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Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at [Oremus Bible Browser](#)]

[Song of Solomon 2:8-13](#) (*A love song: Arise, my love*)

[Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9](#) (*God has anointed you with the oil of gladness*)

[James 1:17-27](#) (*Every perfect gift is from above; Be doers of the word*)

[Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#) (*Jesus teaches about authentic devotion*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm:

[Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9](#) (*Following God's law*)

[Psalm 15](#) (*Walk blamelessly, do what is right, and speak the truth*)

Themes: Love, Marriage, Devotion, Authenticity, Commitment

The FOCAL PASSAGE on Faithelement's podcast for this week is Mark 7:1-23
(Podcast will be ready 2 weeks before date of use)

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](#), a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the scriptures or themes of this service.

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| Fairest Lord Jesus (<i>ST. ELIZABETH [CRUSADER'S HYMN]</i>)..... | Song of Solomon, Psalm 45 |
| For the Beauty of the Earth (<i>DIX</i>)..... | Song of Solomon, James |
| The Gift of Love (<i>O WALY WALY</i>)..... | Mark |
| The God of Abraham Praise (<i>LEONI</i>) | Deuteronomy |
| Great Is Thy Faithfulness (<i>FAITHFULNESS</i>)..... | James |
| I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (<i>HOUSTON</i>) | Mark |
| I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (<i>I'M GONNA LIVE</i>)..... | Psalm 15 |
| Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (<i>ST. DENIO</i>)..... | James |
| Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (<i>ST. AGNES</i>)..... | Psalm 45 |
| Morning Has Broken (<i>BUNESSAN</i>) | Song of Solomon |
| O For a Closer Walk with God (<i>AVON; BEATITUDO; CAITHNESS</i>) | Psalm 15 |
| Be Doers of the Word of God (<i>ELLACOMBE</i>)..... | James |
| Teach Me Your Way, O Lord (<i>CAMACHA</i>)..... | Deuteronomy, Psalm 15 |
| When Love Is Found (<i>SOUTHWELL</i>)..... | Psalm 45 |

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

The Fairest of Ten Thousand – ME Psalm 45
SALVATIONIST/David Rasbach, arr.
© 2014, Choristers Guild, CGA 1370
SATB, Piano

A Heart of Grace – M.....James
Aaron David Miller
© 2012, MorningStar Music, 50-8545
SATB, Keyboard

His Voice as the Sound – M.....Song., Psalm 45
SAMANTHRA/Alice Parker and Robert Shaw, arr.
© 1961, Lawson-Gould, LG00915
SATB, a cappella

Hymn of Spring – MSong of Solomon
Paul Langston
© 1958, Brodt Music Co., No. 520
SATB divisi, Organ

Lord, Make Me an Instrument – M.....James, Mark
Roger Holland II
© 2001, AACMS/GIA Publications, G-5627
SATB, Piano, opt. Rhythm & Bass

May the Love of Christ Enfold Us – ME Mark
Mary Kay Beall
© 1995, Hope Publishing Co., A696
SATB, Flute, Keyboard

Rise Up, My Love – M.....Song of Solomon
James McCray
© 1976, National Music Publishers, 8762202
SATB, Piano, Flute

Teach Me, O Lord – ME Deuteronomy
Thomas Attwood
Various Publishers / Public Domain CPDL# 06111
SATB, a cappella

– SMALLER CHOIRS/INTERGENERATIONAL–

All Good Gifts – E James
Jeffery Honoré
© 1992, Chorister's Guild, G-593
Unison and/or SATB, Keyboard, opt. Handbells (5)

Fairest Lord Jesus – E Psalm 45, Mark
Gilbert M. Martin
© 1979, Hinshaw Music, HMC-400
2-Part (Any), Keyboard

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus – E Psalm 15
LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN/Paul Manz, arr.
© 1954, 1991, MorningStar Music, 50-9405
Unison, Organ

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy – ME James
Calvin Hampton
© 1977, GIA Publications, G-5638
Unison, Organ, C-Instrument (or B^b)

The Word Is In Your Heart – E..... Mark
Bob Moore
© 1993, GIA Publications, G-6253
SAB, Keyboard, C-Instrument, opt. Strings

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

Prayer is listening to the still, small voice that calls us "my beloved."

