

Season after Pentecost, Year B, Proper 16

(Sunday between August 21 and August 27 inclusive)

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

[1 Kings 8:\(1, 6, 10-11\), 22-30, 41-43](#) (*Solomon's prayer at the temple dedication*)

[Psalm 84](#) (*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts*)

[Ephesians 6:10-20](#) (*Put on the armor of God; Pray in the Spirit*)

[John 6:56-69](#) (*Jesus teaches about the Bread of Life*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm:

[Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18](#) (*Joshua calls the people to serve the Lord*)

[Psalm 34:15-22](#) (*The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous*)

Themes: Worship, Praise, Courage, Service, Communion

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 Hunger, Gather Gladly (<i>HOLY MANNA</i>)	John
Break Thou the Bread of Life (<i>BREAD OF LIFE</i>)	John, Preparation for Scripture
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (<i>CHRIST CHURCH; EDEN CHURCH; WESTMINSTER ABBEY</i>)	1 Kings
Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed (<i>REGENT SQUARE</i>)	1 Kings, John, Communion
God Is Here! (<i>ABBOT'S LEIGH</i>)	1 Kings, Psalm 84
God of Grace and God of Glory (<i>CWM RHONDDA</i>)	1 Kings, Ephesians
Halle, Halle (<i>HALLE, HALLE</i>)	John, Communion
How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely (<i>MERLE'S TUNE</i>)	Psalm 84
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (<i>ST. COLUMBA</i>)	1 Kings, Psalm 84
I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry (<i>WATERLIFE</i>)	Psalm 34
Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult (<i>GALILEE</i>)	Joshua
Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell (<i>TWO OAKS</i>)	1 Kings, Psalm 84
Stand Up and Bless the Lord (<i>OLD 134TH</i>)	Joshua, Ephesians
Take My Life and Let it Be (<i>HENDON</i>)	Joshua

ANTHEMS

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

Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls – M.... 1 Kings, Ps 84

Z. Randall Stroepe
© 2006, MorningStar Music, 50-7068
SATB, Piano

Hold On – M Ephesians

Traditional Spiritual/Uzee Brown, Jr., arr.
© 2001, GIA Publications, G-7158
SATB, Solos, Piano

I'll Praise My Maker – MD Psalm 34

OLD 113TH/Lloyd Pfautsch, arr.
© 1982, Hope Publishing, APM-110
SATB, Organ

Locus Iste (This is God's House) – MD 1 Kings

Anton Bruckner/John Rutter, ed.
© 1997, Oxford University Press, 9780193417885
Public Domain: CPDL #38334
SATB, a cappella

O How Amiable – ME 1 Kings, Psalm 84

Ralph Vaughan Williams
© 1940, Oxford University Press, 9780193540668
SATB, Organ

O Jesus, I Have Promised – ME Joshua, John

Timothy Shaw
© 2015, Beckenhorst Press, BP2078
SATB, Piano

Psalm 84 – ME 1 Kings, Psalm 84

Richard Proulx
© 1972, GIA Publications, G-1706
SATB, a cappella

We Would Serve the Lord – M..... Joshua

Daniel Peterson
© 2005, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-7721-3
SATB, Piano

– SMALLER CHOIRS/INTERGENERATIONAL–

Become to Us the Living Bread – E John

GELOBT SEI GOTT/Donald Busarow, arr.
© 1998, MorningStar Music, 50-4406
SAB, C-Instrument, Keyboard

Jesus, Be Our Bread – E.....John, Communion

Wayne L. Wold
© 2001, GIA Publications, G-5439
Unison (Any), Keyboard

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord – E..... Psalm 84

Ellen McClune and Steven Taranto
© 2001, Choristers Guild, CGA 872
Unison, Piano

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – E..... Ephesians

EIN FESTE BURG/Mark Patterson, arr.
© 2001, Choristers Guild, CGA 914
SAT(B), Keyboard, opt. Trumpet

Thuma Mina (Send Me, Jesus) – ME..... John

South African Trad./Anders Nyberg, arr.
© 1984, Walton Music, WW1340
SATB, a cappella

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

OF ALL our battles, there are two, I believe, that are major ones. The first is a war of conquest . . . and what we fight to conquer is the world . . . a territory in time and space that will be ours.

[The] other war is the war not to conquer but the war to become whole and at peace inside our skins. This other war is the war to become a human being. This is the goal that power, success, and security are only forlorn substitutes for. This is the victory that not all our human armory of self-confidence and wisdom and personality can win for us – not simply to be treated as human but to become at last truly human.

— FREDERICK BUECHNER, from the sermon, "The Two Battles,"
published in *The Magnificent Defeat*, 1985

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 84 and 1 Kings 8)

Lord God of all,
How lovely is your dwelling place!
**There is no God like you in heaven above
or on the earth below.**

Your covenant and love are unwavering for your servants
who walk before you with all their hearts.
**My very being yearns to be in the courts of your presence.
With all that I am, I sing joyful songs to you.**

Lord God of all,
How lovely is your dwelling place!
**Blessed are those who live with you,
singing your praises forever.**

— Scott Herrington*

GATHERING PRAYER

(based on Psalm 84)

Almighty God, our hope and strength, our present help in trouble, our sun and shield,
hear our praises and prayers and songs that we sing on our lips and in our hearts as we
gather in your house, and fit us with your whole armor, that we would walk uprightly in
trust with you, in this hour and in our lives henceforth. Amen.

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Light of lights! All gloom dispelling,
Thou didst come to make thy dwelling
Here within our world of sight.
Lord, in pity and in power,
Thou didst in our darkest hour
Rend the clouds and show thy light.

Praise to thee in earth and heaven
Now and evermore be given,
Christ, who art our sun and shield.
Lord, for us thy life thou gavest,
Those who trust in thee thou savest,
All thy mercy stands revealed.

— ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, c. 1225-1274

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(after Ephesians 6)

Lord, speak to us through your word, making known with boldness the mystery of the gospel and opening our eyes to your light and love. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(based on Joshua 24:14-18)

Creator God, we have been disobedient. Our worship has been insincere and unfaithful. We have not served you with integrity and loyalty. We have paid you lip service while reclaiming idols from our past. God forgive us. On this day we choose to sincerely worship you and you alone. On this day we choose to faithfully serve you without hesitation or reservation, for you are our God.

Together we pray as Jesus taught, **Our Father . . .**

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*For Jesus . . . a meal is never just the consumption of food,
because it's never just bread and it's never just wine.*

— ROB BELL, *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*, 2013

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BENEDICTION

In your trials today, may you find courage,
for your peace is in the Lord.
In your burdens this week, may you find power,
for the Lord is your dwelling place.
And in your leaving this place, may you go from strength to strength,
for the Lord will accompany you now and evermore. Amen.

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* Thanks to Scott Herrington for contributing to this week's liturgy.

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