

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C

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

[Jeremiah 17:5-10](#) (*Blessed are those who trust, who bear fruit*)

[Psalm 1](#) (*They are like trees planted by streams of water*)

[1 Corinthians 15:12-20](#) (*Christ is risen, the first fruits of those who have died*)

[Luke 6:17-26](#) (*Jesus heals, offers blessing to the poor, downtrodden*)

Themes: Beatitudes/God's Blessing, Wisdom, Word, Healing, Resurrection

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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| Christ Be Our Light (<i>CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT</i>)..... | Luke |
| Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil (<i>GOODNESS IS STRONGER</i>)..... | Luke |
| Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (<i>CWM RHONDDA</i>)..... | Jeremiah |
| I Know That My Redeemer Lives (<i>DUKE STREET</i>)..... | 1 Corinthians |
| It Is Well With My Soul (<i>VILLE DU HAVRE</i>)..... | Psalms |
| I've Got Peace Like a River (<i>PEACE LIKE A RIVER</i>)..... | Jeremiah, Psalms |
| Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult (<i>GALILEE</i>)..... | Luke |
| Lead Me, Guide Me (<i>LEAD ME, GUIDE ME</i>)..... | Jeremiah, Psalms |
| Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (<i>I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN</i>)..... | Luke |
| O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come (<i>ERHALT UNS, HERR; ROCKINGHAM</i>)..... | Luke |
| O Praise the Gracious Power (<i>MARION</i>)..... | 1 Corinthians |
| Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (<i>LAUDA ANIMA</i>)..... | Luke |
| There Is a Balm in Gilead (<i>BALM IN GILEAD</i>)..... | Luke |
| This Is the Threefold Truth (<i>ACCLAMATIONS</i>)..... | 1 Corinthians |

ANTHEMS

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

As a Tree – M.....Psalms
Mark Sirett
© 2016, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-1381-5
SATB, a cappella

Blessèd, How Blessèd – M Psalms, Luke
Traditional Scottish/David Cherwien, arr.
© 2015, MorningStar Music, 50-6199
2-Part Mixed, Keyboard

Do Not Be Afraid – M.....Jeremiah, Luke
Philip Stopford
© 2015, MorningStar Music, 50-9818
SATB, Solo, Keyboard

I Know that My Redeemer Lives – M.... 1 Corinthians
DUKE STREET/John A. Behnke, arr.
© 1995, Concordia House, 98-3197
SAB, Organ, opt. Handbells (2-3 oct.), Trumpet

It Is Well With My Soul – E..... Jeremiah, Psalms
Gary Matheny
© 1987, GIA Publications, G-2987
2-Part Mixed, Keyboard

Like a Tree – M.....Psalms
Margaret Dourey/Lon Beery, arr.
© 1997, BriLee Music, BL408
SSA, Piano

O For a Closer Walk – M.....Psalms
Charles Villiers Stanford/John Rutter, ed.
© 1994, Oxford University Press, 9780193417830
SATB, Organ

Simple Song – M.....Psalms
Leonard Bernstein, from *Mass*
© 1971, Boosey & Hawkes, 9790051469161
Soprano, Piano

Sizohamba Naye (We Will Walk with God) – ME.....
..... Psalms, Luke
Traditional South African/Terry Taylor, arr.
© 2011, Choristers Guild, CGA 1250
Unison and SATB, Piano, Percussion

There Is a Balm in Gilead – M Luke
African-American Spiritual/William L. Dawson, arr.
© 1967, Kjos Music, T 105
SATB, a cappella

We Shall Overcome – MD Psalms, Luke
African-American Spiritual/Uzee Brown Jr., arr.
© 2007, GIA Publications, G-7197
SATB divisi, Piano

-- Youth and Children --

Blessed Are They Who Follow the Lord – E..... Luke
James Chepponis
© 2008, GIA Publications, G-6895
SATB, Solos, Piano, C-Instrument

Whenever I Am Walking – E Psalms
Thomas Jordan
© 2000, Triune Music, 10/2464K
Unison, Piano, Flute

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*Be blessed, you who move,
Be blessed, you who mourn,
Be blessed, you who are meek and merciful,
For you are the power of God.*

— from CLÁUDIO CARVALHAES, *Liturgies from Below*, 2020

*Never forget that your days are blessed. You may know how
to profit by them, or you may not, but they are blessed.*

—NADIA BOULANGER

INVITATION

Come to the river. Drink of the Spirit.
Be like a tree planted by a stream of water
and produce God's fruit in its season.
Take the path God lights for you as you soak
up his word into your very being.
God is calling you. Come.

— Rebecca Prater*

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO JOY

(Adapted from Luke 6:20-21, Psalm 30:5, *The Message*)

One: You're blessed when you've lost it all.
God's kingdom is there for the finding.

All: We will seek the kingdom of God.

One: You're blessed when the tears flow freely.
Nights of crying give way to joy.

All: And joy comes in the morning.

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*Sometimes I need
only to stand
wherever I am
to be blessed.*

— MARY OLIVER, from "It Was Early," in
DEVOTIONS: SELECTED POEMS OF MARY OLIVER, 2017

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PRAYER

(Based upon Psalm 1)

Loving and Gracious God, as we gather this morning, may we be like
fruitful trees planted by the streams of your living water. May we
delight in your instruction and open our hearts to your guidance. May
your guidance bring joy to our souls and direction to our hearts.
Sustain us through the season of life as we seek to live in your way.
May we flourish in Your Spirit as we commit to making things right in
your world. Amen.

— Scott Wagoner*

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

One: Living Word we come to hear, that we might be healed . . .
All: **speak to our hearts both your blessing and caution. Amen.**

— SW

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*Stand still. The trees ahead and bushes beside you
Are not lost. Wherever you are is called Here
And you must treat it as a powerful stranger.*

— DAVID WAGONER, from "Lost," in
COLLECTED POEMS: 1956-1976, 1976

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BENEDICTION

(Based upon Luke 6:17-26)

May we know the blessings of your grace and mercy.
May our hearts align with Your dream and intentions for all of creation.
May we live in Your way with courage.
May we hunger for the soul-satisfying sustenance of Your instruction.
May we know Your joy that brings healing to our grief and lament.
May we know poverty of spirit so we may know the fullness of Your joy.
May we seek only Your affirmation and not the approval of others.
May we be faithful to you throughout this week.
In Your Name.
Amen.

— SW

* Thanks to Rebecca J. Prater and Scott Wagoner for contributing this week's prayers and liturgies.

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