People PP 90

Organ Music

“Voluntary on DIADEMATA,” *Eternal Grace*, arr. Brenda Portman, SAC (MA)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,” HYFRYDOL, *Step It Up! Volume 3: Hymns from the Isles*, arr. Meirion Wynn Jones, World Library Publications (ME)

ALLA MARCIA, *Original Compositions for the Organ:*

SURSUM CORDA and ALLA MARCIA, John Ireland,

IMSLP (M)

“Fanfare: Shine, Jesus, Shine,” *The Oxford Book of Lent and Easter Organ Music*, arr. Christopher Tambling, OUP (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Come Away to the Skies,” arr. Alice Parker, LG, SATB, acap (M)

“O Clap Your Hands,” Ralph Vaughan Williams, OUP, SATB, org (A)

“O Clap Your Hands,” John Rutter, OUP, SATB, org (M)

“Psalm 47 for Ascension,” Rory Cooney, GIA, SATB, keybd (E)

“Clap Your Hands,” Alfred Fedak, MSM, SATB, org (E)

Art

Ascension, Joanna Vaughan, 2007 (VDL)

Gathered Sky, James Turrell, 2012 (WA)

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 9, 2027

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Colors: White and Gold

Lectionary Readings

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9–13

John 17:6–19

Matthias is chosen as one of the twelve apostles, replacing Judas.

Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord.

Whoever believes in the Son of God has the gift of eternal life.

Jesus prays for the protection and sanctification of his followers.

Call to Worship

Jesus made God known to us.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

God's truth leads us to unity.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Our joy is complete.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Prayers of Intercession

Holy God, Giver of eternal life,
the life we have we live in you.

Hear us as we pray.

We pray for the world's leaders . . .

May they reject the advice of the wicked
and delight in doing your will.

God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for your church in every place . . .

May those you call be like trees
planted by streams of water.

God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for those who have been hurt
by your church . . .

Heal deep resentments and
make us gentle bearers of your love.

God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for the right use of the earth's
resources . . .

May our children's children rejoice in your bounty.

God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for prisoners, for outcasts,
and for those who feel rejected . . .
Enfold them in your arms of love.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

We pray for those who suffer any sickness . . .
Make whole their bodies, minds, and spirits.
God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

Holy God, Giver of eternal life,
watch over our ways and hear our prayers
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be honor and glory now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

We Praise You, O God (KREMSER) GTG 612 (G)
Arise, Your Light Is Come!

(FESTAL SONG) GTG 744 (AEG)

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

(DARWALL'S 148TH) GTG 305 (A)

WORD

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

(GOODNESS IS STRONGER) GTG 750 (G)

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

(CANONBURY) GTG 722 (A)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(CONVERSE) GTG 465 (EG)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

(WALK WITH ME) GTG 775 (G)

EUCCHARIST

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

(KINGDOM) GTG 516 (G)

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

(O QUANTA QUALIA) GTG 503 (A)

Search Me, O God (KÀM-CHHAT) GTG 426 (A)

SENDING

Come, Labor On (ORA LABORA) GTG 719 (A)

Hope of the World (DONNE SECOURS) GTG 734 (G)

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

(ASSURANCE) GTG 839 (AEG)

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

(I'LL FLY AWAY) GTG 852 (EG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 1

Metrical

A City Radiant as a Bride [LADYWELL] CP 364

I Shall Not Be Moved [I SHALL NOT BE MOVED] AAHH 479

Responsorial

Happy Are They Who Trust PAS 1B

Happy Are They Who Delight PP 1

Organ Music

“Meditation and Toccata on ORA LABORA,” *Gathered and Sent: Pairs of Preludes and Postludes for Organ*, Brenda Portman, AF (MA)

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine,” ASSURANCE, *With Praise and Love: Settings of 19th Century Hymn Tunes for Organ*, vol. 1, Phoebe P. Knapp, arr. Emma Lou Diemer, SAC (ME)

“Oh God Beyond All Praising,” THAXTED, *Step It Up! Volume 3: Hymns from the Isles*, arr. Meirion Wynn Jones, World Library Publications (M)

“Sortie on KING'S WESTON,” *Again, I Say, Rejoice!* arr. Brenda Portman, SAC (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Hear My Prayer,” Moses Hogan, HAL, SATB, acap (M)

“God So Loved the World,” John Stainer, HAL, SATB, acap (M)

“Prayer of St. Patrick,” Ethan McGrath, MSM, SATB, acap (M)

“Somebody's Prayin',” Mark Hayes, SHAW, SATB, pno (E)

“O For a Closer Walk with God,” Charles Villiers Stanford, OUP, SATB, org (M)

Art

The Future Is Present, Jeffrey Gibson, 2019 (MoMA)

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)

He Who Is of God Hears the Word of God, James Tissot, ca. 1886–94 (VDL)

May 16, 2027

Day of Pentecost

Color: Red

Lectionary Readings

If Ezekiel 37 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14	In a valley of dry bones, Ezekiel has a vision of hope for Israel.
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	The Lord of creation sends forth the Spirit to renew the earth.
Romans 8:22-27	Creation groans in labor pains; the Spirit intercedes for us.
or Acts 2:1-21	On the day of Pentecost, God pours out the Spirit upon the earth.
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Jesus promises: I will send you an Advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Call to Worship

God has gathered us once again.

Come, Holy Spirit! Bring us life!

It is in the air—something new is being born.

Come, Holy Spirit! Bring us life!

We are one in hope.

Come, Holy Spirit! Bring us life!

Prayers of Intercession

Holy God of Pentecost,
we do not know how to pray as we ought.
Send your Spirit to intercede for us
as we await with patience
the coming of your kingdom.

We pray for witnesses to the Good News . . .
Inspire them to share your love for all people.
Holy God of Pentecost, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation . . .
May all living things, present and future,
rejoice in the bounty of your earth.
Holy God of Pentecost, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of nations . . .
Set their feet on right paths.
Holy God of Pentecost, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for victims of injustice . . .
Restore and preserve their human dignity.
Holy God of Pentecost, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people estranged from one another . . .
Break down dividing walls of hostility.
Holy God of Pentecost, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community . . .
Increase in this place love for you and neighbor.
Holy God of Pentecost, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who dream dreams and see
visions . . .
Reveal to them signs of your dawning kingdom.
Holy God of Pentecost, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God of Pentecost,
set us on fire to do your will
and fill us with joy in serving you,
until that day when you make all things new;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

On Pentecost They Gathered (MUNICH) GTG 289 (AG)
Holy Spirit, Come to Us

(VENI SANCTE SPIRITU) GTG 281 (AEG)

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

(WA WA WA EMIMIMO) GTG 283 (AG)

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

(EBENEZER) GTG 280 (AEG)

WORD

O Day of Joy and Wonder!

(JONATHAN'S TUNE) GTG 290 (AG)

Come Down, O Love Divine

(DOWN AMPNEY) GTG 282 (AG)

As the Wind Song (WAIKUA TAPU) GTG 292 (AG)

Let Us Build a House (TWO OAKS) GTG 301 (AG)

EUCCHARIST

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

(VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS) GTG 278 (AG)

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

(UNION SEMINARY) GTG 529 (AG)

The Rice of Life (BÍ-NÍU) GTG 524 (A)

SENDING

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

(PENTECOST) GTG 66 (AEG)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

(Linstead) GTG 526 (AEG)

Now Go in Joy (JUNKANOO) GTG 745 (AG)

Blow Wind and Blow Freely

(SOPLA FUERTE) SSS 255 (OG)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Metrical

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being! [RUSTINGTON]

GTG 34

Praise for the Depths of Space [DARWALL'S 148TH]

GWA 160

Responsorial

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit PAS 104G

Praise the Lord PSA 104

Organ Music

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song," BRIDEGROOM,

The Essential Collection for The Church Organist,

vol. 1, Peter Cutts, arr. John Carter, HOPE (M)

"Choral Varié sur le thème du Veni Creator, Op. 4,"

Maurice Duruflé, A. Durand & Fils (A)

"Spirit Fantasy," *King of Kings*, vol. 4, arr. Carl

Haywood, GIA (MA)

"Holy, Holy, Holy," NICAIA, *Praise and Thanksgiving*

Hymn Improvisations, Set 8, John B. Dykes, arr.

Michael Burkhardt, MSM (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"In the Midst of New Dimensions," arr. Jeremy

Bankson, MSM, SATB, org, hb (E)

"Veni Creator Spiritus," Anthony Bernarducci, HIN,

SATB div, perc (A)

"As the Windsong," Carol Lynn Mizell, CGA, SATB,

hb, fl, org (M)

"Christ Has No Body Now but Yours," Chris de

Silva, GIA, SATB, pno, C inst (E)

"Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove," Robert Powell,

PAR, SATB, hb (M)

"I'm Gonna Sing till the Spirit Moves in My Heart,"

arr. Moses Hogan, HAL, SATB div, acap (A)

Art

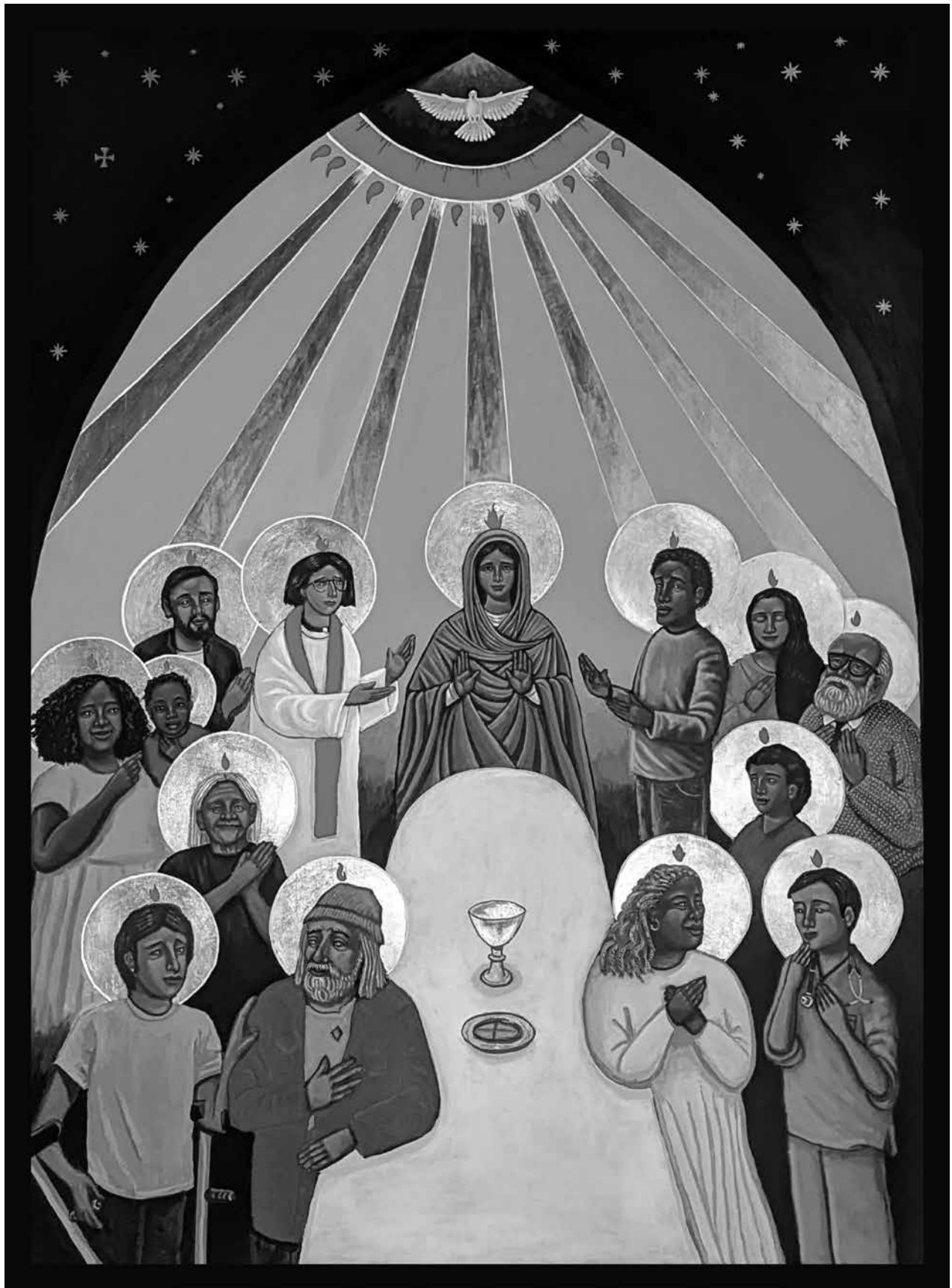
Deep Red, Marina Adams, 2022 (MoMA)

We Are All In This Together, Juliette Walker,

Kecskemét, Hungary, 2016 (SECC)

Woman Shooting Cherry Blossoms, Yinka Shonibare,

2019 (WA)



Pentecost
Kelly Latimore



The Trinity
Kelly Latimore

The Time after Pentecost / Ordinary Time

*These liturgical resources are appropriate
for use throughout the time after Pentecost
and may be repeated from week to week.*

Confession and Pardon

1

Confident in God's mercy, let us join in prayer.

Loving God,
we confess together that we have done wrong
and fall short of your goodness in our thoughts,
words, and actions.
Jesus calls us to follow him,
but we turn from his way.
We do not always love you as we should.
We do not always love our neighbors as ourselves.
We do not always treat one another as you have
treated us.
We do not tend and care for this good earth as
we should.
Forgive us, God. Heal our hearts and restore us.
Help us to forgive
and be reconciled to one another
through Christ the Savior of all.
(a time of silence)
Amen.

Friends, we trust God's promise of healing and mercy.
Believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

2

Confident in God's mercy, let us join in prayer.

Merciful God,
you sent Jesus to live among us,
preaching good news to the poor and eating and
drinking with sinners.
We are prone to wrong. Forgive us.

**Lead us again to your table and be present
in our weakness,
that, fed by your love,
we may live to praise you,
joyfully remembering Christ our Savior.
Help us to be mindful of those we need to forgive
in order that we may be reconciled with one
another.
May we live together as one community, in peace
and goodwill,
for your name's sake.
(a time of silence)
Amen.¹**

Friends, we believe and trust
that God was at work in Christ,
being reconciled to the world
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
In Christ we are forgiven.

Grace and peace to you from God who unites us all
in Christ.
And also to you. Thanks be to God!
Signs of peace may be exchanged.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Beloved in Christ, let us lift up our hearts
and give thanks to God for the gift of baptism,
for God is good.
God's love is everlasting.

*Water may be poured audibly and visibly into the font.
In settings where a simple bowl is used, the one
presiding may take it in their hands.*

We thank you, Holy God,
that in baptism you claimed us as your own,
cleansing us from sin
and giving us new life by water and the Spirit.
You have made us members of your body,
uniting us all with Christ
and calling us to follow in his way.
Renew us now in the promise of our baptism.
May we be ever mindful and ever grateful. **Amen.**

*The one presiding may take water and sprinkle it over
those gathered with these words:*

Dear siblings in faith,
let us remember our baptism and be thankful.
Amen. and/or Thanks be to God.

*The gathered community may sing verse 1 of Blest Be
the Tie That Binds (GTG 306).*

The Sharing of the Peace may follow.

*The font or water bowl should be in a place accessible
for any who wish to anoint themselves (and/or one
another) with the water at an appropriate time
during or after the worship service.*

Prayers for Illumination

1

Assist us now with your Spirit, O Christ,
that daily we may see you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more
nearly. **Amen.**²

2

Help us in the reading and hearing of your word,
O God, that we may know your guidance and
walk in Christ's way. **Amen.**

Eucharist

1

Invitation to the Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

We rejoice in the promise that all kinds of people
will come from east and west, north and south,
to sit together at God's table.

Our Savior invites all who trust him to share the
feast which he has prepared.³

Great Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Blessed are you, Holy One,
who holds and guides all.

You have given bread from the earth,
which will be for us the bread of life.

We give you thanks

for the life of your servant Jesus.

Just as this broken loaf

was once scattered over the hill as grain,
was gathered together, and became one,
gather your church

from the ends of the earth into your realm.

All glory is yours, through Christ, forever.

Blessed are you, Holy One, who holds and guides all.

You have given the fruit of the vine,
which will be for us the cup of blessing

and a new covenant of promise uniting us with you.

We give you thanks for the lives of the saints
in which you revealed your love and promise,
from the time of Abraham and Sarah to today.

Just as the vines grew to yield this cup,
nourish us for your work in the world.

All glory is yours, through Christ, forever.

We give you thanks, O God,

for dwelling in our hearts

and for the new life which you give us in Christ.

You created all things for the sake of your name,
sustaining the plants and animals of the earth.

All your creation sings your praise.

We thank you for graciously bestowing your Spirit,
our food and drink for life forever.
In Christ you are powerful on our behalf;
all glory is yours forever.

We join our voices with the faithful
of every time and place,
who forever give glory to your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of the Universe.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(or a sung version such as GTG 595, 596)

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ died. Christ rose. Christ comes again.

Send your Spirit,
that the bread we break
may truly be a sharing in the body of Christ
and the cup we bless
may truly be a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Remember, Holy One, your body, the church,
save it from every evil, and perfect it in your love.

*If prayers of intercession are not included elsewhere in
the service, brief petitions may be offered here by the
presider or the assembly, spoken aloud or prayed in
silence. You may choose to incorporate petitions from
the weekly prayers of intercession offered in
this edition.*

Gather your body from the four winds,
sanctified into your realm of peace.
All glory is yours forever.
Hosanna to the God of David,
to Jesus, Mary's Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: An Adaptation
**Loving Creator in heaven, holy is your name. Your
kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us
our wrongs as we forgive those who act wrongly**

**against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever, Creator,
Christ, and Spirit. Amen.**

*Breaking, pouring, and sharing the bread and cup:
The Words of Institution may be said here or in
the prayer.*

*After all have been served, a piece of bread may be
broken from the loaf—with such words as the
presider may choose—to be offered to the earth in
thanksgiving for the life of all creation.*

Prayer after Communion
*Verse 1 of For the Bread Which You Have Broken
(GTG 516) may be spoken or sung.*

**For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.**

2

*This simple basic order is appropriate for weekly
celebrations. It provides space for the presider to offer
their own brief thanksgivings, remembrances, and
celebrations.*

Invitation to the Table

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We rejoice today in the promise that all kinds of
people will come from east and west, north and
south, to sit together at God's table.

