

Season after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 12

(Sunday between July 24 and July 30 inclusive)

Color: Green

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

[Hosea 1:2-10](#) ("I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them")

[Psalm 85](#) ("Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?")

[Colossians 2:6-15, \(16-19\)](#) (Live lives of faith in Christ; let no one condemn you)

[Luke 11:1-13](#) (Jesus teaches the disciples to pray)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Genesis 18:20-32](#) (Abraham debates God, and God is convinced to forgive)

[Psalm 138](#) ("On the day I called, you answered me")

Themes: Salvation, Discipleship, Trust, Forgiveness, Grace, Prayer

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.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (REGENT SQUARE; WESTMINSTER ABBEY).....	Colossians
Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive (DETROIT).....	Hosea, Psalm 85, Luke
God Moves In a Mysterious Way (DUNDEE).....	Psalm 85, Luke
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (FAITHFULNESS).....	Hosea, Genesis, Colossians, Luke
I Want Jesus to Walk With Me (WALK WITH ME).....	Luke
It Is Well With My Soul (VILLE DU HAVRE).....	Colossians
Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught (CHESHIRE; CRIMOND).....	Luke
Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire (ST. AGNES).....	Luke
Stand Up and Bless the Lord (OLD 134 TH ; ST. THOMAS).....	Psalm 138
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (IN BABILONE; WELLESLEY).....	Genesis
What a Friend We Have In Jesus (CONVERSE).....	Colossians, Luke
Why Stand So Far Away, My God? (MORNING SONG).....	Hosea, Psalm 85

ANTHEMS

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

Abana (Arabic Lord's Prayer) – ME Luke
Laila Constantine/Greg Scheer, arr.
© 2002, GIA Publications, G-8488
SATB, Piano

The God of Abraham Praise – ME..... Genesis
LEONI/David Gardiniere, arr.
© 2006, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-2025-7
SATB, Organ

Down to the River to Pray – E.....Colossians, Luke
Traditional/Ken Medema/Mary McDonald, arr.
© 2016, Hope Publishing, C6030
SAB, Piano

The Eyes of All Look to You – M..... Psalm 85
Michael Larkin
© 1999, MorningStar Music, 50-9110
SATB, Piano

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive – E..... Luke
DETROIT/David Ashley White, arr.
© 1998, Selah Publishing, 410-611
2-Part (Any), Keyboard

If You Find Me – E Psalm 138
Steven C. Warner
© 2020, GIA Publications, G-10122
2-Part Mixed, Keyboard, opt. Flute

It Is Well With My Soul – E..... Colossians
VILLE DU HAVRE/Craig Courtney, arr.
© 2004, Beckenhorst Press, BP 1697
SATB, Keyboard, Violin

The Lord's Prayer – E..... Luke
David N. Childs
© 2008, Santa Barbara Music, SBMP 826
SATB, Piano, Flute

The Lord's Prayer – E..... Luke
Bradley Ellingboe
© 2000, Kjos Music, 8952
SATB, Piano

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee – ME... Colossians
MARYTON/Gregory Hamilton, arr.
© 2005, MorningStar Music, 50-6042
SATB, Keyboard, Violin (or Flute)

Teach Us How to Pray – E Luke
Allen Pote
© 1992, Hinshaw Music, HMC-1234
SATB, Piano

-- Youth and Children --

Prayer for Today – ME Luke
Margaret Tucker/Mark Kemp, arr.
© 2000, Choristers Guild, CGA 855
SATB, Keyboard, opt. Flute

Prayer – E Luke
Natalie Sleeth
© 1991, Choristers Guild, CGA 565
Unison/2-Part, Piano, opt. B-flat or C-Instrument

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

We pray because it is our most human response. We're made by and for the voice of God—listening to and answering that voice is our most characteristic act. We are most ourselves when we pray.

—EUGENE PETERSON, *Praying With the Psalms*, 1993

If you have never had any distractions you don't know how to pray.

—THOMAS MERTON, *New Seeds of Contemplation*, 1949

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Luke 11:1-13 and Psalm 138)

Leader: Ask, and it will be given you.

People: Search and you will find.

Leader: Knock and the door will be opened for you.

People: For the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever. Amen.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 85)

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.

People: Surely salvation is at hand for those who worship the Lord.

Leader: The Lord will give what is good.

People: Let us worship God.

UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

(based on Luke 11:1-13)

Generous God, you know us and you know our need. You desire to give more than we ask. Give us boldness to ask. You desire to be discovered. Give us imagination to look for you. You are open to our approach. Give us courage to knock on your door. Amen.

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We would be quite surprised if we knew what the soul sometimes says to God.

—BROTHER LAWRENCE

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CALL TO CONFESSION

(based upon Colossians 2:6-16)

One: We become captive to empty traditions.

All: We miss the fullness of Christ amidst legal demands.

One: We condemn ourselves and disqualify others.

All: Teach us, O Lord, in your mercy. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(based upon Luke 11:1-13)

Lord of gifts,
you would share with us a hunger for the bread of your kingdom;
you would forgive us that we would be forgiving of others,
you would deliver us from the trials we bring upon ourselves.

But we hunger for bread that doesn't satisfy, for the quick bread of self-serving. We clutch onto old grievances and regrets, impatient with ourselves and others.

Free us from clinging to debts gone bad; teach us to pray with honesty in words filled with earth and lit by desire; and lead us through Jesus Christ, into a restored relationship with you as your children. Amen.

— inspired by STEVEN SHAKESPEARE, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*, 2009

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A deeply rooted life of prayer is going to cost all of us everything we have got, all the time.

— SISTER JANE, SLG, *Loving God Whatever*, 2009

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(based upon Colossians 2:6-15)

Come, Spirit of Wisdom, let your word be rooted and strengthened in our hearts, teaching us to pray with you in thanksgiving through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

Be blessed as you leave this place as children of God,
loved, created and redeemed.
May grace accompany you in the presence of Christ Jesus.
And may the Holy Spirit keep you,
and gift you with power to meet every challenge. Amen.

* Except where noted, this week's prayers and liturgies are by Warren Howell.