

Season after Pentecost, Year B, Proper 24

(Sunday between October 16 and October 22 inclusive)

Color: Green

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

[Job 38:1-7, \(34-41\)](#) (*The Lord speaks to Job from the whirlwind*)

[Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c](#) (*O Lord, how manifold are your works!*)

[Hebrews 5:1-10](#) (*Through suffering, Christ became the source of salvation*)

[Mark 10:35-45](#) (*Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm:

[Isaiah 53:4-12](#) (*The suffering servant*)

[Psalm 91:9-16](#) (*When they call to me, I will answer them*)

Themes: Creation, Suffering, Salvation, God's Faithfulness, Servanthood

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.

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed (AVON; HUDSON; MARTYRDOM)	Isaiah
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)	Hebrews
Fairest Lord Jesus (ST. ELIZABETH [CRUSADERS' HYMN])	Job
God Is Here! (ABBOT'S LEIGH; BEECHER)	Mark
God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (HOLY MANNA)	Psalm 104
He Came Down (HE CAME DOWN THAT WE MAY HAVE LOVE)	Hebrews
I Sing the Mighty Power of God (ELLACOMBE; FOREST GREEN)	Job, Psalm 104
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (CHEREPONI)	Mark
Let All Things Now Living (ASH GROVE)	Job, Psalm 104
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (BEACH SPRING; JOYFUL SINGING)	Mark
Many and Great (LACQUIPARLE)	Psalm 104
O Worship the King (LYONS)	Psalm 104
On Eagle's Wings (ON EAGLE'S WINGS)	Psalm 91
There Is a Redeemer (GREEN)	Hebrews
Were You There (WERE YOU THERE)	Isaiah

ANTHEMS

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful – ME Psalm 104

John Rutter
© 1988, Oxford University Press, 9780193407343
SATB, Keyboard

All Who Dwell In the Shadow of the Lord – M

..... Psalm 91
Z. Randall Stroope
© 2010, MorningStar Music, 50-2530
SATB, Piano

Embrace My Way and Cross – E Mark

ROCKY POINT/Rob Glover
© 1997, GIA Publications, G-4594
Unison, opt. Congregation, Keyboard

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands – M Job

African-American Spiritual/Rollo Dilworth, arr.
© 2018, Hal Leonard, HL 002860
SSA, Piano

Lamb of God – E Isaiah

Nikolaus Decius/F. Melius Christiansen, arr.
© 1933, 1961, Augsburg Fortress, 9780800652593
SATB, a cappella

My Song Is Love Unknown – M.....Isa, Heb, Mark

Edwin T. Childs
© 1999, MorningStar Music, 50-3044
SATB, opt. Congregation, Keyboard

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee – M.....Heb, Mark

MARYTON/Mark Hayes, arr.
© 2011, Beckenhorst Press, BP1944
SATB, Piano

Sing Unto God a Song of Joy – E Psalm 104

David W. Music
© 2019, Augsburg Fortress, 9781506456836
2-Part (any), Piano

Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs – M..... Isaiah

Antonio Lotti/Archibald T. Davison, ed.
© 1925, E.C. Schirmer, 1124
SAB, a cappella

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot – M Psalm 91

African-American Spiritual/Patrick Gazard, arr.
© 2006, Faber Music, 0571538150
SAB, Piano

When the Morning Stars Together – ME..... Job

WEISSE FLAGGEN/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 1996, Hope Publishing, HH3951
SATB, Organ, opt. Brass, Timpani

– CHILDREN and YOUTH CHOIRS –

Bless We the Name of the Lord – E Psalm 104

Michael Burkhardt
© 2010, MorningStar Music, 50-9424
2-Part or 3-Part (any), Keyboard

Agnus Dei – ME Isaiah

Victor C. Johnson
© 2018, Heritage Music Press, 15/3492H
SAB, Keyboard (available in 2-Part or SA, or TB)

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*What I want is joy.
What You teach me
is that suffering is the way,
letting go is the truth,
and nothingness is the life.
Which is after all
what I need.*

– JON M. SWEENEY & MARD S. BURROWS,
Meister Eckhart's Book of the Heart, 2017

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based upon Job 38, Psalm 104, Mark 10)

One: Lord, grant us wisdom

Many: To know what to say and when to say it.

One: Lord, grant us wisdom

Many: To be understanding to each other.

One: Lord, grant us wisdom

Many: To serve the world around us with compassion.

— Laura Edgar*

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*Everything in life that we really accept undergoes a change.
So suffering must become love. That is the mystery.*

—KATHERINE MANSFIELD

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CENTERING PRAYER/PRAYER OF REFLECTION/PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(Isaiah 53:4-12)

Who do we wound by our transgressions?

- When have we offended another by our lack of concern, our selfishness, or our pride?
- When have we broken the rules of human decency and kindness?

O God, with your mercy, you bear our weakness and bring healing.

Who do we crush with our iniquities?

- In what ways do we profit from injustice?
- In what ways do we ignore the needs around us?

O Christ, in your love, you stand with the oppressed.

No one is made whole when we all seek our own way.

- How have we gone astray from God's call to love our neighbor?
- How have we perverted justice with short-sightedness and apathy?

O Spirit, by your grace, you redeem our brokenness and make us whole.

RESPONSIVE READING

(Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45; Job 38:1-7 (34-41))

O Lord, deal gently with us.

We are all subject to weakness:

weakness of will, of courage, of heart.

Still, you call us to follow you:

To learn obedience to the ways of Christ,

To be great by serving others.

When we realize our lack of wisdom and strength,

remind us we are able

by the power of your Spirit.

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In supplication meek

To Thee I bend the knee;

O Christ, when Thou shalt come,

In love remember me,

And in Thy kingdom, by Thy grace,

Grant me a humble servant's place.

— GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS (Cappadocia/modern-day Turkey, AD 325–390)
in *Light Upon Light, A Literary Guide to Prayer*, Sarah Arthur, 2017

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BENEDICTION

(based on Psalm 104 and Mark 10)

As you leave from this place, may your eyes be wide open to the awesome glory reflected in the beauty of God's creation above us, beneath us, before us, and behind us. Keep your feet on the ground, remembering it is from the ground God made you. And keep your mind above, following the model of Christ Jesus, who came to serve and in whose name we pray. Amen.

* Thanks to Laura Edgar for contributing to this week's liturgy.

Warren Howell, editor