Our Savior invites all who trust him to share the
feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God!

Let us lift up our hearts and give thanks to God, for
God is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things.
You bring forth bread
from the earth and fruit from the vine
to sustain our lives and gladden our hearts.
They shall be for us the bread of life
and the cup of salvation,
offered in remembrance and celebration of Christ,
alive among us.⁴

*Include prayers of thanksgiving, celebration, intercession,
and remembrance here. You may choose to incorporate
petitions from the weekly prayers of intercession offered
in this edition.*

Grant us your Holy Spirit, O God,
that the bread we break
may truly be a sharing in the body of Christ
and the cup we bless
may truly be a sharing in the blood of Christ.
By your Spirit, may we who are many
be made one body, united in Christ,
who is coming again to bring justice and peace.
Amen.

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kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us
our wrongs as we forgive those who act wrongly
against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever, Creator,
Christ, and Spirit. Amen.**

*Breaking, pouring, and sharing the bread and cup:
The Words of Institution may be said here or in the
prayer.*

Prayer after Communion

**We give you thanks, O God,
that you are present with and in us today
by Word and Spirit.**

**In sharing the bread and cup
we remember and celebrate Jesus,
who brought your gift
of peace and forgiveness for all.
Send your Holy Spirit as we seek to share
the good news of your salvation in Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving

*The following prayers may be used following the
offering as a prayer of dedication or as a general
prayer of thanksgiving for the day.*

1
We thank you, Creator God, for all good things,
for all that sustains us in body, mind, and spirit.
Receive the gifts we offer in humble gratitude,
in thanks for all your love imparts,
through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

2
Compassionate and Merciful God,
Father and Mother of all,
we thank you for all your goodness
and loving-kindness
to us, to all people, and to all that lives.
We bless you for creating, preserving,
and blessing all of life,
and above all for redeeming the world
in the life, death, and resurrection
of Christ Jesus our Savior.
We thank you for your grace
and the hope of life everlasting.
Make our hearts truly thankful,
that we may praise you not only with our lips
but also with our lives and daily service.
Glory to God the Creator, to Christ our Redeemer,
and to the Holy Spirit, now and always! **Amen.**⁵

3
A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day and/or the Harvest Season
 Living and Everlasting God,
 Maker and Sustainer of all things,
 you have blessed the labors
 of those who tend and care for the earth
 and given us all its fruits in their season.
 We give you thanks for those who have labored
 and for the plenty that you have given.
 Grant us grace and wisdom
 to use these gifts to your glory,
 for the relief of those who are in need
 and the well-being of all.
 May we share and enjoy them together in peace.
 This we pray, through Christ the Living Bread
 who came down from heaven,
 giving life in abundance for all. **Amen.**⁶

Blessing and Charge

*The following blessings are based on 2 Corinthians 13:13
 and Numbers 6:24-26; charges are based on various
 scriptural and confessional texts.*

1
 May the grace of Christ,
 the love of God,
 and the companionship of the Spirit be with us all,
 now and always.
 Let us go from here in peace and love,

following Jesus in the way
 and serving God in the world,
 doing what is good and right as we are able,
 being kind and merciful to all,
 walking humbly together,
 and inviting others to share this journey
 with God and each other. **Amen.**

2
 As we go in faith and trust,
 may the loving Creator of all bless and keep us,
 the light of the living Christ shine graciously on us,
 and the presence of the Spirit bring us peace.
 Beloved, Jesus sends us out to share the good news,
 bringing healing, reconciliation, and hope
 in a broken and fearful world. **Amen.**

Notes

1. Adapted in part from *The Worshipbook* (1970) and *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1991).
2. Based on the prayer of Richard of Chichester.
3. Based on the Didache. Adapted here from J. B. Lightfoot, *The Apostolic Fathers*, 1891.
4. The opening blessing draws on Jewish tradition and on an offertory prayer included in the Catholic Mass in the years following Vatican II.
5. Adapted from the General Thanksgiving Prayer written by Thomas Cranmer, from the 1552 Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England.
6. Adapted from the 1906 *Book of Common Worship*, alt.

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 to support the spoken liturgy and liturgical actions around moments of Confession and Lament, Pardon, and Passing of the Peace.

We Walk His Way, We Walk His Way, John Bell, GIA
 Gloria GTG 582, 583, 584, 585
 Come All You People GTG 388
 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
 There Is One among Us, *There Is One among Us*, John Bell, GIA
 The Steadfast Love of the Lord GTG 59
 We Are Forgiven GTG 447

Offering

Consider using these hymns and songs to support 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

"God Walks with Me," Benjamin Kornelis, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt perc (ME)
 "Every Morning's Sun," Sue Ellen Page, CGA, uni, pno, opt orff/hc (ME)
 "Prayer for Tomorrow," Allen Pote and Tom Long, CGA, uni, pno, opt fl (E)
 "Never-Ending Grace," Mark Patterson, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt fl (M)
 "God's Promises," Becki Slagle Mayo and Aren Newell Williams, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (ME)
 "Come, Let Us Worship God," arr. Katie Houts, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt cong (E)
 "Welcome Song," Toni Sullivan, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt hb/hc (ME)
 "The Lord Is My Shepherd," *The Joy of Part Singing*, Mark Patterson, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (E)
 "Overflowing with Your Goodness," Joanne and Milton LeDoux, GIG, uni/2 pt, pno (M)
 "Gentle Shepherd, Kind and True," Hal Hopson, CGA, uni, pno, opt hb/hc (E)
 "More Than Enough," Becki Slagle Mayo and Lynn Shaw Bailey, CGA, uni, pno, opt cong (E)
 "We Are the Body of Christ," Emily Lund, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno, opt fl (MA)
 "God Is Our Refuge," Robin Wolaver, CGA, uni, pno (ME)
 "Yes, I Believe!" Benjamin Kornelis, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (M)
 "Beyond All Time," Vicky Tucker Courtney, GIG, uni/2 pt/3 pt, pno (MA)

All Saints' Day

"Carry the Light," Andy Beck, ALF, uni/2 pt/3 pt, pno, opt vln (MA)
 "Gathered in God's Name," Michael Burkhardt, MSM, uni, pno, opt fl/hb/hc (ME)

Thanksgiving Day

"For All Good Gifts," Mark Burrows, GIG, uni, pno, opt fl (ME)

"I Give Thanks," Toni Sullivan, CGA, uni, pno, opt rhy stx (E)

Reign of Christ

"Yes, I Believe!" Benjamin Kornelis, CGA, uni/2 pt, pno (M)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," arr. Victor Johnson, CGA, SATB and uni, pno/org, opt brass/timp/cong (MA)

Ideas for Using the Suggested Anthems

The following anthems contain short, memorable refrains that can be incorporated into the liturgy (seasonally or monthly). A children's choir might introduce the refrain to the congregation, and in the following weeks the refrain could be led by soloists, small groups, or other vocal ensembles from the congregation.

Prayer Response / Gospel Acclamation: "The Lord Is My Shepherd," "Gentle Shepherd, Kind and True," "God Is Our Refuge," "God Walks with Me"

Call to Worship / Introit: "Come, Let Us Worship God," "Welcome Song"

All Saints' Day: Incorporate the refrain from "Carry the Light" as part of an extended litany or prayer, with the children's choir leading the singing. Underscore the spoken litany/prayer with the piano accompaniment.

Thanksgiving: Use the refrain of "I Give Thanks" or "More Than Enough" (either the full refrain or a portion) in a children's message near Thanksgiving, as the gathered children are invited to give thanks for many different blessings and share what they have with others. The refrain can be sung after each spoken blessing, or after three to five blessings if you have a large number of children.

Anthems for Youth Choirs for the Time after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

"Lord, Here Am I," John Ness Beck, BP, 2 pt, pno (E)

Sundays after Pentecost

"Over My Head," Adam and Matt Podd, Podd Brothers Music, SAB, pno, perc (E)

"Round of Thanks," Donald Moore, ALF, 2 pt, pno (E)

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," Joe Cox, CGA, SAB, pno (ME)

"Amazing Grace," Jay Althouse, ALF, SAB, pno (E)

"They'll Know We Are Christians," Lloyd Larson, LOR, 2 pt, pno, perc (E)

"Siyahamba," Victor C. Johnson, ALF, 3 pt, pno, perc (ME)

"The Gift of Love," Hal H. Hopson, HOPE, SAB, pno (E)

"All Things Bright and Beautiful," Robert Lau, MSM, SAB, pno (ME)

"Guide My Feet," John Carter, HOPE, SAB, pno (ME)

"Halle, Halle, Halle," Hal Hopson, HOPE, SAB, pno, perc (ME)

"Bwana Asifiwe," Mark Burrows, CGA, SATB, pno, perc (ME)

Reformation Sunday

"Upon This Rock," Pepper Choplin, LOR, SAB, perc (ME)

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," Kyle Pederson, GMC, SATB, pno, gtr (ME)

All Saints' Day

"Give Me Jesus," Mark Patterson, CGA, SATB, pno (ME)

"Into the World of Light," Tom Shelton and Camilla Pruitt, CGA, SAB, pno, vln, vc (ME)

Piano Music for the Time after Pentecost

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)," *Piano Solos of Praise Favorites*, Jan Sanborn, ALF (MA)

"A Mighty Fortress," EIN FESTE BURG, *I Have Heard You Calling in the Night*, Matt Limbaugh, HOPE (A)

"All Creatures of Our God and King," LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Hymns for a Jazzy Sunday Morning*, Larry Shackley, ALF (A)

"Going Home," NEW WORLD, *Gospel Gold*, Joseph Martin, SHAW (MA)

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty," NICEA, *The Essential Collection for the Church Pianist*, Lloyd Larson, HOPE (MA)

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ," LINSTEAD, *The Essential Collection for the Church Pianist*, John Carter, HOPE (M)

"Morning Has Broken," BUNESSAN, *In the Light of His Glory*, Martha Mier, ALF (M)

"O Worship the King," LYONS, *Worship the King*, Sheldon Ridge Love, SFP (MA)

"Once to Every Man and Nation (Inspired by Beethoven's Symphony No. 7)," EBENEZER, *Symphonic Hymns for Piano*, Phillip Keveren, HAL (M)

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing," ASH GROVE, *With Praise and Thanks*, Eugénie Rocherolle, ALF (M)

"This Is My Father's World," TERRA BEATA, *A Time for Giving*, Roger Summers, LOR (ME)

"Trusting Jesus," TRUSTING JESUS, *He Leadeth Me*, Michael Wilson, LOR (M)

"We Gather, We Praise," KRESMER / WIE LIEBLICH IS DER MAIEN, *Prayludes for Autumn*, Ruth Elaine Schram, LOR (ME)

"When Morning Gilds the Skies," LAUDES DOMINI, *Hymn Tunes A to Z*, Lloyd Larson, LOR (M)

Vocal Solos for the Time after Pentecost

"An Infant Raised by Thy Command," *Saul*, G. F. Handel, BV, sop (A)

"I Know de Lord's Laid His Hands on Me," *The Spirituals of Harry T. Burleigh*, Harry T. Burleigh, BMP (M)

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is," *Sacred Solos of Dan Forrest*, Dan Forrest, BP (MA)

"The Lord's My Shepherd," *Oxford Solo Songs: Sacred*, Bob Chilcott, OUP (M)

"Let Us Break Bread Together," *The Deep River Collection*, Moses Hogan, HAL (A)

"David Mourns for Absalom," David Diamond, SMP (A)

"Simple Gifts," *Folk Songs for Solo Singers*, vol. 2, Mark Hayes, HAL (ME)

"Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray," *The Spirituals of Harry T. Burleigh*, Harry T. Burleigh, BMP (M)

"Nobody Knows de Trouble I've Seen," *The Spirituals of Harry T. Burleigh*, Harry T. Burleigh, BMP (M)

"Shall We Gather at the River," Donald Busarow, MSM, fl (ME)

"At the River," *Old American Songs*, set 2, Aaron Copland, HAL (MA)

"Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee," *Songs Sacred and Secular by Charles Gounod*, Charles Gounod, GSH (MA)

"Sing unto the Lord," *Soloists Practical Library of Sacred Songs*, G. F. Handel, CF (ME)

"Be Thou My Vision," . . . *Still All My Song Shall Be: A Collection of Heartsongs*, Tom Trenney, MSM, vln or viola (M)

Handbell Music for the Time after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

- "Bell Peal on Holy, Holy, Holy," NICAEA, John B. Dykes, arr. Linda R. Lamb, 2 oct, JM, 00-25341, Level 1
- "Lord, Here Am I," John Ness Beck, arr. Valerie W. Stephenson, 4-6 oct, fl, opt hc, BP, HB179, Level 3
- "Abba Father," Jason W. Krug, 3-5 oct, opt 3-4 hc, LOR, 20/1707L, Level 2+

Reformation Day

- "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, arr. Jason W. Krug, 3-6 oct, opt 3-5 oct hc, RRM, RRBL5099, Level 3+
- "Built on the Rock," KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, arr. Matthew Compton, 3-6 oct, opt 2 oct hc, EGM, EGM101, Level 2+
- "The Sure Foundation," AURELIA and REGENT SQUARE, arr. Arnold Sherman, 3-6 oct, opt tpt, trb, tub, JM, 00-23782, Level 4

All Saints' Day

- "Faith of the Saints," ST. CATHERINE, UNSER HERRSCHER, SINE NOMINE, arr. Michael J. Glasgow, 3-7 oct, opt tpt, LOR, 20/1614L, Level 2+
- "In Remembrance," arr. Bill Ingram, 3-5 oct, ROP, RO3286, Level 2
- "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," ST. ANNE, arr. Karen L. Buckwalter, 3-5 oct, CGA, CGB1381, Level 2+

Reign of Christ

- "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," CORONATION, arr. Sandra Eithun, 3-6 oct, JM, JMG1443, Level 2+
- "Processional on LANCASHIRE," arr. Lloyd Larsen, 4-5 oct, keybd, opt 2 oct hb, opt cong, BP, HB243, Level 2+
- "Lift High the Cross," CRUCIFER, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski, 3-5 oct, HOPE, 1491, Level 3+

Additional Selections for the Time after Pentecost

- "Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord," Cathy Moglebust, 3-7 oct, opt 3-7 oct hc, CGA, CGB1366, Level 3+
- "Steadfast Spirit," Michael Mazzatenta, 2-3 oct, CMP, CP7079, Level 2
- "Quietude," Michael J. Glasgow, 3-7 oct, GIA, G-8494, Level 3-
- "Soul Search," American Folk Hymn, arr. Fred Gramann, 5 oct, 3 oct hc, FTM, 20884, Level 3
- "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," FAITHFULNESS, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski, 2-3 oct, HOPE, 1279, Level 2+
- "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," FAITHFULNESS, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski, 3-5 oct, HOPE, 1280, Level 2+
- "Sarabande," Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Betty B. Garee, 4-5 oct, FTM, 20120, Level 2+
- "10,000 Reasons," Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, arr. Peggy Bettcher, 3-5 oct, HOPE, 2694, Level 2+
- "Here I Am, Lord," Dan Schutte, arr. Douglas E. Wagner, 2-3 oct, LOR, 20/1538L, Level 2
- "Aria," Paul Manz, arr. Jeffery Honoré, 3-5 oct, MSM, 30-912, Level 4
- "Offertory," John Ness Beck, arr. John Muschick, 4-5 oct, BP, HB166, Level 4

A Statement on the Lectionary Readings

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. For more information, visit the CCT website, <https://www.commontexts.org/2025-update/>. Feedback on the proposed update may be offered at <https://forms.gle/JsZmqogKe1EHrTz89>.

Proposed Acts Readings for the Time after Pentecost

For use as alternatives to the Epistle readings during the Season after Pentecost, beginning on Proper 10 in Year B.

Year B (Early Disciples)

July 11, Proper 10: Acts 2:37-47	The first converts
July 18, Proper 11: Acts 4:32-37	The example of Barnabas
July 25, Proper 12: Acts 6:1-7	Seven are chosen to serve
Aug. 1, Proper 13: Acts 8:26-40	Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian
Aug. 8, Proper 14: Acts 11:19-30	The church in Antioch
Aug. 15, Proper 15: Acts 16:6-15	The conversion of Lydia
Aug. 22, Proper 16: Acts 18:1-3, 18-21, 24-28	Priscilla and Aquila instruct Apollos

May 23, 2027

Trinity Sunday
Color: White

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8	Isaiah has a vision of the Lord and cries: Here I am; send me!
Psalm 29	In the wilderness and in the temple, give glory to the Lord.
Romans 8:12-17	By the Spirit we are children of God and joint heirs with Christ.
John 3:1-17	We must be born of the Spirit; God sent the Son to save the world.

Call to Worship

Born in the Spirit, we are God's children.
Jesus calls us: Follow me.
 In Christ, God's grace touches us all.
Jesus calls us: Follow me.
 Indeed, the whole earth is full of God's glory!
Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

God of all glory,
 hear our prayer.

