

# Season after Pentecost, Year B, Proper 26

(Sunday between October 30 and November 5 inclusive)

*If All Saints is not observed this day*

**Color:** Green

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

[Ruth 1:1-18](#) (*Ruth remains with Naomi: Your people shall be my people*)

[Psalm 146](#) (*The Lord watches over the strangers; upholds the orphan and the widow*)

[Hebrews 9:11-14](#) (*Through the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself without blemish to God*)

[Mark 12:28-34](#) (*The two greatest commandments: love God and neighbor*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm:

[Deuteronomy 6:1-9](#) (*Keep these words that I am commanding you today*)

[Psalm 119:1-8](#) (*Happy are those who walk in the law*)

**Themes:** Family, Faithfulness, God's Law, Social Justice, Christ's Sacrifice, Love

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## 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.

<a href="#">Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!</a> ( <i>HYFRYDOL</i> ) .....	Hebrews
<a href="#">For All the Faithful Women</a> ( <i>NYLAND</i> ) .....	Ruth
<a href="#">For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love</a> ( <i>O WALY WALY</i> ) .....	Ruth
<a href="#">The Gift of Love</a> ( <i>O WALY WALY</i> ) .....	Mark
<a href="#">I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath</a> ( <i>OLD 113TH</i> ) .....	Psalms
<a href="#">Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love</a> ( <i>CHEREPONI</i> ) .....	Mark
<a href="#">Lord, Speak to Me</a> ( <i>CANONBURY</i> ) .....	Mark
<a href="#">More Love to Thee, O Christ</a> ( <i>MORE LOVE TO THEE</i> ) .....	Mark
<a href="#">My Hope Is Built / The Solid Rock</a> ( <i>THE SOLID ROCK</i> ) .....	Hebrews
<a href="#">O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</a> ( <i>AZMON</i> ) .....	Psalm 146, Hebrews
<a href="#">Spirit, Open My Heart</a> ( <i>WILD MOUNTAIN THYME</i> ) .....	Deuteronomy
<a href="#">Will You Let Me Be Your Servant</a> ( <i>SERVANT SONG</i> ) .....	Ruth, Mark
<a href="#">Your Words to Me Are Life and Health</a> ( <i>WINCHESTER OLD</i> ) .....	Psalm 119

# ANTHEMS

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

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!** – M .....Hebrews  
*HYFRYDOL*/Robert A. Hobby, arr.  
© 2016, MorningStar Music, 60-8842  
SATB, Organ, Brass, Timpani

**Cert'nly, Lord** – M.....Hebrews  
Traditional Spiritual/Alice Parker, arr.  
© 1995, GIA Publications, G-4239  
SATB, Soloist, a cappella

**I'll Praise My Maker** – M ..... Psalm 146  
*OLD 113TH*/Lloyd Pfautsch, arr.  
© 1982, Hope Publishing Co., APM-110  
SATB, Organ, opt. Brass  
2-Part Mixed, Organ

**King of Glory, King of Peace** – M..... Psalm 146  
K. Lee Scott  
© 1986, Concordia Publishing House, 98-2728  
2-Part Mixed, Organ

**Love Divine** – M..... Mark  
Howard Goodall  
© 2000, Faber Music/MorningStar Music, 56-0011  
SATB divisi, Keyboard or opt. Strings

**Love Your Neighbor** – E..... Mark  
Michael Helman  
© 2003, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-7624-7  
SAB, Keyboard

**O Love** – M..... Ruth  
Elaine Hagenberg  
© 2016, Beckenhorst Press, BP 2097  
SATB, Piano

**Open My Eyes** – M ..... Deuteronomy, Psalm 119  
Benedetto Marcello/Dale Grotenhuis, ed.  
© 2004, World Library Publications, 008761  
2-Part (any), Keyboard

**Teach Me, O Lord** – E ..... Deuteronomy, Psalm 119  
Thomas Attwood  
Various Publishers, CPDL #06111  
SATB, a cappella

**There Will I Be** – ME..... Ruth  
Craig Courtney  
© 2014, Beckenhorst Press, BP 2031  
SATB, Piano, opt. Flute, Cello

**Trust in the Lord** – E ..... Psalm 119, Mark  
Allen Pote  
© 2005, Hope Publishing Co., C5353  
SATB, Organ

– CHILDREN and YOUTH CHOIRS –

**Love Will Prevail** – E ..... Ruth, Mark  
Douglas E. Wagner  
© 2022, Choristers Guild, CGE472  
SATB, Piano

**Family/Familia** – E ..... Ruth, Mark  
Mark Burrows  
© 2021, Choristers Guild, CGA1656  
2-Part, Piano

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## ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*I believe that the world was created and approved by love,  
that it subsists, coheres, and endures by love, and that,  
insofar as it is redeemable, it can be redeemed only by love.*

– WENDELL BERRY

*The things that really matter in life are about loving – God and people, who are  
inseparable, of course, and not the mountainous things and the immediate  
decisions and disasters that always loom so large.*

– SISTER JANE, SLG

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 146)

We gather to praise you, Lord.

**We will praise you as long as we live.**

You set the prisoners free.

**You open the eyes of the blind.**

You lift up those who are low.

**You feed those who are hungry.**

Our hope is in you, Lord our God.

**We will praise you as long as we live.**

— Erin Clarke\*

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## GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have gathered us together once again as your children. Therefore, we invoke ourselves to your presence and we open our hearts to worship you. Remind us in this hour of your greatest call—to love you with all that we are, and to love our neighbors with that same steadfast devotion.

In this time of worship, unite us in our love for one another. May we be a church where love transforms, where forgiveness reigns, and where grace abounds.

As we turn our hearts to you, we pray that you would also turn our hearts outward—beyond the walls of these sanctuaries, reaching every corner of your beloved creation.

Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

— Daniel E. Glaze\*

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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(Based on Psalm 119)

Keep us steadfast in walking in your way, O God,  
With ears to hear your word  
eyes to perceive your truth,  
and hearts to feel your love. Amen.

## AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW

God's invitation to us is to follow Christ.

It is a journey into Love.

The path is rarely smooth.

It is a journey into Truth.

The way features a narrow gate.

It is a journey into Wisdom.

Come, blessed Children of God:

Let us walk in the ways of God.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Based on Ruth 1:16)

Lord, you are faithful and good. May our gifts be the overflow of hearts that long to be faithful in doing your will. We dedicate our gifts and our very lives to go where you go, stay where you stay, and love your people as our own. Amen.

— EC

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May your heart be filled with the boundless love of God, ushering each step you take.  
May your soul be nourished by the Spirit, leading you to see the Divine in every face.  
May your mind be opened to the wisdom of Christ, guiding you in generous service.  
May your strength be renewed by the hope of the resurrection, empowering you to live boldly.  
Go now in peace: love God and love your neighbor, knowing that if we can do this, it is enough.  
Amen.

— DEG

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\* Thanks to Erin Clarke and Daniel E. Glaze for their contributions to this week's liturgy.

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