— HENRI NOUWEN, *Bread for the Journey*, 1996

GATHERING PRAYER

We gather to worship you today with open hearts. With spirits attuned to your desire for unity and grace. With minds that make space to learn things anew. Might we sift through the rough parts of our hearts and begin to heal. For we know that true healing can only be found in you. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

— Ali Chappell DeHay*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based upon Psalm 45)

Leader: We gather this morning to worship and praise.

All: Stir our hearts, Lord.

Leader: We gather this morning to acknowledge that we are imperfect,
and you God are perfect.

All: Stir our hearts, Lord.

Leader: We gather to remember the grace that we've been given,
and hope to leave today inspired to give that grace to others, too.

All: Stir our hearts, Lord.

Leader: Remind us to love righteousness and hate wickedness.

All: Anoint us with the oil of joy.

Leader: Stir in us a spirit of justice and humility.

All: Anoint us with the oil of joy.

Leader: Inspire us, hear our prayers, and remind us
of your steadfast presence, God.

All: Amen.

— ACD

A PRAYER FOR EVERY GOOD GIFT

(based on James 1)

God of every good gift,
open our eyes to see the goodness
of small things and great loves.

Make us aware of goodness
in nouns and verbs:
useful things and
beautiful people,
simple kindnesses and
grand generosity.

God of every perfect goodness,
open our hearts to perfect presence
among us day after day:
the perfect gift
for the right occasion,
the right song,
the exact setting,

the perfect gift:
not flawlessness but precision,
goodly grace in thought-filled care.
Power, perfected in the weakness
of human imperfection.

God of every good gift,
God of every perfect goodness
open us today
by awareness
to gratitude
for generosity.

In the name of the Christ
who lived your goodness,
perfectly,
Amen.

— Russ Dean*

A PRAYER FOR ACTION

(based on James 1)

Great "I Am,"
God, whose very name is a verb,
Whose life in this world is action,

You spoke the world into being,
You said, "Let it be," and it was.

There is great power in the spoken Word.

There can also be shallow apathy:
"Paying lip service" when we need to lift a hand,
Talking the talk without walking the walk.

Teach us the power of the spoken word,
The living-giving power of your living Word.
Just as you spoke the world into creative growth –
Developing, evolving, deepening life

When we can hear (and give us ears to hear!),
Enliven us, too.

Inspire us by that Word
That hearing may lead us to action,
That our being and our doing
The spoken word and the active word,
The sermon and the response
would not be a contradiction
But a dynamic partnership
That gives life to this world.

God who spoke,
Speak now,
And bring us to life!

We pray in the name of Jesus,
The Living Word.

May it be so (which means), Amen!

— RD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator and Sustainer, we life up these offerings today. Whether we give of our money or our time, we give wholeheartedly.

Energize our giving, so that our love for you and your children will be an encouragement to others. Guide our hearts to share with friends and neighbors, even though the world teaches us to hoard resources.

Teach us to be faithful stewards of all resources that we are given. Transform our hearts to be bearers of your love and light in this world. Amen.

— ACD

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*O Beloved, You invite us to rest
in the abode of your Heart,
to forgive our weaknesses
and renew our love.
Who will respond with hearts
opened wide to Love?
Those who walk with integrity, who
are in harmony with your Word,
and sing the heart's song.*

— NAN C. MERRILL, from "Psalm 15,"
in *Psalms for Praying*, 2007

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(after Psalm 15)

Beloved of God, go from this place as those who are forgiven and restored.
Walk blamelessly and do what is right, speaking the truth from your heart.
Live honorably with harm to no person, for we are all God's children.
And the Lord will go with you and before you, bringing you at last to God's table
where you are welcomed as one who is forgiven and restored. Amen.

— WH

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