We pray for the healing of the earth . . .
 Let all creation reflect your glory.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who feel lost . . .
 Help them to know your saving love.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in captivity . . .
 Set them free from all oppression.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are suffering . . .
 Heal them in body, mind, and soul.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who struggle with faith . . .
 Fill them with your Spirit of truth.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world you love . . .
 Grant fullness of life to all.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all glory,
 give us strength and bless us with peace,
 that we may praise your name forever;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 (NETTLETON) GTG 475 (E)
 Here in This Place (GATHER US IN) GTG 401 (E)
 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
 (NICAEA) GTG 1 (O)
 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
 (HYFRYDOL) GTG 366 (G)

WORD

Heaven Opened to Isaiah
 (URI UWER' UWER' UWERA) GTG 68 (O)
 Love Astounding (HOLY MANNA) SFHO (G)
 My Song Is Love Unknown (LOVE UNKNOWN) GTG 209
 (E)
 Welcome (WELCOME) WAS 3152 (E)

EUCCHARIST

All Things New (WHOM SHALL WE LIVE FOR) G3 531 (E)
 Holy, Holy, Holy (*Santo, Santo, Santo*)
 (ARGENTINE SANTO) GTG 595 (O)
 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen
 (SURGE ECCLESIA) GTG 536 (O)
 What Wondrous Love Is This
 (WONDROUS LOVE) GTG 215 (G)

SENDING

At the Name of Jesus (KING'S WESTON) GTG 264 (E)
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (REPTON) GTG 432
(O)

Lift High the Cross (CRUCIFER) GTG 826 (G)
The Kingdom of God (LAUDATE DOMINUM) G3 736 (E)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 29

Metrical

All on Earth and All in Heaven [EBENEZER] PAS 29A
Sing Glory to the Name of God [LASST UNS ERFREUEN]
GTG 10

Responsorial

Glory to God PSA 26
Praise the Lord PP 54

Organ Music

"Children of the Heavenly Father," TRYGGARE KAN INGEN
VARA, *Grace and Majesty: Nine Hymn Arrangements
for Organ*, arr. Marianne Kim, BP (E)
"Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier," *Bach- Gesellschaft
Ausgabe, Band 40*. J. S. Bach, BKH (M)
"Adoration," Florence Price, IMSLP (M)
"Fantasy on Walk Together Children," *King of Kings
(Volume 3)*, arr. Andre J. Thomas, GIA (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Heilig," Felix Mendelssohn, CPDL, SATB double,
acap (A)
"Heilig, Heilig, Heilig," Franz Schubert, CPDL,
SATB, org (M)
"Festival Sanctus," John Leavitt, HAL, SATB, pno (E)
"Here I Am, Lord," arr. Craig Courtney, BP, SATB,
pno, fl (E)
"Ascribe to the Lord," Rosephanye Powell, GP,
pno (M)
"God So Loved the World," John Helgen, MSM,
SATB, pno, C inst (E)

Art

Twenty-Four Elders Pay Homage to the Throne of God,
manuscript illumination, 1255–60 (VDL) (PD)
The Holy Trinity, Masaccio, 1425 (PD)
The Trinity, Andrei Rublev, 1425 (PD)
The Trinity, Kelly Latimore, 2016 (VDL)
The Event of a Thread, Ann Hamilton, 2013 (WA)

May 30, 2027

Second Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 4

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) The Lord calls to the boy Samuel; Samuel responds, "Here I am."
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Lord, you have searched me and known me; you are always with me.

Complementary

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, says the Lord.
Psalm 81:1-10 Sing aloud to God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.
2 Corinthians 4:5-12 We have this treasure in clay jars; the life of Jesus is revealed in you.
Mark 2:23-3:6 The Sabbath was made for humankind; Jesus is lord of the Sabbath.

Call to Worship

Life asks much of us.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

He offers freedom and rest.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

He challenges us to Sabbath compassion for self
and others.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

O God, our help and strength,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the young and the old . . .
Give them a shared sense of your calling.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those longing for rest . . .
Set them free from ceaseless labor.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are afflicted . . .
Raise them up from the dust of death.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are persecuted . . .
Let them know they are not forsaken.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people who are hungry . . .
Feed them with your abundant blessing.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are injured or sick . . .
Heal them with your hand of grace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our help and strength,
deliver us from our distress,
that we may sing and shout with joy;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

God Is Calling through the Whisper
(W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY) GTG 410 (O)
God Is Here! (ABBOT'S LEIGH) GTG 409 (E)
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(ST. DENIO) GTG 12 (E)
Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives
(ST. DENIO) SFHO (G)

WORD

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning
(BEACH SPRING) TFWS 2237 (E)
Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
(CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT) GTG 314 (E)
Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
(CANONBURY) GTG 722 (O)
You Call Us, Lord, To Be (RHOSYMEDRE) WR 583 (G)

EUCCHARIST

God Is Here Today (DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ) GTG 411 (E)
O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine (CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM)
GTG 671 (E)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (HOUSTON)
GTG 377 (E)
Send Me, Jesus (THUMA MINA) GTG 746 (O)

SENDING

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (HERE I AM (Schutte))
GTG 69 (O)
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (TRURO)
GTG 93 (E)
O Jesus, I Have Promised (NYLAND) GTG 725 (O)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 139 (1-6, 13-18)

Metrical

O God, You Search Me [O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME] GTG 29
O, Lord, You Know Me and Search Me Out GWA 19

Responsorial

I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hands on Me
[HANDS ON ME] AAHH 360
Search Me, O God PP 279

Psalm 81:1-10

Metrical

Sing a Song of Joy [GENEVAN 81] PAS 81C
Sing of God Made Manifest [SALZBURG] GTG 156

Responsorial

O, Be Joyful PAS 81 A
Ring Out Our Joy PSA 72

Organ Music

“SURSUM CORDA,” John Ireland, IMSLP (ME)
“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun,” MORNING HYMN,
The Concordia Hymn Prelude Series, vol. 33, arr.
Barry L. Bobb, CON (M)
“Come, Labor On,” ORA LABORA, Thomas Tertius Noble,
arr. Lani Smith, LOR (MA)
“Open My Eyes, That I May See,” OPEN MY EYES, Clara
H. Scott, arr. Emma Lou Diemer, SAC (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Search Me, O God,” Jonny Priano, ALF, SATB,
acap (M)
“Order My Steps,” Glenn Burleigh, HOPE, SATB,
pno (E)
“Some Keep the Sabbath,” Jennifer Lucy Cook, PAV,
SATB, acap (A)
“Three Sabbath Songs,” Simon Sargon,
Transcontinental Music, 2 pt, org (M)
“Come Sunday,” Duke Ellington, GSH, SATB, pno (M)
“Lord, You Have Searched Me,” David Hurd, GIA,
SATB, keybd, fl (E)

Art

Magnificat, Benjamin Wildflower, 2016
(benwildflower.com/products/magnificat-print)
The Call to Samuel, Frank Wesley, 1923–2005 (VDL)
Miriam, Laura James, 2003 (LJ)
Sabbath Afternoon, Alfred Wolmark, 1909 (VCS)
Gleaners, Jean Francois Millet (VDL) (PD)
Wheat Field, Ben Shahn, 1958 (VCS)

June 6, 2027

Third Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 5

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15), The people demand a king; reluctantly, Samuel anoints Saul.
16-20 (11:14-15)

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord; all the rulers of the earth will praise you.

Complementary

Genesis 3:8-15

God confronts the man and woman about the forbidden fruit.

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; there is forgiveness with you.

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

If our earthly dwelling is destroyed, we have a home in the heavens.

Mark 3:20-35

Jesus is accused of having an unclean spirit; he warns of blasphemy.

Call to Worship

When we hide from God,

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Do not lose heart; look to Jesus.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

We are God's chosen family.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

Out of the depths we cry, O Lord;
hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of nations . . .
Guide them to govern with justice.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for earth and all its creatures . . .
Help us to live in harmony with one another.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose hearts are broken . . .
Renew their faith, hope, and love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people without homes . . .
Give them shelter and safety.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who wrestle with evil . . .
By your Holy Spirit, set them free.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for families that are divided . . .
Bring healing and peace to all.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Out of the depths we cry, O Lord.
Give us hope as we wait for you,
that we may rejoice when the morning dawns;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

God of Grace and God of Glory

(CWM RHONDDA) GTG 307 (G)

I Believe in God the Father (GENEVAN 42) GTG 481 (E)

O God of Every Nation (LLANGLOFFAN) GTG 756 (G)

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

(EBENEZER) GTG 181 (G)

WORD

Lead Me, Guide Me (LEAD ME, GUIDE ME) GTG 740 (O)

My Life Flows On (HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING) GTG
821 (E)

Just A Closer Walk with Thee

(CLOSER WALK) GTG 835 (E)

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother

(KINDRED) TFWS 2225 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Holy Lamb of God (YA HAMALALLAH) GTG 602 (G)

Lead Me, God (LEAD ME, LORD) VU 662 (O)

The Risen Christ (THE RISEN CHRIST) WAS 3179 (E)

We Know That Christ Is Raised

(ENGELBERG) GTG 485 (E)

SENDING

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

(ABBOT'S LEIGH) GTG 298 (E)

Together We Serve (SAN ANSELMO) GTG 767 (G)

You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord

(GREENSLEEVES) CWG (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 138

Metrical

I Will Give Thanks with My Whole Heart [SALZBURG]

PH 247

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian [I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN]

GTG 729

Responsorial

Let Every Voice Give Praise PP 276

The Rulers of All the Earth Praise You PSA 141

Psalm 130

Metrical

For You, O God, I Wait [SPRINGTIME] GTG 791

Out of the Depths [AUS TIEFER NOT] GTG 424

Responsorial

Out of the Depths I Cry PAS 130B

Lord, from the Depths to You PP 262

Organ Music

"The Peace May Be Exchanged," *Rubrics*, Dan

Locklair, E. C. Kerby (M)

"Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir Versus 2," Georg

Bohm, IMSLP (M)

"A Little More Faith in Jesus," *King of Kings*, vol. 1,

arr. John W. Work III, GIA (ME)

"Bright the Vision," LAUS DEO, *Twenty-Five Hymn*

Preludes, Malcolm Archer, KM (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Psalm 130: Out of the Depths," John Ferguson,

AF, SATB, org (M)

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place," Johannes

Brahms, GSH, SATB, org (A)

"Christ Has Broken Down the Wall," Mark Miller,

CGA, SATB, pno (E)

"King of Glory, King of Peace," Alfred Fedak, MSM,

SATB, org (M)

"De Profundis," Russell Robinson, ALF, SATB,

pno (M)

"De Profundis," Paul Mealor, NOV, SATB, acap (A)

Art

Many Mansions, Kerry James Marshall, 2016 (WA)

In My Father's House Are Many Mansions, #4,392,

Howard Finster, 1985 (WA)

Weapons of Destruction: Choice, Steve Prince (EYE)

The Poor Invited to the Feast, JESUS MAFA, 1973

(VDL)

The Great Canterbury Psalter, folio 1 recto: Genesis,

1185 (VDL) (PD)

June 13, 2027

Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 6

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 Samuel visits Jesse's sons and anoints the youngest, David.
Psalm 20 The Lord will help the anointed one; God will fulfill your plans.

Complementary

Ezekiel 17:22–24 The Lord says: I will plant a cedar sprig; it will become a great tree.
Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15 The righteous are planted in God's house and grow like a cedar.
2 Corinthians 5:6–10 We walk by faith, not by sight; in Christ there is a new creation.
(11–13), 14–17
Mark 4:26–34 Jesus uses parables about seeds to describe the kingdom of God.

Call to Worship

Anyone in Christ is a new creation.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

For the kingdom of God is a small seed that
grows large.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Look, new things have come into being.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

O God Most High,
hear our prayer.

We pray for people who feel rejected . . .
Claim them as your beloved children.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the creatures of the earth . . .
Give them shelter in your steadfast love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for travelers and refugees . . .
Watch over them at home and away.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who cannot see a way forward . . .
Show them a sign of your new creation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who plant seeds . . .
Satisfy them with an abundant harvest.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who feel small . . .
Surprise them with great things.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God Most High,
redeem the work of your hands,
that we may sing of your faithfulness forever;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

This Is the Day of New Beginnings

(BEGINNINGS) UMH 383 (E)

Now the Green Blade Rises

(NOËL NOUVELET) GTG 247 (G)

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

(LACQUIPARLE) GTG 21 (G)

WORD

Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart

(LOE DE ISA) GTG 427 (O)

We've Come This Far by Faith

(THIS FAR BY FAITH) GTG 656 (E)

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

(JENNINGS-HOUSTON) GTG 5 (G)

How Small a Spark Has Lit a Living Fire!

(STRAWBERRY HILL) SF 408 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Take My Life (HENDON) GTG 697 (O)

Come Now, O Prince of Peace (O-SO-SO) GTG 103 (E)

What Is the World Like (NEW WORLD) GTG 771 (G)

Learning to Lean ZSS 167 (G)

SENDING

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (I'M GONNA LIVE)
GTG 700 (O)

My Life Flows On (HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING) GTG
821 (E)

Bring Forth the Kingdom

(BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM) TFWS 2190 (G)

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

(DUNLAP'S CREEK) GTG 817 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 20

Metrical

El nombre de Dios, te ampare [8.8.8.8.8 and coda]
PAS 20A

May God Support You All Your Days [DICKINSON
COLLEGE] GTG 548

Responsorial

May the Blessing of the Lord Be upon Us PAS 20B
Let Your Heart Take Comfort PSA 14

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Metrical

Bright Morning Maker as Your Sun Breaks

Through [ENGLEBERG] GWA 88

Bueno es oh Dios, cantarte [ELESIE] SSS 467

Responsorial

Sing Praise to God, Our Rock UMH 811
It Is Good to Give Thanks PAS 92C

Organ Music

"Your Kingdom Come!" OLD 124TH, *The Concordia
Hymn Prelude Series*, vol. 35, arr. Robert J. Powell,
CON (M)

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart," MARION, *Augsburg Organ
Library: Healing and Funeral*, arr. David M.
Cherwien, AF (M)

"March," op. 46, no. 5, Alexandre Guilmant,
IMSLP (MA)

"Wir danking Dir, Herr Jesu Christ," BUX WV 224,
Complete Organ Works, vol. 4, Dietrich Buxtehude,
BKH (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"There in God's Garden," arr. Jeremy Bankson,
MSM, SATB, brass, org, perc (M)

"Day by Day," Martin How, OUP, SAB, org (E)

"Le Seigneur ta priere entends (Psalm 20)," Jan
Sweelinck, Creative Spirit, SATB, acap (A)

"Seeds Grow to Plants," John Rutter, Bourne, SATB,
pno (E)

"We Walk by Faith," Karen Marroli, MSM, SAB,
pno (E)

"The Kingdom," Andre Thomas, HIN, SATB, pno (M)

Art

Parable of the Mustard Seed, Kelly Latimore (KL)
Nature Mosaics with Birds, Mausoleum of Santa
Costanza, Rome, Italy, 4th century (VDL) (PD)
David, Saint-Martin Church, Nohant-Vic, France,
1135 (VDL) (PD)

June 20, 2027

Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 7

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 Armed with only a sling, young David defeats the giant Goliath.
or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 David finds favor and success, while Saul is possessed by evil.
Psalm 9:9-20 The Lord helps the oppressed; the poor will not be forgotten.
or Psalm 133 How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

Complementary

Job 38:1-11 The Lord answers Job: Who else but God can control the seas?
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Give thanks to the Lord, who saves us on the stormy seas.
2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Do not accept God's grace in vain; now is the day of salvation.
Mark 4:35-41 Caught in a storm at sea, Jesus calms the wind and the waves.

Call to Worship

The voice of God comes in many ways,
sometimes in the whirlwind.

Come, let us worship God.

Sometimes in words of peace.

Come, let us worship God.

Sometimes in words of salvation.

Let us open wide our hearts!

Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercession

God our redeemer,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those facing mighty challenges . . .
Give them courage and strength.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world you created . . .
Bring health and healing to the earth.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones who suffer . . .
Let this be the day of their salvation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for neighbors in trouble or need . . .
Remove every obstacle from their way.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those shaken by storms . . .
Restore calm and order to their lives.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are afraid . . .
Fill them with faith and peace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our redeemer,
deliver us from every danger,
that we may give you thanks and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

We Praise You, O God (KREMSER) GTG 612 (O)

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

(MIT FREUDEN ZART) GTG 645 (E)

How Firm a Foundation (FOUNDATION) GTG 463 (G)

Be Still and Know That I Am God

(PSALM 46) GTG 414 (G)

Be Still, My Soul (FINLANDIA) GTG 819 (G)

WORD

Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above

(FOREST GREEN) UMH 709 (O)

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

(SAFFRON WALDON) AM (E)

Stand by Me (STAND BY ME (Tindley)) ZSS 164 (G)

Lonely the Boat (BAI) GTG 185 (G)

EUCCHARIST

This Is the Feast of Victory

(FESTIVAL CANTICLE) GTG 513 (O)

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

(DEUS TUORUM MILITUM) UMH 634 (E)

A Hymn for Self-Acceptance (BEACH SPRING) SFHO (E)

There Is a Balm in Gilead (BALM IN GILEAD) GTG 792 (G)

SENDING

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(EIN' FESTE BURG) GTG 275 (O)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

(PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS) GTG 753 (E)

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

(WIR PFLÜGEN) EH 291 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 9:9–20

Metrical

Sing Praise to God, Whose Mighty Acts [SALVATION]
GTG 356

Lord Make Me More Holy [6.6.6.6] AAHH 632

Responsorial

Proclaim God's Mighty Deeds PSA 6

O réremboria júveverekó Nandeya (Paraguay)
PAS 9A

Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32

Metrical

Count Your Blessings [BLESSINGS] OLOF 74

As the Wind Song [WAIKUA TAPU] GTG 292

Responsorial

The God of All Creation Is God of Peace and Love
PSA 109

Thanks Be to God, Every Heart Now Be Joyful
PP 202

Psalm 133

Metrical

Mirad cuán bueno y cuán delicioso [12.12.14.8.8.3]

PAS 133B

Behold the Goodness of the Lord [CRIMOND] PH 241

Responsorial

God of Love and Mercy PP 268

The Lord Anoints and Blesses PSA 137

Organ Music

“God of Grace and God of Glory,” *Ten Chorale*

Improvisations, Set 5, arr. Paul Manz, MSM (M)

“The Summons,” *KELVINGROVE, Step It Up! Volume 3:*

Hymns from the Isles, arr. Meirion Wynn Jones,
World Library Publications (ME)

“As With Gladness Men of Old,” *DIX, Augsburg Organ*
Library: Epiphany, arr. Wayne L. Wold, AF (M)

“Just as I Am,” *The Essential Collection for the Church*
Organist, vol. 1, arr. Gordon Young, HOPE (E)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“The Storm Is Passing Over,” arr. Barbara Baker, BH,
SATB, pno (E)

“Timor et Tremor,” Francis Poulenc, Editions
Durand, SATB, acap (A)

“When You Pass Through the Waters,” Paul Weber,
MSM, uni, pno (E)

“Behold, How Good,” Michael John Trotta, MSM,
SATB, acap (M)

“Hine ma Tov,” Allan Naplan, BH, SATB, pno, cl (M)

“By Faith,” arr. Lloyd Larson, HOPE, SATB, pno,
rhythm parts (M)

Art

YHWH Responds to Job, The Book of Job, Codex B.
100, Folio 165, 12th century, Greece (VDL) (PD)

Calming the Storm (Triptych), from *Sarmaya*
commission Issanama, Manish Soni and Paul
Abraham, 2017–18 (VCS)

The Calming of the Storm, Holkham Bible Picture
Book, c. 1327–35 (VDL) (PD)

No Land in Sight, Kara Walker, 2024 (MoMA)

June 27, 2027

Sixth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 8

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 David laments the deaths of Jonathan and Saul, killed in battle.
Psalm 130 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; in your word I hope.

