

Season after Pentecost, Year B, Proper 10

(Sunday between July 10 and July 16 inclusive)

Color: Green

Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at [Oremus Bible Browser](#)]
[2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19](#) (*David leads the dance, bringing the ark to Jerusalem*)
[Psalm 24](#) (*Lift up your heads, O gates, that the King of glory may come in*)
[Ephesians 1:3-14](#) (*The glorious inheritance of God's own people*)
[Mark 6:14-29](#) (*The death of John the Baptist*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm:

[Amos 7:7-15](#) (*The plumb line as a symbol for God's judgement*)
[Psalm 85:8-13](#) (*The Lord will speak peace to the faithful*)

Themes: Worship, Praise, Righteousness, Cost of Discipleship, Faithfulness

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.

All Who Love and Serve Your City (<i>CHARLESTOWN</i>)	Amos
Blessed Assurance (<i>ASSURANCE</i>)	Ephesians
God Is Here! (<i>ABBOT'S LEIGH</i>)	2 Samuel, Psalm 24
Goodness Is Stronger than Evil (<i>GOODNESS IS STRONGER</i>)	Mark
I Danced In the Morning (Lord of the Dance) (<i>SIMPLE GIFTS</i>)	2 Samuel, Mark
In Halls of Wealth and Power (<i>AURELIA; LLANGLOFFAN</i>)	Mark
The King of Glory Comes (<i>PROMISED ONE</i>)	Psalm 24
Lift Up Your Heads (<i>TRURO</i>)	Psalm 24
Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak (<i>CANONBURY</i>)	Psalm 85
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (<i>BEECHER; HYFRYDOL</i>)	Psalm 85
O Sing to the Lord (<i>CANTAD AL SEÑOR</i>)	2 Samuel
Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above (<i>AMSTERDAM</i>)	2 Samuel, Psalm 24
To God Be the Glory (<i>TO GOD BE THE GLORY</i>)	Ephesians
When In Our Music God is Glorified (<i>ENGLEBERG</i>)	2 Samuel

ANTHEMS

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

And the Father Will Dance – M..... 2 Samuel
Mark Hayes
© 1983, Hinshaw Music, HMC-637
SATB, Keyboard

And Great Our Rejoicing – ME Ephesians
ST. DENIO/Benjamin Harlan, arr.
© 2012, Jubilate Music Group, 00-9208232
SATB, Organ

The Day Is Coming – E Amos, Psalm 85
Mark A. Miller
© 2017, Choristers Guild, CGA 1524
SATB, Solo, Piano

Dona Nobis Pacem – E Psalm 85
Traditional/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 1976, Hope Publishing, HH 3903
SAB, Keyboard

For All Your Saints, O Lord – ME Mark
Gilbert M. Martin
© 2005, Lorenz Publishing, 10/3339L
SATB, Organ

King of Glory, King of Peace – ME..... Psalm 24
Gerald Near
© 1989, Aureole, AE 11
SATB, Organ

Lord of the Dance – M..... 2 Samuel
SIMPLE GIFTS/John Ferguson, arr.
© 1990, Galaxy Music, 1.2538
SATB (or SAB), Organ

O Christ, Our Hope – E Ephesians
Raymond Haan
© 1987, GIA Publications, G-3020
SATB, Organ

Praise the Lord – ME 2 Samuel, Psalm 24
G.F. Handel/Hal Hopson, arr.
© 1976, H. Flammer, A 5714
SATB, Keyboard

You Are Holy – E Ephesians
Per Harling/John Helgen, arr.
© 2004, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-7645-2
SATB, Piano, Percussion, opt. Violin

– SMALLER CHOIRS/INTERGENERATIONAL –

Followers of the Lamb – E..... 2 Samuel
Shaker Song/Dorothy Christopherson, arr.
© 1994, Choristers Guild, CGA 672
Unison, Piano, Flute, Xylophone, Percussion