Complementary

Lamentations 3:22-33 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's faithfulness is great.
Psalm 30 O Lord, you brought me up from the grave; my soul praises you.
2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Give generously to those in need; for our sake, Jesus became poor.
Mark 5:21-43 Jesus heals a long-suffering woman and raises a girl from the dead.

Call to Worship

God's creation bursts with new life!

Come, let us worship God.

Receive the healing that God offers.

Come, let us worship God.

God's new life amazes us.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercession

We cry to you for help, O God;
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are grieving . . .
Comfort them in their time of sorrow.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who watch and wait . . .
Show them your steadfast love and mercy.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people who are poor . . .
Provide for them with abundance.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people who are oppressed . . .
Give them justice, equality, and dignity.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are old . . .
Keep them in faith and good health.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are young . . .

Raise them up to praise your name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We cry to you for help, O God:
turn our weeping into joy,
that we may dance in the morning;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

(DEO GRACIAS) GTG 618 (E)

O Christ, the Healer (ERHALT UNS, HERR) GTG 793 (G)

I Bind unto Myself Today

(ST. PATRICK; DEIRDRE) GTG 6 (O)

The Church's One Foundation (AURELIA) GTG 321 (E)

WORD

For the Healing of the Nations

(ST. THOMAS (Wade)) GTG 346 (E)

Woman in the Night

(NEW DISCIPLES (Fedak)) GTG 161 (G)

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands (AU CLAIRE DE LA LUNE)

UMH 273 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Grace Greater Than Our Sin (MOODY) UMH 365 (E)

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

(UNION SEMINARY) GTG 529 (G)

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

(JERNIGAN) GTG 519 (O)

SENDING

The Church of Christ in Every Age

(WAREHAM) GTG 320 (E)

Send Me, Jesus (THUMA MINA) GTG 746 (G)

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(NATIONAL HYMN) GTG 331 (E)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 130

Metrical

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say [KINGSFOLD] GTG 182

Come All Ye Wounded and Weary [IRREGULAR]

GWA 47

Responsorial

In You, Lord, There Is Mercy PSA 134

Lord, from the Depths to You PP 262

Psalm 30

Metrical

Every Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving [IRREGULAR]

OLOF 77

Oh, to Be Kept by Jesus [7.7.7.6+refrain] AAHH 423

Responsorial

For the Night Weeping May Tarry UMH 762

All with My Full Exultation PP 56

Organ Music

“Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort,” 80 *Chorale*

Preludes, Johann Gottfried Walther, Peters

Edition (ME)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness,” *The Essential Collection for the Church Organist*, vol. 1, arr. Douglass E.

Wagner, HOPE (ME)

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above,” MIT FREUDEN

ZART, *Praise! Eight Pieces for Organ*, arr. Emma Lou

Diemer, SAC (MA)

“Jesus Calls Us: O’er the Tumult,” GALILEE, *The*

Concordia Hymn Prelude Series, vol. 25, arr.

Herbert Gotsch, CON (E)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Lay Your Healing Hands Upon Me,” Rollo

Dilworth, HAL, SATB, pno (E)

“Psalm 130: Out of the Depths,” John Ferguson, AF,

SATB, org (M)

“When David Heard,” Eric Whitacre, WAL, SATB

div, acap (A)

“Stand Fast in the Lord,” Anna Laura Page, SHAW,

2-pt mix, pno (E)

“Steadfast,” Craig Courtney, BP, SATB, pno (M)

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether,” Harold Friedell, JM,

SATB, org (E)

Art

Disease Thrower #5, Guadalupe Maravilla, 2019

(MoMA)

Christ and the Woman with the Issue of Blood,

Catacombs of Saints Marcellinus and Peter,

Rome, Italy, 4th century (VDL)

Woman with the Flow of Blood, Frank Wesley, 1923–

2002 (VDL)

July 4, 2027

Seventh Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 9

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48

David becomes the new king, a shepherd to the people of Israel.
Let Mount Zion rejoice in the greatness of the Lord our God.

Complementary

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

The Lord sends Ezekiel as a prophet to the house of Israel.
We lift our eyes to you, O God; we have had our fill of contempt.
God's grace is sufficient for us; power is made perfect in weakness.
Prophets are not honored at home; Jesus commissions the Twelve.

Call to Worship

Across generations and in all lands,
God calls and sends.

Come, let us worship God.

Again and again, people respond
with faithfulness and humility.

Come, let us worship God.

Even in our weakness, we bear the message
of repentance and new life.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercession

We look to you, O God;
hear our prayer.

We pray for those called to lead . . .
Make them good shepherds of your people.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those called to bear witness . . .
Give them courage to speak the truth.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the proud and powerful . . .
Humble them with your glory.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the weak and lowly . . .
Strengthen them with your grace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick . . .
Let them know wholeness and healing.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who feel unwelcome . . .
Help them find a place to call home.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We look to you, O God.
Have mercy upon us,
that we may see your blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

(RATISBON) GTG 662 (G)

How Firm a Foundation (FOUNDATION) GTG 463 (E)

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

(STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN) GTG 100 (E)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(ST. ANNE) GTG 687 (O)

WORD

Lord of All Hopefulness (COURTNEY) GTG 683 (G)

The Hands That First Held Mary's Child

(RESIGNATION) RS 970 (G)

Be Still, My Soul (FINLANDIA) GTG 819 (E)

Shepherd Me, O God (SHEPHERD ME) G3 35 (O)

EUCCHARIST

Allí está Jesús / Look Closely and See (SUS HECHOS)

SSS 125 (G)

I Need Thee Every Hour (NEED) GTG 735

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

(ST. AGNES) G3 910 (O)

SENDING

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

(AMAZING GRACE) GTG 649 (E)

When Peace like a River (VILLE DU HAVRE) GTG 840 (E)

We'll Understand It Better By and By

(BY AND BY) ZSS 168 (E)

Lead Me, Guide Me (LEAD ME, GUIDE ME) GTG 740 (O)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 48

Metrical

Through the Years You Safely Guide Us [MOSHIER]

OLOF 247

O Lord My God [HOW GREAT THOU ART] GTG 625

Responsorial

In the Midst of Your Temple, O God PAS 48B

Tell to Every Generation UMH 782

Psalm 123

Metrical

To You, O Lord, We Lift Our Eyes [CANNONS] GTG 788

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros (Argentina) [IRREGULAR]

GWA 50

Responsorial

Our Eyes Rest on You PAS 123A

Lord, to You I Lift My Eyes PSA 127

Organ Music

"Here I Am, Lord (I, the Lord of Sea and Sky),"

Augsburg Organ Library: Epiphany, arr. Robert

Buckley Farlee, AF (MA)

"Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott," BuxWV 199,

Complete Organ Works, vol. 3, Dietrich Buxtehude,

IMSLP (M)

POOR WAYFARING STRANGER, *King of Kings*, vol. 4, arr.

Eurydice V. Osterman, GIA (MA)

VII. LAUDA SION, *Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes*,

op. 45, Marcel Dupré, Summy-Birchard (E)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"The Summons," John Bell, GIA, SATB, pno,

C inst (E)

"Lord, Here I Am," John Ness Beck, BP, SATB,

pno (E)

"My Grace Is Sufficient," Randall Thompson, ECS,

acap (M)

"The Call," Z. Randall Stroope, MSM, SATB, org (M)

"Amazing Grace," arr. Mack Wilberg, OUP, SATB,

org, bagpipes (A)

"You Do Not Walk Alone," Elaine Hagenburg, BP,

SATB, pno (M)

Art

Seventy-two Disciples, "The Gospel Book," Ethiopian
liturgical book, 1480–1520 (VDL)

There Will Be No Miracles Here, Nathan Coley, 2007–9
(VCS)

David Is Anointed and Affirmed as King, Dura

Europos, Syria, 3rd century (VDL) (PD)

A Mountain Place from Series of Repetitions, Xu Bing,
1987 (MoMA)

July 11, 2027

Eighth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 10

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19 Returning the ark to Jerusalem, David dances before the Lord.
Psalm 24 Lift up your heads, O gates, that the King of glory may enter!

Complementary

Amos 7:7–15 God shows the prophet Amos a plumb line, a vision of justice.
Psalm 85:8–13 Love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss.
Ephesians 1:3–14 We were chosen in Christ from the beginning to give glory to God.
Mark 6:14–29 Herod puts John the Baptist to death; reports of Jesus spread.

Call to Worship

Though we keep going astray,
Jesus calls us: Follow me.
God gathers us by the goodness of his grace.
Jesus calls us: Follow me.
God sends us in ways we do not expect.
Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

Speak peace to us, O God;
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who gather for worship . . .
Give us clean hands and pure hearts.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who work for justice . . .
Establish equity for all people.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those waiting for good news . . .
Let them see your promise fulfilled.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those longing for redemption . . .
Gather them up in your grace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in power . . .
Teach them to protect the innocent.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in prison . . .
Visit them with your compassion.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Speak peace to us, O God.
Let righteousness rain down from heaven,
that faithfulness may rise up from the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
(LASST UNS ERFREUEN) GTG 327 (O)
Like Miriam Who Danced to Praise
(FAITH DANCE or KINGSFOLD) STF 2120 (O)
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
(TOULON) GTG 624 (E)
God of Grace and God of Glory
(CWM RHONDDA) GTG 307 (G)

WORD

O Beauty Ever Ancient (ANCIENT BEAUTY) GTG 650 (O)
Fearfully, Wonderfully Made SFHO (E)
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
(HERE I AM (Schutte)) GTG 69 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Seek Ye First (LAFFERTY) GTG 175 (O)
Take, O Take Me as I Am (TAKE ME AS I AM) GTG 698 (E)
Steal Away (STEAL AWAY) GTG 358 (G)

SENDING

I Danced in the Morning

(LORD OF THE DANCE) GTG 157 (O)

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

(ASSURANCE) GTG 839 (E)

Syrian Hallelujah (Traditional) SW (O)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

(DARWALL'S 148TH) GTG 363 (O)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 24

Metrical

Sanctuary [IRREGULAR] OLOF 158

God in His Love for Us Lent Us This Planet

[ECOLOGY] RIL 23

Responsorial

Lift Up the Gates Eternal [GILU HAGALILIM] GTG 364

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord UMH 755

Psalm 85:8–13

Metrical

Revive Us Again [REVIVE US AGAIN] AAHH 569

Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love

[MENDOR] GTG 449

Responsorial

Righteousness and Peace PAS 85C

Lord, Show Us Your Love PSA 77

Organ Music

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus,” LASSET UNS MIT JESU

ZIEHEN, *Ten Chorale Improvisations*, set 9, arr. Paul Manz, MSM (E)

“Healer of Our Every Ill,” *Augsburg Organ Library*:

Healing and Funeral, arr. Franklin D. Ashdown, AF (ME)

“Lobe den Herren,” *8 Chorale Preludes*, Johann

Gottfried Walther, Peters Edition (M)

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah,” *The Essential Collection for*

the Church Organist, vol. 1, arr. John A. Behnke, HOPE (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates,” William Mathias, OUP, SATB, org (A)

“Roll Down Justice,” Mark Miller, CGA, SATB, pno (M)

“Let Everything That Hath Breath,” Jeffrey Ames, earthsongs, SATB, pno (M)

“With a Voice of Singing,” Kenneth Jennings, AF, SATB, acap (A)

“How Can I Keep from Singing?” arr. Taylor Davis, MSM, pno, fl, ob (M)

“Like a Mighty Stream,” Moses Hogan, HAL, SATB, pno (E)

Art

A Poem About the Cosmos, Caroline Kent, 2022 (MoMA)

Feast of Herod Dance, Father George Saget, 1963 (VDL)

A Mother's Love Holds the World, Mary Jane Miller, 2008 (VDL)

Prophet Amos, Northumberland Bestiary, manuscript illumination, 1250 (VDL)

July 18, 2027

Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 11

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37

The Lord says: I will make a house for my servant David.
God's covenant with David is established forever.

Complementary

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

God says: Like a shepherd, I will gather up the remnant of my flock.
The Lord is my shepherd, leading, protecting, and feeding me.
Christ is our peace, breaking down the dividing wall between us.
After a brief respite, great crowds surround Jesus and the disciples.

Call to Worship

Though some leaders have scattered God's flock,
God is a righteous shepherd.

Come, let us worship God.

God gathers those driven away.

Come, let us worship God.

God breaks down all that divides us.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercession

O Lord, our shepherd,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those in positions of authority . . .
Give them wisdom to do what is right.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who care for others . . .
Strengthen them to serve you faithfully.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people divided by hostility . . .
Break down the dividing walls among us.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for seekers and strangers . . .
Welcome them into your presence.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have no leisure . . .
Let them find moments of quiet and peace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick and suffering . . .
Look upon them with compassion.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our shepherd,
bless us with goodness and mercy,
that we may dwell in your house forever;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (ELLACOMBE) UMH 203 (O)
Called as Partners in Christ's Service

(BEECHER) GTG 761 (E)

Jubilosos (DE COLORES) FJ (G)

Lift High the Cross (CRUCIFER) GTG 826 (G)

WORD

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

(PICARDY) GTG 274 (E)

Build a Longer Table (NOËL NOUVELET) SW (E)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

(IN BABILONE) GTG 435 (G)

EUCCHARIST

What Feast of Love (GREENSLEEVES) WAS 3170 (O)
 Come Now, O Prince of Peace (O-SO-SO) GTG 103 (E)
 For the Bread Which You Have Broken
 (KINGDOM) GTG 516 (G)

SENDING

Let Us Build a House (TWO OAKS) GTG 301 (O)
 Christ Has Broken Down the Wall
 (BROKEN WALLS) WAS 3122 (E)
 Will the Circle Be Unbroken
 (UNBROKEN CIRCLE) AAHH 598 (E)
 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
 (GERMANY) GTG 343 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 89:20–37

Metrical

I Will Sing a Song of Love [7.7.5.6 with refrain]
 GWA 148
 My Song Forever I Record [ST. PETERSBURG] PH 209

Responsorial

From Jesse's Root, a Branch Shall Grow UMH 807
 Forever We Will Sing the Goodness of the Lord
 PAS 89D

Psalm 23

Metrical

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want [CRIMOND]
 GTG 801
 Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Is [PASTOR] PAS 23E

Responsorial

El Señor, mi pastor SSS 338
 Give Me Jesus AAHH 561

Organ Music

"It Is Well with My Soul," VILLE DU HAVRE, *The Essential Collection for the Church Organist*, vol. 1, arr. Eleanor Whitesett, HOPE (ME)
 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," DOMINUS REGIT ME, *Praise! Eight Pieces for Organ*, arr. Emma Lou Diemer, SAC (M)
 "Prelude on I Am Thine, O Lord," *King of Kings*, vol. 3, arr. Monte Thomas, GIA (M)
 "Ave Maris Stella III," *Fifteen Pieces*, Marcel Dupré, ALF (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Covenant Prayer," Dan Forrest, HIN, SATB, pno (M)
 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," Ryan Murphy, JM, SATB, org (E)
 "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall," Mark Miller, CGA, SATB, pno (E)
 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," arr. Howard Helvey, HOPE, 2 pt mx, pno, bsn (E)
 "Draw the Circle Wide," Mark Miller, CGA, SATB, pno (E)
 "Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep," John Rutter, OUP, SATB, acap (A)

Art

The Good Shepherd, Catacomb of Callixtus, Rome, Italy, 3rd century (VDL) (PD)
Mosaic of the Good Shepherd, Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, Ravenna, Italy, 5th century (VDL) (PD)
Moor, Janine Antoni, 2001–ongoing (<https://www.janineantoni.net/moor>)

July 25, 2027

Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 12

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

Complementary

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

David assaults Bathsheba and arranges the death of her husband.

Fools do corrupt and abominable things, believing there is no God.

Elisha feeds a hundred people with a few loaves and ears of grain.

You open your hand, O Lord, and give food to all in due season.

May you know the love of Christ and receive the fullness of God.

Jesus feeds five thousand people with five loaves and two fish.

Call to Worship

When we think there is not enough,
God satisfies with abundance.

Come, let us worship God.

In Christ, God gives more than we can imagine.

Come, let us worship God.

Even when we are afraid, God fills us with courage.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercession

God of the faithful,
hear our prayer.

We pray for an end to war and violence . . .

Turn swords into plowshares.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people who are hungry . . .

Satisfy them with the bread of life.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the families of the earth . . .

Help us to live together in peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church in every place. . .

Accomplish your good purpose in us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those with scarce resources . . .

Let their gifts be multiplied.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those facing storms . . .

Guide them to safe harbors.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the faithful,
be near to those who call on you,
that all your people may bless you;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

(VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS) GTG 278 (E)

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem (KINGSFOLD) GTG 159 (G)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL) GTG 260 (G)

WORD

A Hymn for Self-Acceptance (BEACH SPRING) SFHO (O)

Just as I Am, without One Plea

(WOODWORTH) GTG 442 (E)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

(SOLID ROCK) GTG 353 (G)

EUCCHARIST

For Everyone Born (FOR EVERYONE BORN) GTG 769 (O)
 I Am the Bread of Life (I AM THE BREAD) GTG 522 (G)
 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
 (Linstead) GTG 526 (G)

SENDING

What Is the World Like (NEW WORLD) GTG 771 (O)
 Tu poder, O Jesucristo / May the Mind of Christ
 (NUEVA VIDA) FJ 70 (E)
 What Wondrous Love Is This
 (WONDROUS LOVE) GTG 215 (E)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 14

Metrical

Satan, We're Going to Tear Your Kingdom Down
 [KING OF DOOM] AAHH 485
 The Foolish in Their Hearts Deny [MAPLE AVENUE]
 GTG 335

Responsorial

Come All You Pure in Heart PP 24
 My Hope Is Lost, Breathe Life Upon Me
 UMH 746

Psalm 145:10–18

Metrical

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure [WINCHESTER NEW]
 GTG 42
 Oh My God, and King, and Savior [HOLY MANNA]
 PAS 145F

Responsorial

I Will Praise Your Name Forever PAS 145D
 Halleluia, Praise the Lord PP 284

Organ Music

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee,” ST. AGNES, *The Essential Collection for the Church Organist*, vol. 1, arr. Eleanor Whitsett, HOPE (E)
 “Give Me Jesus,” *King of Kings*, vol. 2, arr. Marques L. A. Garrett, GIA (ME)
 NICEA, *Short Preludes and Postludes on Well-Known Hymn Tunes*, Healy Willan, IMSLP (M)
 “Nun danket alle Gott,” *Choral Improvisations*, Op. 65, Sigfrid Karg-Elert, IMSLP (MA)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee,” Jean Berger, AF, SATB, acap (M)
 “O Love,” Elaine Hagenburg, BP, SATB, pno (E)
 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” arr. Mack Wilberg, OUP, SATB div, org (M)
 “I Am the Bread of Life,” arr. Richard Proulx, GIA, SATB, org (E)
 “Pilgrims’ Hymn,” Stephen Paulus, Paulus Publications, SATB div, acap (A)
 “He Never Failed Me Yet,” Robert Ray, HAL, SATB, pno (E)

Art

5000 Fed, Laura James (LJ)
Christ Walking on Water, Henry Ossawa Tanner, late 19th–mid 20th century (MET)
The Poverty Line, Chow and Lin, 2010–ongoing (MoMA) (chowandlin.com/thepovertyline)
Free Vegetable Wisdom, Erin Shafkind, 2016 (SECC)

August 1, 2027

Eleventh Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 13
Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a Using the parable of a lamb, Nathan convicts David of his sins.
Psalm 51:1-12 Have mercy on me, O God, and cleanse me of my sin.

Complementary

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 God feeds the people in the wilderness with manna from heaven.
Psalm 78:23-29 The Lord rained down manna; the people ate and were filled.
Ephesians 4:1-16 There is one body and one Spirit; speak truth and grow in love.
John 6:24-35 Jesus teaches about the bread of heaven, food for eternal life.

Call to Worship

In Christ we have what we need to build God's
community of love.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

In Christ we receive the bread of life.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

In Christ we are filled.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

God our provider,
hear our prayer.

We pray for an end to hunger . . .
Fill all people with the strength they need.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those living in drought . . .
Send water to nourish the earth.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who provide food for others . . .
Encourage them in their work.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of power . . .
Inspire them to practice equity and to advocate for
the poor.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who worry there is not enough . . .
Teach them to trust your provisions.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are far from their
homeland . . .
Surround them with companions along their way.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the hungry and hurting,
satisfy us with your care,
that we may care for one another.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
(CWM RHONDDA) GTG 65 (G)
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
(HOLY MANNA) GTG 509 (G)
Baptized in Water (BUNESSAN) GTG 482 (E)

WORD

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (KINGSFOLD) GTG 182
(G)
Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
(CANONBURY) GTG 722 (O)
Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet
(THY WORD) GTG 458 (O)
We Are One in the Spirit
(THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS) GTG 300 (E)

EUCCHARIST

Eat This Bread (BERTHIER) GTG 527 (G)
Bread of the World in Mercy Broken
(RENDEZ À DIEU) GTG 499 (G)
Pan de vida eterna (SANTO) FJ 94 (G)
One Bread, One Body
(ONE BREAD, ONE BODY) GTG 530 (E)

SENDING

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
(HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA) GTG 538 (G)
God Be with You Till We Meet Again
(RANDOLPH) GTG 541 (G)
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
(HERE I AM (Schutte)) GTG 69 (O)
Lord, You Give the Great Commission
(ABBOT'S LEIGH) GTG 298 (E)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 51:1-12

Metrical

Give Me a Clean Heart [IRREGULAR] AAHH 461
Gracious Lord, My Heart Renew [REDHEAD] PAS 51 O

Responsorial

Cast Me Not Away From Your Presence UMH 785
God of Mercy PP 100

Psalm 78:23-29

Metrical

I Do; Don't You? [IRREGULAR] OLOF 505
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus [WORTHY IS THE LAMB] RIL 346

Responsorial

People of the Lord GTG 632
Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (easy Hebrew
refrain) PAS 78C

Organ Music

"Hope of the World," DONNE SECOURS, *The Concordia Hymn Prelude Series*, vol. 23, arr. Donald Busarow, CON (E)
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," AUSTRIAN HYMN, *The Essential Collection for the Church Organist*, vol. 1, Joseph Haydn, arr. Gordon Young, HOPE (M)
DUNDEE, 36 *Short Preludes and Postludes on Well-known Hymn Tunes*, Set 1, Healy Willan, IMSLP (E)
"One Bread, One Body," *Augsburg Organ Library: Baptism and Communion*, John Foley, arr. Ron Schmoltze, AF (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Many Gifts, One Spirit," Allen Pote, HOPE, SATB, pno (E)
"Create in Me," Victor Johnson, LOR, SATB, pno (E)
"Come Before the Table," Karen Marroli, MSM, SATB, perc (M)
"Panis Angelicus," Cesar Franck, CPDL, SATB, solo, org (M)
"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord," Craig Courtney, LOR, SATB, pno (E)
"For the Bread Which You Have Broken," David Schelat, MSM, SAB, keybd (E)

Art

The Lamb, Paul Klee, 1920 (VDL)
Fruits (Wapu), Sheroanawe Hakihiwe, 2021 (MoMA)
Shelter (Masiko), Sheroanawe Hakihiwe, 2018 (MoMA)
Madonna Lactans, from "Enchiridion Poeticum," Hans Baldung, 1515 (MET)

August 8, 2027

Twelfth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 14

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15,
31–33

Absalom dies in a failed rebellion against his father, King David.

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; hear my supplications.

Complementary

1 Kings 19:4–8

An angel brings food and drink to Elijah in the wilderness.

Psalm 34:1–8

I cried to the Lord for deliverance; taste and see that God is good.

Ephesians 4:25–5:2

Put away bitterness; be kind to one another; be imitators of God.

John 6:35, 41–51

Jesus says: I am the bread of life that has come down from heaven.

Call to Worship

Receive the nourishment God provides for you.

Come, let us worship God.

Live tenderhearted, as members of one another.

Come, let us worship God.

Imitate the loving-kindness of Christ.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercession

God our deliverer,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who radiate your joy . . .

May they encourage those around them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are afraid . . .

Surround them with your peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who feel lost . . .

Show them a way in the wilderness.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are unhoused . . .

Give them safe shelter.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are living with pain
or illness . . .

Bring healing and comfort.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose sorrow overwhelms
them . . .

Grant them companions on the way.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the humble,
guide us continually in times of trouble,
that we may see that you have already delivered us.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(NETTLETON) GTG 475 (E)

All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded

(MICHAEL) UMH 132 (G)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

(RESTORATION) GTG 415 (G)

WORD

O for a Closer Walk with God (CAITHNESS) GTG 739 (E)

Somos pueblo que camina / Welcome, Pilgrims, on
the Journey (SOMOS PUEBLO) FJ 97 (G)

O God Beyond All Praising (THAXTED) TFWS 2009 (G)

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest (MCAFFEE) GTG 824 (O)

EUCCHARIST

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (DENNIS) GTG 306 (E)

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

You Feed Us, Gentle Savior

(MERLE'S TUNE) WAS 3169 (G)

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

(THE FEAST IS READY) GTG 505 (G)

SENDING

At the Name of Jesus (KING'S WESTON) GTG 264 (E)

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

(SCHMÜCKE DICH) GTG 514 (G)

Be Thou My Vision (SLANE) GTG 450 (O)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 130

Metrical

From the Depths of Sin and Sadness [RUSSIAN with repeat] PAS 130F

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand [UNCHANGING HAND] OLOF 486

Responsorial

Out of the Depths I Cry to You UMH 848

Out of the Depths PAS 130B

Psalm 34:1-8

Metrical

Benediciré al Señor [BENDECIRÉ AL SEÑOR] SSS 421

Come, All You Servants of the Lord [GENEVAN 134/OLD 100TH] PAS 134A

Responsorial

Taste and See PH 187

I Will Bless the Lord at All Times PSA 32

Organ Music

"Gather Us In," *Augsburg Organ Library: Autumn*, Marty Haugen, arr. Jeffery Honoré, AF (M)

HOLY MANNA, *Augsburg Organ Library: Baptism and Communion*, arr. Wilbur Head, AF (M)

"Bread of Heaven," *King of Kings*, vol. 3, William B. Cooper, GIA (E)

"Festal Postlude on LASST UN ERFREUEN," William Faulkes, IMSLP (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"David's Lamentation," Joshua Shank, SBMP, SATB div, acap (A)

"When David Heard," Eric Whitacre, WAL, SATB div, acap (A)

"I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry," arr. Richard Smallwood, GIA, SATB, pno (E)

"Taste and See," James Moore, GIA, SATB, keybd (E)

"Let Us Come," Karen Marroli, MSM, SAB, keybd (E)

"The Rice of Life," arr. Swee Hong Lim, GIA, SATB, acap (M)

Art

Chinese Orthodox Communion Bread Seal, Church of the Apostles, Hong Kong, China, 21st century (VDL)

Lunchtime Rest, William H. Johnson, 1940 (VDL)

Still Life, Georgio Morandi, 1951 (MET)

Rooms #o, Rafaël Rozendaal, 2026 (MoMA)

August 15, 2027

Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 15

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Solomon becomes king and asks God for the gift of wisdom.
Psalm 111 Praise the Lord; the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

Complementary

Proverbs 9:1-6 Wisdom calls: Come, eat of my bread and drink of my wine.
Psalm 34:9-14 Those who seek the Lord will enjoy goodness and lack nothing.
Ephesians 5:15-20 Be filled with the Spirit, singing to God and always giving thanks.
John 6:51-58 Jesus says: My flesh and blood are food and drink for eternal life.

Call to Worship

We seek wisdom.

Come, let us worship God.

God fills us with the Spirit.

Come, let us worship God.

We give thanks for life.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercession

Holy God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the healing of the earth . . .
Provide relief in the parched places
and teach us all sustainable care.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for animals who are losing habitat
due to human consumption . . .
Provide food and shelter in the midst of danger.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who covet what they
do not have . . .
Disentangle us from systems of greed.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose words hurt others . . .
Humble them with your kindness.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who work for peace . . .
Sustain them with your goodness.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who advocate for the needy . . .
Work alongside them to establish your justice.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life,
call to us when we do evil and teach us to listen,
that we may learn to fear you.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

All Hail to God's Anointed (ROCKPORT) GTG 149 (O)
When in Our Music God Is Glorified
(ENGELBERG) GTG 641 (E)
Now Thank We All Our God
(NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT) GTG 643 (E)
Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle
(FORTUNATUS NEW) GTG 225 (G)

WORD

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (SWING LOW) GTG 825 (O)
My Life Flows On
(HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING) GTG 821 (E)
Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
(CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN) GTG 237 (G)
According to Thy Gracious Word
(SONG 67) AM 420b (G)

EUCCHARIST

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

(THE CALL) UMH 164 (O)

Let Us Offer to the Father / Te Ofrecemos Padre

Nuestro (OFERTORIO) TFWS 2262 (E)

Feed Us, Lord (FEED US) WAS 3167 (G)

SENDING

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

(BICENTENNIAL) GTG 523 (O)

Come, Labor On (ORA LABORA) GTG 719 (E)

We Will Walk with God (SIZOHAMBA NAYE) GTG 742 (E)

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

(NIAGARA) VU 483 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 111

Metrical

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less [CATHERINE]

RIL 459

God Is So Good [GOD IS SO GOOD] GTG 658

Responsorial

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia PSA 111

God Commands an Eternal Covenant UMH 832

Psalms 34:9–14

Metrical

Lord, I Bring My Songs to You [LUX PRIMA] PAS 34D

Praise Is Rising, Eyes Are Turning [IRREGULAR]

GWA 114

Responsorial

I Will Bless the Lord at All Times PAS 34A

alternate refrain

Come Bless the Lord PP 66

Organ Music

“Loving Spirit,” OMNI DIE, *Praise! (Eight Pieces for Organ)*, arr. Emma Lou Diemer, SAC (M)

“Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele,” BWV 654, *Neue Bach-Ausgabe, Serie IV, Band 2*, J. S. Bach, IMSLP (M)

“Trio No. 1,” *10 Trios for Organ, op. 49*, Joseph Rheinberger, IMSLP (E)

“Now Thank We All Our God (Setting 2),” *Ten Chorale Improvisations, Set 8*, arr. Paul Manz, MSM (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Zadok the Priest,” G. F. Handel, CPDL, SATB, org (A)

“Taste and See,” Ralph Vaughan Williams, OUP, SATB, org (M)

“With a Voice of Singing,” Martin Shaw, GSH, SATB, keybd (E)

“The Call of Wisdom,” Will Todd, OUP, flex, keybd (E)

“Praise His Holy Name,” Keith Hampton, earthsongs, SATB, pno (M)

Art

Flying with Fabrics, Melissa Sarris, 2023

(melissasarris.com/stitching-exchange)

AIDS Memorial Quilt, 1985–present (aidsmemorial.org)

Wisdom, Prudence, and Knowledge, Master of the Cité des Dames, 1410 (VDL) (PD)

Solomon Praying to the Holy Spirit, Guillaume Vrelant, 1481 (VDL) (PD)

August 22, 2027

Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 16

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10–11) At the dedication of the temple, King Solomon prays to the Lord.
22–30, 41–43
Psalm 84 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord; my soul rejoices in you.

Complementary

Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18 The Lord desires that the wicked turn away from evil, and live.
Psalm 34:15–22 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous.
Ephesians 6:10–20 Be strong against authorities; prepare for a gospel of peace.
John 6:56–69 A difficult teaching; yet Peter says Jesus has the words of eternal life.

Call to Worship

In times of struggle we seek the one who saves.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

In weakness we long for protection.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

In times of doubt we are tempted to turn from
God's way.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

God of righteousness,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the brokenhearted . . .
Bind their wounds with your love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who work for righteousness . . .
Sustain them with your grace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have been excluded or
discriminated against . . .
Give voice to their pain and gather us in concern
for one another.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in places of privilege . . .
Teach them the ways of humility and service.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have experienced trauma . . .
Keep them in your steadfast love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are or have been
enslaved . . .
Bring freedom to persons who are in captivity
and repair where harm has been done.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our redeemer,
keep us in your refuge,
that we may seek the welfare of one another.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
(WESTMINSTER ABBEY) GTG 394 (O)
Standing on the Promises (PROMISES) GTG 838 (E)
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
(BRIDEGROOM) GTG 285

WORD

Blessed City, Heavenly Salem

(WESTMINSTER ABBEY) AM 291 (O)

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (HEAR MY PRAYER) GTG 471 (O)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(CONVERSE) GTG 465 (E)

Abide with Me (EVENTIDE) GTG 836 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

(CLOSER WALK) GTG 835 (E)

Give Me a Clean Heart (DOUROUX) ZSS 116 (E)

Let Us Break Bread Together

(LET US BREAK BREAD) GTG 525 (G)

SENDING

Let Us Build a House (TWO OAKS) GTG 301 (O)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (HALLE, HALLE) GTG 591 (G)

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

(SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT) GTG 408 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 84

Metrical

Felicidad [FELICIDAD] SSS 389

How Lovely, Lord [MERLE'S TUNE] GTG 402

Responsorial

My Soul Longs for Your Courts UMH 804

How Dear to Me Is Your Dwelling PAS 84F

Psalm 34:15-22

Metrical

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land [LIFT HIM UP]

AAHH 547

Trust in God [SONG 13] GTG 848

Responsorial

Come Bless the Lord PP 66

I Will Bless the Lord at All Times PAS 34A
alternate refrain

Organ Music

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior," ST. LEONARDS,
The Essential Collection for the Church Organist,
vol. 1, arr. Jack Schrader, HOPE (ME)

"Assurance," BLESSED ASSURANCE, *Augsburg Organ
Library: Summer*, arr. J. Bert Carlson, AF (M)

"Verbum Supernum," *Eight Short Preludes on
Gregorian Themes*, op. 45, Marcel Dupré, Summy-
Birchard (A)

"Lead On, O King Eternal!" LANCASHIRE, *The Concordia
Hymn Series*, vol. 30, arr. Henry V. Gerike, CON (E)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Locus iste," Anton Bruckner, CPDL, SATB, acap (A)

"Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls," Z. Randall
Stroope, MSM, SATB, keybd (M)

"How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place," David
Kallman, MSM, SAB, pno (E)

"Ave Verum Corpus," W. A. Mozart, CPDL, SATB,
org (M)

"Show Us How to Love," Mark Miller, CGA, SATB,
pno (E)

"My Eternal King," Jane Marshall, CF, SATB, org (E)

Art

Body Object Series #10, Ann Hamilton, 1984 (WA)

Beard of an Insect (Hereremi kaweiki), Sheroanawe
Hakihiiwe, 2019 (MoMA)

Swallow's Nest, H. Hirt, 1883 (VDL)

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

August 29, 2027

Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 17

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 One lover calls to another: Arise, my love, and come away.
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 A royal love song: God has blessed the king with beauty and grace.

Complementary

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Observe God's law diligently; do not add to it or subtract from it.
Psalm 15 Who may abide in God's presence? Those who do what is right.
James 1:17-27 Every good gift comes from God; pure religion is to care for others.
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 A debate about authority and tradition; evil things come from within.

Call to Worship

We long to be wise and discerning.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Our hearts find direction in Christ.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

We welcome God's word among us.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

God of all truth,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those in positions of power . . .
Turn them from deceit and corruption toward
honesty.