Lift Up Your Heads – ME Psalm 24
Richard Gieseke
© 1990, Concordia Publishing, 98-2959
Unison/2-Part, Keyboard

Three Songs of World Praise – E
..... 2 Samuel, Psalm 24
Glory to God; O Sing to the Lord; Sanna, Sannanina
Allen Pote, arr.
© 1996, Hope Publishing, A 703
SATB, Keyboard, Percussion

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*Jesus, you are the healing, the loving, the touching;
you are the laughing, you are the dancing,
Jesus, you are the moving – move in me.*

– PETER MILLAR, *Iona Prayer Book*, 1998

The body has the wisdom to teach that the mind knows not of.

– SAM KEEN, *To a Dancing God*, 1970

CALL TO WORSHIP 1

(based on Psalm 24:1-2)

(Sung) *This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.*

(Spoken) The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for He has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

(Sung) *This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.*

— Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

— Music: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

OPENING PRAYER 1

God, our Creator, as we gather for worship this day, we acknowledge that all of creation joins us in praise of You. As we sing hymns of praise, birdsong joins in. As we offer our prayers, wind-filled branches bow in reverence. As we meditate upon Your Holy Word, the ears of even Your smallest creatures are opened to You. As we worship You this day, may the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts, along with the beautiful noise of Your created order, be acceptable to You, O LORD, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

— Anita Thompson*

CALL TO WORSHIP 2

(based on Psalm 24:7-10)

Open the ancient gates, so that the glorious King may come in.

Who is this glorious king?

He is our LORD, a strong and mighty warrior.

Open the ancient gates, so that the glorious king may come in.

Who is this glorious king?

He is our LORD, the All-Powerful!

OPENING PRAYER 2

God, Our Eternal God, we bow in reverence before You, joining the psalmist in proclaiming that You are our God, strong and mighty, glorious and all-powerful. May our worship this day give due glory to You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(based on Psalm 24:3-6)

Holy God, we confess to You that our hands are unclean.
We have used them to hold tight to material possessions.
We have used them to point out the faults of others.
We have used them in unloving ways.

We lay our open hands before You,
asking for Your forgiveness,
asking for You to wipe them clean,
asking for You to help us use our hands for the good of Your kingdom.
Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of Grace, we confess to You that our hearts are impure.
Our thoughts have made it so.
Our habits have made it so.
Our inattention to our spiritual health has made it so.

We lay our open hearts before You,
asking for Your forgiveness,
asking for You to wipe them clean,
asking for You to help us guard our hearts for the good of Your
kingdom.
Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

This we pray in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(based on Ephesians 1:3, 7-8)

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
for the spiritual blessings that Christ has brought us from heaven.
Christ sacrificed His life's blood to set us free,
which means that our sins are now forgiven.
Brothers and sisters, be assured of this truth.
Through Christ we are forgiven; thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(based on Mark 6:14-29)

God of Truth and Justice,

The biblical account of the death of John the Baptist reminds us of the riskiness of standing for Your truth and justice. Threat of imprisonment did not stop John from preaching his message of repentance, even to a king.

It is unlikely in this place and time that we would face imprisonment or death for sharing the Gospel story or calling out untruths and injustices. Yet, some element of risk remains. And so, we pray.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us, like John, to courageously speak out when we are confronted with those untruths and injustices.

Where there is slander, may we call it out and counter it with truth.

Where there is racism, may we call it out and counter it with acceptance.

Where there is classicism, may we call it out and counter it with equality.

Where there are inequities, may we call them out and counter them with fairness.

And where and when there is opportunity to share the Gospel story with others,

may we readily share it with joy!

Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Be blessed, you who dance, for God dances with you.

Be blessed, you who grieve, for God grieves with you.

Be blessed, you who go from here both grieving and dancing,

For surely, the Lord accompanies you in praise and promise,

leading the way into the redeeming presence of God forevermore. Amen.

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* Thanks to Anita Thompson for her contributions to this week's liturgies.

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