Give them courage to speak loving truth.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who struggle with shame . . .
Birth in them an assurance of worth and wholeness.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for anyone who needs a safe place
to dwell . . .
End all forms of violence in which your people live.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for victims of moneylending . . .
Transform a system of inhuman and unjust practices
toward ethical compassion.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are wrongly convicted . . .
Free them from the guilt and shame placed
upon them.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our dwelling place,
teach us to abide in you,
that we may know by heart what it means to live
as your people.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
(WACHET AUF) UMH 720 (O)
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(ST. DENIO) GTG 12 (E)
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (MARION) GTG 804 (G)

WORD

Praise God, All You Nations (DA N'ASE) GTG 328 (O)
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (FAITHFULNESS) GTG 39 (E)
O God, We Bear the Imprint
(TODOS LOS COLORES) GTG 759 (E)
As a Chalice Cast of Gold (INWARD LIGHT) GTG 429 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Come to the Table of Grace

(TABLE OF GRACE) GTG 507 (E)

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

(SARADAY) GTG 423 (G)

Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table

(COME NOW, YOU BLESSED) GTG 186 (G)

SENDING

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

(NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR') GTG 407 (O)

O Jesus, I Have Promised (NYLAND) GTG 725 (E)

Go to the World! (SINE NOMINE) GTG 295 (E)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

Metrical

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun [DUKE STREET]

GTG 265

For the Honor of Our King [MONKSLAND] PAS 45A

Responsorial

The Throne of God Is Righteousness PAS 45B

Praise the Lord PSA 39

Psalm 15

Metrical

Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House

[RIDGEMOOR] GTG 419

Lord, Who Are They That May Dwell [STERLLA

CARMEL] PAS 15A

Responsorial

Justice Alone Is the Way of the Lord UMH 747

Those Who Do Justice Will Live PSA 9

Organ Music

"Lord, Build Me a Cabin in Glory Land," *King of Kings*, vol. 1, arr. Uzee Brown Jr., GIA (ME)

"Andante Religioso," *Organ Sonata*, no. 4, Felix Mendelssohn, IMSLP (ME)

"Rockingham," *36 Short Preludes and Postludes on Well-Known Tunes*, Book 1, Healey Willan, IMSLP (M)

"Finlandia," *Augsburg Organ Library: Healing and Funeral*, arr. Robert J. Powell, AF (E)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Teach Me, O Lord," Philip Stopford, MSM, SATB, org (M)

"Arise, My Love," Stephen Paulus, Paulus Music, SATB div, acap (A)

"The Rain Is Over and Gone," Paul Halley, Pelagos Music, SATB, pno, rhythm (M)

"Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord," Aaron David Miller, AF, uni, pno (E)

"Teach Me, O Lord," Thomas Attwood, OUP, SATB, acap (E)

"I Will Lift Mine Eyes," Jake Runestad, BH, SATB div, acap (A)

Art

Le Cantique des Cantiques II (Song of Songs II I.7), Marc Chagall, 1957 (VCS)

Shelter (Masiko), Sheroanawe Hakihiwe, 2018 (MoMA)

Love is the Most Ancient Law, Jan Richardson (JR)

Deer Leaping Among Flowers, Franz Marc (VDL)

September 5, 2027

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost /

Proper 18

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 A good name is more valuable than wealth; seek justice for the poor.

Psalm 125 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, abiding forever.

Complementary

Isaiah 35:4-7a Miracles of healing and streams in the desert signal God's coming.

Psalm 146 Trust God, who does justice, sets prisoners free, and helps the poor.

James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17 Care for those who are in need; without good works, faith is dead.

Mark 7:24-37 Jesus heals a Gentile woman's daughter and a man who cannot speak.

Call to Worship

Be strong, do not fear!

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

We are all God's children.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

We turn to Christ, the way of healing and wholeness.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

God, worthy of praise,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the seas and the rain forests,
whose breath we share . . .
Put an end to human practices that destroy.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are oppressed by political
powers . . .
Teach them leadership that serves the most
vulnerable.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are estranged from family
or home . . .
Bring healing to relationships and comfort in
chosen family.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those living with disabilities . . .
Make our communities safe and affirming spaces.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who grieve the loss of parents
or partners . . .
Give them communities to accompany them
and keep them in your love forever.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are imprisoned . . .
Set them free to live in your mercy and peace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the hungry . . .
Help us to organize a society that nourishes
everyone.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of all generations,
uphold us in all trouble,
that we may praise you all the days of our life.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

(ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR) GTG 367 (O)

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

(KINGSFOLD) GTG 757 (O)

Jesus, We Are Here (JESUS, TAWA PANO) GTG 392 (E)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

(ROYAL OAK) GTG 20 (G)

WORD

Heaven Shall Not Wait

(HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT) GTG 773 (O)

God of Freedom, God of Justice (PICARDY) VU 700 (E)

Spirit of the Living God (LIVING GOD) GTG 288 (E)

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

(HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING) GTG 201 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Christ, We Are Blest (SLANE) WAS 3174 (O)

God Welcomes All (THEMBA AMEN) GTG 399 (E)

Come, Let Us Eat (A VA DE) GTG 528 (G)

SENDING

Joy to the World (RICHMOND) GTG 266 (O)

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

(MCKEE) GTG 766 (E)

Will You Come and Follow Me

(KELVINGROVE) GTG 726 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 125

Metrical

Trust in God [SONG 13] GTG 848

Those Who Rely on the Lord Are Unshakeable

[CLERMONT] PAS 125B

Responsorial

Shalom, Shalom, the Peace of God Be Here

PAS 125A

Lord, Your Justice Stands for All PP 252

Psalm 146

Metrical

I'll Praise My Maker [OLD 113TH] GTG 806

God, the Maker of the Heavens [8.8.8.8] GWA 153

Responsorial

Halleluia, Halleluia! Praise the Lord! PP 288

Blessed Are the Poor and Needy UMH 858

Organ Music

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love," CHEREPONI, *The Essential Collection for the Church Organist*, vol. 1, arr. Robert J. Powell, HOPE (E)

"Nun bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist," BuxWV 209, *Complete Organ Works*, vol. 4, Dietrich Buxtehude, IMSLP (M)

"Ubi Caritas," *King of Kings*, vol. 4, arr. Norah Duncan IV, GIA (ME)

"Adoro te devote," *Augsburg Organ Library: Baptism and Communion*, arr. David N. Johnson, AF (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"A Good Work," Mark Miller, HIN, SATB, pno (E)

"Healing River," arr. Mark Hayes, HOPE, SATB, pno (E)

"Psalm 146: I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath," Hal Hopson, MSM, SATBB, org (M)

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy," Brenda Portman, AF, SATB, keybd (M)

"Trust in the Lord," Howard Helvey, MSM, SATB, org (M)

"Healer of Every Ill," Marty Haugen, GIA, SATB, keybd (E)

Art

The Daughter of the Canaanite Woman, Peter Koenig (VDL)

The Canaanite Woman's Prayer, Anneke Kaai (AK)
Rag Collectors, Eugene Laermans (VDL)

September 12, 2027

Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 19

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Proverbs 1:20–33

Psalm 19

Complementary

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 116:1–9

James 3:1–12

Mark 8:27–38

Wisdom cries out in the street: Ignore my word at your peril.

The heavens declare God's glory; the law of the Lord is good.

God has given me the tongue of a teacher, to sustain the weary.

Lord, you deliver me from death, from weeping, from stumbling.

Words have the power to bless and curse; use them wisely.

Jesus says: You must take up the cross if you want to follow me.

Call to Worship

Morning by morning we rise in God's presence.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Yet day after day we stray from the path of life.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

We lose focus; we are lost in shame, and still,

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

God who listens,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who call for help . . .

Bring rescue and dedicated companions.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who work in crisis response . . .

Protect and sustain them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for any who need rest they cannot find . . .

Give reprieve and nourishment.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer anguish . . .

Deliver them from their distress.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who need mercy . . .

Save them from despair.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are near death . . .

Welcome them into everlasting peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God,

you have already delivered us.

Return us to your steadfast love

until our stumbling becomes dancing.

Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

(GENEVAN 42) GTG 87 (O)

Rejoice in God's Saints (OLD 104TH) GTG 732 (G)

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

(SUO GAN) GTG 231 (G)

WORD

God Is Calling through the Whisper

(W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY) GTG 410 (O)

Depth of Mercy (CANTERBURY) UMH 355 (O)

God Be in My Head (GOD BE IN MY HEAD) AM 642 (E)

Que mi vida entera esté / Take My Life and Let It

Be (CONSAGRACIÓN) FJ 68 (G)

EUCCHARIST

For the Fruit of All Creation

(AR HYD Y NOS) GTG 36 (E)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

(ST. CHRISTOPHER) GTG 216 (G)

Give Me Jesus (GIVE ME JESUS (Spiritual)) ZSS 84 (G)

SENDING

Open My Eyes, That I May See

(OPEN MY EYES) GTG 451 (O)

O Day of Peace (JERUSALEM) GTG 373 (E)

We Will Follow (SOMLANDELA) WAS 316o (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 19

Metrical

Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me [IRREGULAR]

AAHH 63o

Heaven Declares Thy Glory, Lord [BOULDER] RIL 411

Responsorial

Hear the Commandments of Life UMH 75o

Through the Witness of Creation PAS 19C

Psalm 116:1-9

Metrical

Help for the World's Despair [IRREGULAR] GWA 136

O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace [MARTYRDOM]

PH 228

Responsorial

I Love the Lord Who Heard My Cry PAS 116 D

How Can I Repay the Lord PSA 116

Organ Music

"I Danced in the Morning," SIMPLE GIFTS, *Praise! Eight Pieces for Organ*, arr. Emma Lou Diemer, SAC (M)

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word," *The Concordia Hymn Prelude Series*, vol. 24, arr. Thomas Gieschen, CON (E)

"Thy Strong Word," EBENEZER, *Ten Chorale Improvisations, Set 8*, arr. Paul Manz, MSM (ME)

"How Great Thou Art," *Augsburg Organ Library: Healing and Funeral*, arr. J. Wayne Kerr, AF (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"The Heavens Are Telling," Franz Joseph Haydn, CPDL, SATB, STB soli, keybd (A)

"God Be in My Head," John Rutter, OUP, SATB, acap (M)

"How Can I Keep from Singing?" arr. Taylor Davis, MSM, SATB, pno, fl, ob (M)

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," arr. Gilbert Martin, TPR, SATB, keybd (M)

"Day by Day," Thomas Keesecker, MSM, uni, keybd (E)

"A Hymn to God Creator," John Ferguson, MSM, SATB div, org (A)

Art

Wisdom, Ayibiowu, Olusola David (VDL)

Maestrapeace Mural, San Francisco, Juana Alicia, Miranda Bergman, Edythe Boone, Susan Kelk Cervantes, Meera Desai, Yvonne Littleton, and Irene Perez, 1994 (VDL)

Hagia Sofia, Istanbul, Turkey, 532 (VDL)

September 19, 2027

Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 20

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Proverbs 31:10–31

Psalm 1

A poem on the virtues and gifts of a strong and capable woman.
Those who delight in God's law will prosper like trees by the water.

Complementary

Jeremiah 11:18–20

Psalm 54

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Mark 9:30–37

Jeremiah laments: I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.
Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me against my enemies.
Wisdom from above is pure, peaceful, gentle; draw near to God.
Jesus foretells his dying and rising, then he welcomes a little child.

Call to Worship

We come seeking gentleness born of wisdom.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

But sometimes we seek righteousness
in order to be seen.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Jesus surprises us, welcoming the least among us.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

Mighty God,
give ear to our words.

We pray for those whose lives are in danger . . .
Accompany them to safe places.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for nations at war . . .
Bring peace and reconciliation where there
is conflict.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who serve the most
vulnerable . . .
Give them strength and perseverance.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need of lifesaving
medical care . . .
Put an end to unequal access to health care
and uphold the lives of those who suffer.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are near death . . .
Welcome them into everlasting peace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God,
we offer these prayers with thanksgiving.
Keep us in life and in death,
that we may find safety and salvation.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

For All the Faithful Women (NYLAND) GTG 324 (O)
God of the Fertile Fields (ITALIAN HYMN) GTG 714 (E)
Earth and All Stars! (EARTH AND ALL STARS) GTG 26 (E)
For the Healing of the Nations
(ST. THOMAS (Wade)) GTG 346 (G)

WORD

O Dios, por nuestros padres / O Father of Creation
(AURELIA) FJ 102 (O)

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace
(O WALY WALY) GTG 302 (O)

Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring
(JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING) UMH 644 (E)

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
(THE SERVANT SONG) GTG 727 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
(QUEBEC) GTG 494 (E)

As We Gather at Your Table (BEACH SPRING) VU 457 (G)

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name
(COME, SHARE THE LORD) GTG 510 (G)

SENDING

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
(PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS) GTG 753 (E)

When We Are Living (SOMOS DEL SEÑOR) GTG 822 (E)
Draw the Circle Wide (DRAW THE CIRCLE) WAS 3154 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 1

Metrical

I Shall Not Be Moved [I SHALL NOT BE MOVED]
AAHH 479

How Happy Are the Saints of God [WAREHAM]
GTG 457

Responsorial

Happy Are Those Who Trust in the Lord PAS 1B

Psalm 54

Metrical

O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry [DETROIT]
GTG 812

My Soul Finds Rest in God [IRREGULAR] GWA 7

Responsorial

Lord, You Are My Strength; Hasten to Help Me
PAS 54A

Lord, Hear My Prayer PP 104

Organ Music

ST. DENIO, *Augsburg Organ Library: Autumn*, arr. David
Evan Thomas, AF (M)

"Listen to the Lambs," *Kings of Kings*, vol. 4, arr.
Adolphus Hailstork, GIA (E)

"Antiphon V," *Fifteen Pieces for Organ*, Marcel Dupré,
HWG (MA)

"Jesus Loves Me," arr. Jason D. Payne, LOR (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"We Shall Not Be Moved," arr. Adam and Matt
Podd, Podd Brothers Music, SATB, pno (E)

"I Am His Child," Moses Hogan, AMP, SATB, pno (E)

"Woman in the Night," William Rowan, SEL, SATB,
keybd (M)

"Cantique de Jean Racine," Gabriel Fauré, Broude
Brothers, SATB, pno (A)

"Jesus Loves Me," arr. John Ferguson, AF, SATB,
pno (M)

"Lord, Make Me an Instrument," M. Roger Holland
II, GIA, SATB, pno (M)

Art

Idea: Use children's artwork from the congregation
for this day's bulletin art.

Lucy Higgs Tending to the Wounded, Kathy Grant,
2013 (VDL)

Christ Teaching the Disciples, Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi
Rahib, Arabic Gospel manuscript, 1684 (VDL)

Build the Town Building Blocks, Ladislav Sutnar,
1940–43 (MoMA)

September 26, 2027

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 21

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10;
9:20-22 Queen Esther uses her influence to save her people from death.

Psalm 124 We have escaped from a trap; our help is in the name of the Lord.

Complementary

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,
24-29 Among the elders, a controversy erupts over who can prophesy.

Psalm 19:7-14 Clear me from hidden faults; let my words be acceptable to you.

James 5:13-20 Pray for one another; faithful prayer brings healing and forgiveness.

Mark 9:38-50 The disciples find someone else casting out demons in Jesus' name.

Call to Worship

Gather round with prayer and praise.

Come, let us worship God.

God's Spirit empowers us.

Come, let us worship God.

Great demands yield greater gifts.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercession

Rock and redeemer,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who seek clarity . . .
Enlighten their eyes with your commandments.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are weary . . .
Revive them with your perfect law.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who long for righteousness . . .
Give them reason to rejoice.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are at fault . . .
Turn them toward your mercy.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who preach . . .
Give them words acceptable to you.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God,
in your law is perfect freedom.
Guide us in ways of justice and truth,
that we may learn your wisdom
and live in humility.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
(LAUDA ANIMA) GTG 619 (O)

When the Morning Stars Together
(WEISSE FLAGGEN) GTG 689 (E)

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
(AUGUSTINE) GTG 636 (E)

We Praise You, O God (KREMSE) GTG 612 (G)

WORD

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(TRENTHAM) GTG 286 (O)

Christ Is the World's True Light (ST. JOAN) EH 542 (E)

We Cannot Measure How You Heal
(YE BANKS AND BRAES) GTG 797 (E)

Touch the Earth Lightly (TENDERNESS) GTG 713 (G)

EUCCHARIST

God Calls You Good (Vasile) SFHO (G)
Holy Lamb of God (YA HAMALALLAH) GTG 602 (E)
In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
(IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL) GTG 654 (G)

SENDING

Christ for the World We Sing
(ITALIAN HYMN) UMH 568 (E)
Together We Serve (SAN ANSELMO) GTG 767 (G)
All Who Love and Serve Your City
(CHARLESTOWN) GTG 351 (G)
Amen, We Praise Your Name
(AMEN SIAKUDUMISA) GTG 598 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 124

Metrical

Our Help Is in the Name of God [OLD 124TH] GTG 330
All My Help Comes from the Lord [IRREGULAR]
OLOF 104

Responsorial

Praise the Lord! PP 250
When the Storms of Life Are Raging UMH 846

Psalm 19:7-14

Metrical

Acceptable to You [IRREGULAR] AAHH 390
God's Law Is Perfect and Gives Life [HALIFAX] PH 167

Responsorial

Hear the Commandments of Life UMH 750
The Statutes of the Lord Are Just PSA 13

Organ Music

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified," ENGLEBERG,
The Essential Collection for the Church Organist,
vol. 1, arr. Sue Mitchell Wallace, HOPE (ME)
"His Eye Is on the Sparrow," SPARROW, *King of Kings*,
vol. 3, arr. Carl Haywood, GIA (M)
"Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode," *Three Hymn*
Settings for Organ, Set 1, Claude de Sermissy, arr.
Paul Manz, MSM (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"The Call," Z. Randall Stroope, MSM, SATB,
keybd (M)
"Prayer of St. Francis," René Clausen, SHAW,
SATB div, pno (M)
"The Heavens Declare," James Brighton, CGA, uni,
pno (E)
"Hear My Prayer," Henry Purcell, CPDL, SATB div,
acap (A)
"My Faith, My Hope," Gwyneth Walker, MSM,
SATB, org (M)

Art

Prayer, Max Weber, 1920 (NGA)
Halleluia-Prayer, Miriam (Marussia) Hadgadya, 1935
(NGA)
Virginia at Prayer, Sally Mann, 1991 (NGA)
Prayer, Albert Urban, 1945 (NGA)

October 3, 2027

Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 22

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalm 26

Satan begins a contest with the Lord, testing Job's faithfulness.

Vindicate me, O Lord; I have trusted you and walked in integrity.

Complementary

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

God sees that the man is alone, and creates a partner for him.

Majestic Lord, what are human beings that you are mindful of them?

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Now God speaks to us by a Son, made lower than the angels.

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus responds to a question on divorce and blesses little children.

Call to Worship

God fills the earth with abundant diversity.

Come, let us worship God.

Humanity is crowned with glory and honor
to sustain it.

Come, let us worship God.

We come before God with the wisdom of little
children.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercession

Sovereign God,
how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Hear our prayer.

We pray for victims of tyranny . . .
Silence the enemy and those who seek vengeance.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for sheep and all creatures of the land . . .
Teach us to tread lightly on the earth.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for birds and creatures of the seas . . .
Give them healthy habitats in which to thrive.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those impacted
by the destruction of ocean ecosystems . . .
Turn hearts and minds toward solutions for repair.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who work with their hands in
science and the arts . . .

Give them wisdom and wonder to sustain them
and rest from weariness.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wondrous God,
who are we that you care for us?
Teach us to love what you have made with our
whole hearts,
that we may use our dominion to bring healing to
the earth.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

(PLEADING SAVIOR) GTG 23 (O)

Oh Luz divina (DIVINA LUZ) FJ 93 (O)

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

(LLANFAIR) UMH 312 (E)

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

(BEACH SPRING) GTG 490 (G)

WORD

God of the Sparrow (ROEDER) GTG 22 (O)

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

(LACQUIPARLE) GTG 21 (O)

Fairest Lord Jesus (CRUSADERS' HYMN) GTG 630 (E)

Jesus Loves Me! (JESUS LOVES ME) GTG 188 (G)

EUCCHARIST

O Day of Rest and Gladness

(ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN) GTG 393 (O)

You Belong to Christ

(YOU BELONG TO CHRIST) GTG 492 (G)

Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

(ARFON) GTG 496 (G)

SENDING

For the Beauty of the Earth (DIX) GTG 14 (O)

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

(ERMUNTRE DICH) GTG 130 (E)

God of Many Faces (SLANE) SFHO (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 26

Metrical

O Light That Knew No Dawn [EASTVIEW] RIL 439

Let This Be My Supreme Desire [IRREGULAR]

PAS 26 B

Responsorial

Redeem Me and Show Me Your Mercy PSA 24

Your Love Is Before My Eyes PAS 24 A

Psalm 8

Metrical

Los cielos cuentan la gloria de Dios [IRREGULAR]

SSS 11

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent [WINCHESTER OLD]

GTG 25

Responsorial

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above UMH 743

O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name

PAS 8E

Organ Music

“Give Me Jesus,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Summer*,
arr. Richard Billingham, AF (M)

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul,” *The Concordia Hymn
Prelude Series*, vol. 19, arr. Wilbur Head, CON (E)

RHOSYMEDRE, *Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes*,
Ralph Vaughan Williams, IMSLP (ME)

“Talk about a Child That Do Love Jesus,” *King of
Kings*, vol. 3, arr. Calvin Taylor, GIA (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy,” arr. Bryan
Sharpe, LOR, SATB, acap (M)

“City Called Heaven,” arr. Josephine Poelinitz,
CV, SATB, solo, pno (E)

“Lord My God, a Wonder Fills My Heart and Soul,”
W. A. Mozart, arr. Hal Hopson, HOPE, SAB,
keybd (M)

“Fairest Lord Jesus,” Derek Hakes, BP, SAB, pno (E)

“Esto Les Digo,” Kinley Lange, AMP, SATB, acap (A)

“Wana Baraka,” arr. Shawn Kirchner, SBMP, SATB
div, acap (A)

Art

Made With Love series, Olalekan Jeyifous, 2019
(MoMA)

Table Manners: Season 2, Zina Saro-Wiwa, 2019
(MoMA)

A Poem about the Cosmos, Caroline Kent, 2022
(MoMA)

Inner and Outer Space, Laida Lertxundi, 2021
(MoMA)

October 10, 2027

Twenty-first Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 23

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Job complains bitterly about the absence of God in his suffering.

My God, why do you forsake me? You lay me in the dust of death.

Complementary

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Establish justice; seek good and not evil, so that you may live.

Satisfy us with your love, O Lord; prosper the work of our hands.

The living word of God is our judge; Jesus is our great high priest.

For God all things are possible; the last will be first in the kingdom.

Call to Worship

God sees us as we are.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Yet we don't always do as Jesus did.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Will you give up everything to establish justice?

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

Steadfast God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who wait for justice . . .
Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion
on your servants.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who wait for healing . . .
Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion
on your servants.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who wait for a loved one . . .
Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion
on your servants.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who wait for resolution . . .
Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion
on your servants.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who wait for affirmation . . .
Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion
on your servants.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are impatient . . .
Turn impatience into persistence.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who work with their hands
in giving care . . .
Give them wisdom and wonder to sustain them
and rest from weariness.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all times,
teach us to count our days,
that we may have a wise heart.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Christ Is Alive! (TRURO) GTG 246 (E)
 Womb of Life and Source of Being (RAQUEL) GTG 3 (E)
 Celebramos del Señor (VICTORIA) FJ 42 (E)
 The Strife Is O'er (VICTORY) GTG 236 (G)

WORD

O Lord My God (HOW GREAT THOU ART) GTG 625 (O)
 Blest Be the Holy Other (EVAN) SFHO (O)
 Speak, O Lord (Getty & Townend) AM 388 (E)

EUCCHARIST

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
 (PASS ME NOT) UMH 351 (E)
 Lamb of God (AGNUS DEI (Vasile)) GTG 603 (E)
 This Is the Feast of Victory
 (FESTIVAL CANTICLE) GTG 513 (G)

SENDING

What Does the Lord Require of You?
 (MOON) GTG 70 (O)
 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
 (WALK WITH ME) GTG 775 (E)
 Lift High the Cross (CRUCIFER) GTG 826 (G)
 All My Days (HIXON) WAS 3011 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 22:1-15

Metrical

In the Presence of Your People [CELEBRATION] PAS 22 F
 Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me [DISTRESS] GTG 210

Responsorial

All the Ends of the Earth Shall Remember UMH 752
 My God, My God PSA 16

Psalm 90:12-17

Metrical

O Praise the Gracious Power [CHRISTPRAISE RAY]
 PH 471
 God Everlasting at Your Word [LYONS] PAS 90 A

Responsorial

Lord, in You Do I Trust PP 164
 God, You Are My Refuge UMH 809

Organ Music

"Fugue in E flat Major," ST. ANNE, *Neue Bach-Ausgabe, Series IV, Band 4*, J. S. Bach, IMSLP (A)
 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," NETTLETON, *The Essential Collection for the Church Organist, Book 1*, arr. Joel Raney, HOPE (MA)
 "Kingsfold / I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," *Step It Up! Volume 3: Hymns from the Isles*, arr. Meirion Wynn Jones, World Library Publications (M)
 "O Love, How Deep," DEO GRACIAS, *Ten Chorale Improvisations, Set 9*, arr. Paul Manz, MSM (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Happy and Blest Are They," Felix Mendelssohn, ECS, SATB, org (M)
 "Dream On, Dream On," arr. Michael Burkhardt, MSM, SATB, treble, hb, pno (M)
 "What Does the Lord Require?" Eric Nelson, MSM, SAB, pno (E)
 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," arr. Mack Wilberg, OUP, SATB div, org (M)
 "Walk with Me, Lord," Rosephanye Powell, GP, SATB, org, (M)
 "I Need Thee Every Hour," arr. Moses Hogan, HAL, SATB, acap (E)

Art

Untitled, Carmen Herrera, 2018 (MoMA)
Job and His Friends, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Moscow, ca. 1500 (VDL)
Table Manners: Season 2, Zina Saro-Wiwa, 2019 (MoMA)
Wrestling Details 1-4, Carroll Dunham, 2019-21 (MoMA)

October 17, 2027

Twenty-second Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 24

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Job 38:1-7 (34-41) From the whirlwind, the Lord answers Job: Who else is like God?
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Bless the Lord: sovereign over all things, wrapped in glorious light.

Complementary

Isaiah 53:4-12 The suffering servant of God was wounded for our iniquities.
Psalm 91:9-16 The Lord says: I will deliver and protect those who love me.
Hebrews 5:1-10 The Son of God suffered willingly; now he is our great high priest.
Mark 10:35-45 Jesus came to be a servant and to give his life for others.

Call to Worship

Like sheep, we have gone astray.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Follow the one who humbled himself.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Follow the one who was servant of all.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

God our dwelling place,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are unhoused . . .
Provide safe housing
and inspire leaders to advocate for the poor.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are victims of evil . . .
Surround them with love stronger than death.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who perpetrate evil . . .
End cycles of violence and exploitation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are injured . . .
Bring healing and recovery.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have injured others . . .
Bring restoration and reconciliation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who call for help . . .
Listen and hear; send people to support them.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deliverer,
protect your children with your love,
that we might learn to love one another
and be satisfied our whole life long.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

(HYMN TO JOY) GTG 611 (O)

Give Praise to the Lord

(LAUDATE DOMINUM) GTG 550 (G)

The Risen Christ (THE RISEN CHRIST) WAS 3179 (G)

WORD

Christ Be Beside Me (BUNESSAN) GTG 702 (O)

My Song Is Love Unknown

(LOVE UNKNOWN) GTG 209 (E)

Why Do Nations Rage Together

(EBENEZER) GTG 758 (E)

There Is a Balm in Gilead

(BALM IN GILEAD) GTG 792 (G)

EUCCHARIST

God Loves Us in Mysterious Ways

(DUNDEE) SFHO (O)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

(SALZBURG) EH 174 (E)

This is the Night (MY NEIGHBOR) GTG 206 (G)

SENDING

Let All Things Now Living (ASH GROVE) GTG 37 (O)

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

(TALLIS' CANON) GTG 675 (G)

As We Part for the Towns and Cities

(CONNECTION) WAS 3180 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Metrical

Al Rey adorad [LYONS] SSS 2

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being! [RUSTINGTON]

GTG 34

Responsorial

Lord, Serve Out Your Spirit PAS 104 G

Praise to the Lord UMH 826

Psalms 91:9-16

Metrical

The Angels Keep A-watching [IRREGULAR] AAHH 130

El que habita al abrigo de Dios [ABRIGO DE DIOS]

SSS 49

Responsorial

God Is My Light PP 166

Grant Us Salvation UMH 810

Organ Music

"Elegie," *Organ Music for Manuals, Book 1*, César Franck, OUP (E)

"Herzliebster Jesu," *Organ Works*, Johannes Brahms, IMSLP (M)

"On Eagle's Wings," *Augsburg Organ Library: Funeral and Healing*, arr. Marilyn Biery, AF (E)

"Christus, der ist mein leben," Johann Gottfried Walther, IMSLP (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs," Allen Pote, HOPE, SATB, keybd (E)

"All That Hath Life and Breath," Rene Clausen, MF, SATB div, acap (A)

"Christus Paradox," Alfred Fedak, GIA, SATB, keybd (E)

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord," arr. Ralph Johnson, earthsongs, SATB, acap (E)

"Greater Love Hath No Man," John Ireland, OUP, SATB, org (A)

"Ain-a That Good News," arr. William Dawson, HAL, SATB, acap (M)

Art

The Lord Answers Job Out of the Whirlwind, William Blake, 1805-6 (VDL)

Wind Piece, Hans Haacke, 1969 (NGA)

The Wind, Félix Vallotton, 1910 (NGA)

October 24, 2027

Twenty-third Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 25

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Now Job answers the Lord, and repents; God restores his fortunes.
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) I will bless the Lord at all times; I cried, and God answered me.

Complementary

Jeremiah 31:7-9 The Lord says: I will gather my people from the ends of the earth.
Psalm 126 Those who went out weeping will come home with shouts of joy.
Hebrews 7:23-28 Jesus is a high priest forever; his own sacrifice was once for all.
Mark 10:46-52 Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight: Your faith has made you well.

Call to Worship

God gathers everything together for good.

Come, let us worship God.

In Christ we have a high priest who
intercedes for us.

Come, let us worship God.

Take heart; in Christ we are made well.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercession

Restore our fortunes, O Lord;
hear our prayer.

We pray for people who have faced affliction . . .
Give them new life and hope in you.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for refugees and people in exile . . .
Gather them up in your great love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who struggle with sin . . .
Forgive them and lead them in right paths.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are afraid to act . . .
Strengthen them to do your will.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who must beg for bread . . .
Give us compassion for people in need.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who long for healing . . .
Give them faith and make them well.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
that those who have gone out weeping
may come home with shouts of joy;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(AZMON'S GHOST) WAS 3001 (O)

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

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity
(KINGSFOLD) WAS 3017 (E)

I'll Praise My Maker (OLD 113TH) GTG 806 (G)

WORD

It Is a Thing Most Wonderful (HERONGATE) AM 145 (O)
Within Our Darkest Night

(DANS NOS OBSCURITÉS) GTG 294 (O)

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

The Woman Hiding in the Crowd
(SIMMONS) GTG 178 (G)

EUCCHARIST

Sign Us with Ashes (PHOENIX) GTG 433 (O)

Seed, Scattered and Sown

(SEED SCATTERED) GTG 531 (E)

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

(SOFTLY AND TENDERLY) GTG 418 (G)

SENDING

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

(ST. MARGARET) GTG 833 (O)

O Beauty Ever Ancient (ANCIENT BEAUTY) GTG 650 (E)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(HYFRYDOL) GTG 366 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 34:1-8 (19-22)

Metrical

The Lord Will Listen [5.5.5.6] GWA 185

Know That God Is Good [MUNGO NI MWEMA] GTG 659

Responsorial

I Will Bless the Lord at All Times PAS 34 A

(alternate)

Come Bless the Lord PP 66

Psalms 126

Metrical

He Has Done Great Things for Me

[GREAT THINGS] AAHH 507

When God Delivered Israel [SHEAVES] PH 237

Responsorial

Those Who Sow in Tears P&C 131

Our Mouth Was Filled with Laughter PAS 126 B

Organ Music

SLANE, *Step It Up! Volume 3: Hymns from the Isles*,

arr. Meirion Wynn Jones, World Library

Publications (E)

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure,” *Ten Chorale*

Improvisations, Set 3, op. 9, Paul Manz, CON (MA)

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus,” *The Essential*

Collection for the Church Organist, Book 1, arr.

Lloyd Larson, HOPE (E)

“Petit Offertoire,” *Organ Music for Manuals, Book II*,

César Franck, OUP (E)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“My Eyes for Beauty Pine,” Herbert Howells, OUP,

SATB, org (M)

“O Taste and See,” Ralph Vaughan Williams, OUP,

SATB, org (E)

“Sometimes a Light Surprises,” Craig Courtney, BP,

SATB, pno (M)

“Salmo 150,” Ernani Aguiar, earthsongs, SATB,

acap (A)

“Laudate Dominum,” W. A. Mozart, LG, SATB, sop,

pno (M)

“Phind’ukhulume,” Mzwandile Mabuza, WAL,

SATB, acap (A)

Art

Lord, That I May See, Matyas Church, Hungary,

1970 (VDL)

Healing of the Man Born Blind, di Buoninsegna

Duccio, 1307 (VDL)

Following Christ, Anneke Kaai (AK)

October 31, 2027

Twenty-fourth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 26

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146

Ruth decides to go with Naomi to Judah: Where you go, I will go.
Happy are those who put their trust in the Lord, the God of Jacob.

Complementary

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalm 119:1-8

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

Hear, O Israel: The Lord alone is our God; you shall love the Lord.
Happy are those who seek God and walk in the ways of the Lord.
By the blood of Christ, our high priest, we will be made clean.
Jesus summarizes the commandments: to love God and neighbor.

Call to Worship

Follow God's commandments, which are for all generations.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Follow to be freed for meaningful worship.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Follow by loving God and neighbor with everything we have.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

O Lord our God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for elders among us . . .
Teach us to honor and cherish them.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for children and youth . . .
Guard and guide them as they learn and grow.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those affected by violence . . .
Bring peace and put an end to bloodshed.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all living creatures . . .
Show us how to live in right relationship.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people of faith in every place . . .
Help us to love and serve you together.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors . . .
Help us to love them as you love us.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord our God,
keep your commandments in our hearts,
that we may follow you faithfully;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
(MORECAMBE) GTG 688 (O)

The Day of Resurrection! (LANCASHIRE) GTG 233 (E)

The God of Abraham Praise (LEONI) GTG 49 (O)

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (ST. THOMAS) GTG 310 (G)

WORD

Jesus, Priceless Treasure
(JESU, MEINE FREUDE) GTG 830 (E)

Above the Voices of the World around Me
(REPTON) AM 114 (E)

We've Come This Far by Faith
(THIS FAR BY FAITH) GTG 656 (G)

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us (AUSTIN) GTG 44 (G)

EUCCHARIST

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(ROCKINGHAM) GTG 224 (E)

In the Singing (BREAD OF PEACE) GTG 533 (E)

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

(I LOVE THE LORD) GTG 799 (G)

SENDING

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

(I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN) GTG 729 (O)

O Sing to the Lord (CANTAI AO SENHOR) GTG 637 (O)

To God Be the Glory (TO GOD BE THE GLORY) GTG 634 (E)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 119:1-8

Metrical

This Is the Day / Este es el día [ESTE ES EL DÍA] GTG 391

Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart [RICHMOND] PH 233

Responsorial

Oh Lord, My Delight PAS 119 G

Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet UMH 840

Organ Music

ROMEDAL, *Augsburg Organ Library: Reformation*, arr.

Robert Buckley Farlee, AF (ME)

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices,” *Ten Chorale*

Improvisations, Set II, Op. 9, Paul Manz (ME)

“Antiphon III,” *Fifteen Pieces*, Marcel Dupré,

HWG (M)

“O Waly, Waly / The Gift of Love,” *Step It Up! Volume*

3: Hymns from the Isles, arr. Meirion Wynn Jones,

World Library Publications (ME)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“Song of Ruth,” David Childs, SBMP, SATB, pno (M)

“Song of Ruth,” David Hamilton, GP, SAB, pno (E)

“The Gift of Love,” Hal Hopson, HOPE, SATB,
pno (E)

“Beati Quorum Via,” C. V. Stanford, BH, SATB,
acap (A)

“If Ye Love Me,” Peter Wilby, Banks Music, SATB/
solo, keybd (M)

“Ubi Caritas,” Maurice Duruflé, Durand Editions,
SATB, acap (A)

Art

Sunrise, Sunset, Edie Mae Herrel, 1983 (VDL)

Come Unto Me, Little Children, William H. Johnson,
1944 (VDL)

Creation of Birds and Animals, Palatine Chapel,
Palermo, Italy, 12th century (VDL) (PD)

October 31, 2027

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.

Congregational Song

GATHERING

O God, Who Gives Us Life (NOEL) GTG 53 (O)
 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
 (EIN' FESTE BURG) GTG 275 (O)
 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
 (TOULON) GTG 624 (E)
 Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives
 (ST. DENIO) SFHO (G)

WORD

Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect
 (CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN) GTG 61 (O)
 In an Age of Twisted Values
 (CHURCH UNITED) GTG 345 (G)
 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
 (SOLID ROCK) GTG 353 (E)

EUCCHARIST

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
 (UNION SEMINARY) GTG 529 (E)
 Now the Silence (NOW) GTG 534 (G)
 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen
 (SURGE ECCLESIA) GTG 536 (G)

SENDING

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
 (DUNLAP'S CREEK) GTG 817 (E)
 The Days Are Surely Coming
 (LLANGLOFFAN) GTG 357 (O)
 Abide With Me (EVENTIDE) GTG 836 (E)
 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
 (ST. ANNE) GTG 687 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 46

Metrical

Be Still, My Soul [FINLANDIA] GTG 819
 Dios es nuestra amparo [AMPARO] PAS 46 B

Responsorial

The Lord of Hosts Is with Us PH 193
 Be Still and Know That I Am God UMH 780
 (general)

Organ Music

"Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr,'" *Seasonal Chorale*
Preludes for Manuals Only, book 1, G. F. Telemann,
 OUP (E)
 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," *The Essential*
Collection for the Church Organist, Book 1, arr. Don
 Hustad, HOPE (MA)
 "Cuéllar," *Augsburg Organ Library: Reformation*,
 arr. Aaron David Miller, AF (MA)
 "To God Be the Glory," *Grace and Majesty*, arr.
 Marianne Kim, BP (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen," David
 Cherwien, MSM, SATB, org, brass (M)
 "Ascribe to the Lord," Rosephanye Powell, GP,
 SATB, pno (M)
 "By Faith," arr. Lloyd Larson, HOPE, SATB, pno (E)
 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," John Ferguson, AF,
 SATB, org (A)
 "Amazing Grace," Richard Proulx, GIA, SATB, C
 inst (E)
 "God Is Our Refuge and Strength," Allen Pote,
 HOPE, SATB, keybd, opt tpt (M)



*2025 All Saints
Kelly Latimore*

1st Row left to right – Fannie Lou Hamer, St. Francis of Assisi, Dr. James Cone, St. Joseph and Baby Jesus, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Maya Angelou

2nd Row – Desmond Tutu, Pauli Murray, Henri Nouwen, Mother of God: Our Lady of the Oppressed, Mary Oliver, Frederick Douglass

3rd Row – Bayard Rustin, Our Lady: Protectress of the Most Vulnerable, Mary Magdalene, Nicholas Black Elk, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Madonna and Child (the Madonna scroll)

4th Row – St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Dorothy Day, James Baldwin, Thomas Merton, Fred Rogers, Ruth and Naomi

5th Row – J.R.R. Tolkien, Pope Francis, Marsha P. Johnson, Mother St. John Fontbonne, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., St. Hildegard of Bingen

6th Row – St. Mark, Mahalia Jackson, Gustavo Gutierrez, John Lewis, St. Patrick, St. Dulce of the Poor

November 1, 2027

All Saints' Day

Color: White

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9	A feast on the day of the Lord; God will swallow up death forever.
Psalms 24	Who will enter God's presence? Those with clean hearts and hands.
Revelation 21:1-6a	A vision of the new creation: See, God is making all things new.
John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, from the dead.

Call to Worship

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God.

Praise God for faithful people.

Those who trust God will be glad and rejoice.

Praise God for faithful people.

They abide with God in love.

Praise God for faithful people.

Prayers of Intercession

God of glory,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who dwell in the dust of death . . .

Raise them up to your holy mountain.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who feel disgraced . . .

Welcome them to the feast of salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your good creation . . .

Restore the glory of heaven and earth.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our cities and towns . . .

Dwell with us here and be our God.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are mourning . . .

Comfort them and dry every tear.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose hope is lost . . .

Show them the wonder of your saving love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory,
lift up the gates of salvation,
that we may dwell in your house forever;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

For All the Saints (SINE NOMINE) GTG 326 (E)

Thanks Be to God for the Saints

(LOBE DEN HERREN) AM 310 (O)

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

(GRAND ISLE) GTG 730 (G)

WORD

When We Are Living (SOMOS DEL SEÑOR) GTG 822 (G)

Be Still, My Soul (FINLANDIA) GTG 819 (E)

In the Bulb There Is a Flower (PROMISE) GTG 250 (O)

O Holy City, Seen of John (MORNING SONG) GTG 374 (E)

EUCCHARIST

Welcome (WELCOME) WAS 3152 (E)

Hope of the World (DONNE SECOURS) GTG 734 (G)

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven (LLANFAIR)

GTG 511 (E)

SENDING

O Day of Peace (JERUSALEM) GTG 373 (E)

My Lord! What a Morning

(MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING) GTG 352 (E)

Shall We Gather at the River

(HANSON PLACE) GTG 375 (G)

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

(REPTON) GTG 731 (E)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 24

Metrical

Glory, Glory Halleluiah [IRREGULAR] AAHH 500
The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein [LOBT GOTT,
IHR CHRISTEN] PAS 24 A

Responsorial

Lift Up the Gates Eternal [GILU HAGALILIM] GTG 364
Come, All You Pure in Heart PP 44

Organ Music

“Hornpipe,” *Old English Organ Music for Manuals*,
Book 2, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, OUP (E)
“Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein,” BWV 641, J. S.
Bach, IMSLP (ME)
SINE NOMINE, *Augsburg Organ Library: Funeral and*
Healing, arr. Wayne L. Wold, AF (MA)
“We’re Marching to Zion,” *The Essential Collection for*
the Church Organist, Book 1, arr. Gordon Young,
HOPE (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“And I Saw a New Heaven,” Edward C. Bainton,
NOV, SATB, org (M)
“In Paradisum,” Dan Forrest, HIN, SATB, org,
optional brass, handbells (M)
“Behold a New Creation,” James Biery, MSM, SATB/
cantor, org (E)
“Sing Me to Heaven,” Daniel Gawthrop, Dunstan
House, SATB, acap (A)
“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place, from Requiem”
GSH, SATB, org (A)
“Go, Silent Friend,” John Bell, GIA, SATB, keybd (E)

Art

Shrine (White), Agosto Machado, 2022 (MoMA)
Lazarus, Laura James, 2000 (LJ)
Take Away the Stone, John August Swanson (VDL)

November 7, 2027

Twenty-fifth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 27

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalm 127

Complementary

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Ruth and Boaz have a son, who will become an ancestor to David.

Unless the Lord builds the house, the workers labor in vain.

With meager resources, a widow miraculously feeds Elijah.

Do not put your trust in princes; God gives food to the hungry.

Christ entered the sanctuary of heaven; he will come again to save.

Jesus criticizes the scribes and praises the gift of a poor widow.

Call to Worship

Sometimes we feel like we have nothing to give.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

We follow one who offers everything.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

We eagerly wait for the appearance of Christ.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Prayers of Intercession

God our help and hope,

hear our prayer.

We pray for widows and orphans . . .

Bless them with grace and favor.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are hungry . . .

Fill them with good things.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are suffering . . .

Bring comfort and peace to them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are near to death . . .

Raise them up to new life in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people who are vulnerable . . .

Give them shelter and a place of honor.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people who are poor . . .

Turn their poverty into abundance.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our help and hope,
teach us to trust in you alone,
that we may praise your name all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

When God Restored Our Common Life

(RESIGNATION) GTG 74 (O)

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

(HELMSLEY) GTG 348 (E)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL) GTG 260 (E)

We Lift Our Voices (OFFERING) GTG 710 (G)

WORD

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

(ABERYSTWYTH) GTG 163 (O)

We Give Thee but Thine Own

(SCHUMANN) GTG 708 (G)

When the Poor Ones (EL CAMINO) GTG 762 (O)

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

(MERLE'S TUNE) GTG 378 (E)

EUCCHARIST

Where Charity and Love Prevail

(TWENTY-FOURTH) GTG 316 (G)

Take, O Take Me as I Am (TAKE ME AS I AM) GTG 698 (G)

God, We Honor You (ABUNDANT BLESSINGS) GTG 709 (O)

SENDING

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

(HOUSTON) GTG 377 (E)

Sing a New World Into Being (NETTLETON) SFHO (E)

Take My Life (HENDON) GTG 697 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 127

Metrical

Si el Señor el no edifice [IRREGULAR] SSS 278

Let Us Build a House [TWO OAKS] GTG 301

Responsorial

The Lord Protects and Blesses PSA 132

Lord, You Are My Help and Stay PP 258

Psalm 146

Metrical

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! [LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR]
GTG 390

Sing Praise to God [IRREGULAR] GWA 22

Responsorial

I Will Praise My God All the Days of My Life PH 254

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia PAS 146 B

Organ Music

AR HYD Y NOS, *Step It Up! Volume 3: Hymns from the Isles*, arr. Meirion Wynn Jones, World Library Publications (E)

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul,” ABERYSTWYTH, *Grace and Majesty*, arr. Marianne Kim, BP (E)

“I’ll Sing My Father’s Praises,” *Ten Chorale Improvisations, Set 5*, Paul Manz, MSM (M)

“Fanfare on Darwall’s 148th,” *King of Kings*, vol. 4, arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton, GIA (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“When the Poor Ones,” David Cherwien, MSM, SATB, gtr (E)

“We Shall Walk Through the Valley,” arr. Marques L. A. Garrett, MF, SSAATTBB, acap (A)

“My Hope Is Built,” Tom Trenney, MSM, SSAATTBB, pno (A)

“Laudate Dominum from Vesperae Solennes de Confessore,” W. A. Mozart, CPDL, SATB/sop, keybd (M)

“Offertory,” John Ness Beck, BP, SATB, keybd (E)

“A Lord-Built House,” Small but Mighty, vol. 2, Roger Lentz, BP, SAB, pno (E)

Art

The Widow’s Mite, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)

Christ the Teacher, Peter Koenig, 20th century (VDL)

New Harmony, Paul Klee, 1936 (VDL)

November 14, 2027

Twenty-sixth Sunday after
Pentecost / Proper 28

Color: Green

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 1:4-20

Hannah prays for a son; she conceives and gives birth to Samuel.

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah's song of thanksgiving: My heart rejoices in the Lord.

Complementary

Daniel 12:1-3

Daniel's vision: Those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake.

Psalm 16

O Lord, you are always with me; you show me the path of life.

Hebrews 10:11-14

Let us hold fast to our faith, preparing for the day of the Lord.

(15-18), 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Jesus speaks of the temple's fall and other signs of what is to come.

Call to Worship

Sleepers, awake!

Come, let us worship God.

Shine like the brightness of the sky.

Come, let us worship God.

Let your light shine for others.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercession

O God, our refuge,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are starting families . . .
Let their homes be places of safety and love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who need protection . . .
Be their strength and shield.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who deal with trauma . . .
Help them to lay their burdens down.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are lonely . . .
Draw them into loving communities.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for nations at war . . .
Bring peace to this and every land.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those affected by disasters . . .
Deliver them from their distress.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, our refuge,
lead us in the path of life,
that we might have joy in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

(STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN) GTG 100 (O)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! (DARWALL'S 148TH) GTG 363 (E)

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers (LLANGLOFFAN) GTG 362 (G)

WORD

Christ Is Coming! (UNSER HERRSCHER) GTG 360 (G)

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

(GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH) GTG 4 (E)

For All the Faithful Women (NYLAND) GTG 324 (O)

EUCCHARIST

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

May the Love of the Lord (SOON TI) GTG 549 (E)

Give Thanks (GIVE THANKS) GTG 647 (O)

SENDING

Farewell, Good Friends!

(SHALOM, CHAVERIM) GTG 540 (O)

O Christ, the Great Foundation

(AURELIA) GTG 361 (E)

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

(KEEP YOUR LAMPS) GTG 350 (G)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalm 16

Metrical

When We All Get to Heaven [HEAVEN] OLOF 623

When in the Night I Meditate [ST. FLAVIAN] GTG 810

Responsorial

With God Always Before Me UMH 748 (general)

Protect Me, God PAS 16 D

Organ Music

“What Wondrous Love Is This,” WONDROUS LOVE, *The Essential Collection for the Church Organist, Book 1*, arr. John Carter, HOPE (E)

“My Lord, What a Morning,” *Praise (Eight Pieces for Organ)*, arr. Emma Lou Diemer, SAC (M)

FRANCONIA, *Twenty-Five Hymn Preludes*, Malcolm Archer, KM (M)

“Blott en dag,” *Augsburg Organ Library: Reformation*, arr. J. Bert Carlson, AF (M)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

“I Wanna Be Ready,” Rosephanye Powell, GP, SATB/solo, pno (E)

“Freedom Is Coming,” Anders Nyber, arr. Henry Leck, WAL, SATB, acap (E)

“Canticle of the Turning,” arr. Mark Hayes, HAL, SATB, pno (M)

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms,” arr. Eric Nelson, MSM, SATB, pno, fl, ob (M)

“Hope and Quietly Wait,” Thad Fischella and Paul Rudoi, MSM, SATB, pno (A)

“My Lord, What a Morning,” arr. Robert Hobby, MSM, SATB/solo, pno (E)

Art

Hannah Before Eli the High Priest, Malnazar and Aghapir, 1637 (VDL)

Jesus Speaks about Forgiveness, JESUS MAFA, 1973 (VDL)

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

November 21, 2027

Reign of Christ

Color: White

Lectionary Readings

Semicontinuous

2 Samuel 23:1-7 The last words of David: God has made an everlasting covenant.
 Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18) Remember your covenant with David, O Lord, and bless us.

Complementary

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 The Ancient One gives all dominion to a human, coming in clouds.
 Psalm 93 The ancient and everlasting Lord is enthroned in majesty.
 Revelation 1:4b-8 Jesus is coming with the clouds; the Lord is Alpha and Omega.
 John 18:33-37 Pilate asks: Are you a king? Jesus answers: I came to show the truth.

Call to Worship

Grace to you and peace from him who is
 and who was and who is to come.

Jesus will reign forever.

Every eye will see him.

Jesus will reign forever.

Every ear will hear the promise:

I am the Alpha and the Omega.

Jesus will reign forever.

Prayers of Intercession

God of majesty and mercy,
 hear our prayer.

We pray for justice . . .
 Allow all people to prosper and thrive.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for compassion . . .
 Let loving-kindness be our rule of life.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for vision . . .
 Show us the new things you are doing.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for hope . . .
 Teach us to trust in your promises.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace . . .
 Put an end to all war and violence.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for discernment . . .
 Help us to hear your voice and follow you.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of majesty and mercy,
 make us ready to welcome your holy realm
 of righteousness, justice, and peace;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
 (DUKE STREET) GTG 265 (O)
 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!
 (LYONS) GTG 41 (O)
 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
 (CORONATION) GTG 263 (E)
 Come, Christians, Join to Sing (MADRID) GTG 267 (G)

WORD

Sometimes a Light Surprises
 (SALLEY GARDENS) GTG 800 (O)
 Crown Him with Many Crowns
 (DIADEMATA) GTG 268 (E)
 O Lord, You Are My God and King
 (JERUSALEM) GTG 270 (G)

EUCCHARIST

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

(PICARDY) GTG 274 (E)

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! (GLORY) ZSS 117 (E)

We Come as Guests Invited

(WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN) GTG 504 (G)

SENDING

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

(RATISBON) GTG 662 (O)

All Creatures of Our God and King

(LASST UNS ERFREUEN) GTG 15 (E)

At the Name of Jesus (KING'S WESTON) GTG 264 (G)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(STUTTGART) GTG 83 (E)

Psalms and Canticles

Psalms 132:1-12 (13-18)

Metrical

Arise, O Lord Our God, Arise [BOURBON] GTG 381

When David Had a Longing [THAXTED] PAS 132 A

Responsorial

Praise the Lord PSA 136

Hail the Lord's Anointed PAS 132 C

Psalms 93

Metrical

The Lord Almighty Reigns [ST. BRIDE] GTG 271

Robed in Majesty [SALZBURG] PAS 93 A

Responsorial

Be Exalted, O God UMH 813

Alleluia, Let Our Voices Ever Sing PP 170

Organ Music

"Come, Thou Almighty King and Come, Holy

Ghost, in Love," *The Parish Organist, Part 8*,

Healey Willan, CON (E)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, *Six Meditations on Plainsong*

Melodies, arr. Sam Batt Owens, MSM (ME)

"King of Kings," *King of Kings*, vol. 1, arr. Ralph

Simpson, GIA (MA)

"Variations on THAXTED," arr. Tom Trenney, MSM (A)

Anthems for Adult Choirs

"The Last Words of David," Randall Thompson,

ECS, SATB, keybd (M)

"Christus Paradox," Alfred Fedak, GIA, SATB,

org (M)

"My Eternal King," Jane Marshall, CF, SATB, org (M)

"At the Name of Jesus," Michael Burkhardt, MSM,

SATB, org, brass (E)

"Antiphon from Five Mystical Songs," Ralph

Vaughan Williams, GMC, SATB, org (A)

"The Lord Shall Reign," David Hurd, GIA, 2 pt mx,

org (E)

Art

The Future Is Present, Jeffrey Gibson, 2019 (MoMA)

Christ Pantocrator, Ravenna, Italy, 547 (VDL)

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