

# Season after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 9

(Sunday between July 3 and July 9 inclusive)

**Color:** Green

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

[2 Kings 5:1-14](#) (*After Elisha prescribes washing in the Jordan, Naaman is healed*)

[Psalm 30](#) (*"My God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me"*)

[Galatians 6:\(1-6\), 7-16](#) (*Practical advice for life in the church's community*)

[Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#) (*Jesus sends out seventy as laborers into a harvest*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Isaiah 66:10-14](#) (*"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you."*)

[Psalm 66:1-9](#) (*"Bless our God, O peoples, who has kept us among the living"*)

**Themes:** Healing, Help and Comfort, Unity, Discipleship, Harvest

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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="#">All Who Love and Serve Your City</a> (CHARLESTOWN).....	Galatians, Luke
<a href="#">Blest Be the Tie That Binds</a> (DENNIS).....	Galatians
<a href="#">Called As Partners in Christ's Service</a> (BEECHER) .....	Galatians, Luke
<a href="#">Go to the World!</a> (SINE NOMINE).....	Psalm 30, Luke
<a href="#">Here I Am, Lord</a> (HERE I AM, LORD).....	Luke
<a href="#">In the Cross of Christ I Glory</a> (RATHBUN) .....	Galatians
<a href="#">Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</a> (Linstead).....	Luke, Communion
<a href="#">O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come</a> (CANONBURY; ERHALT UNS HERR) .....	2 Kings
<a href="#">Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</a> (ANDREWS; LAUDA ANIMA) .....	2 Kings, Psalm 66
<a href="#">Send Me, Jesus/Thuma Mina</a> (THUMA MINA).....	Luke
<a href="#">Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</a> (MIT FREUDEN ZART) .....	Isaiah
<a href="#">There Is a Balm in Gilead</a> (BALM IN GILEAD).....	Isaiah, 2 Kings
<a href="#">When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</a> (HAMBURG; ROCKINGHAM) .....	Galatians
<a href="#">Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?</a> (BEECHER; SERVANT SONG).....	Galatians

# ANTHEMS

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

**Beneath the Cross of Jesus** – ME .....Galatians  
*St. CHRISTOPHER*/Bradley Ellingboe, arr.  
© 2006, Kjos Music, 9043  
SATB, Piano, Clarinet (or C-Instrument)

**Come and Walk With Me** – E .....Galatians  
Eleanor Daley  
© 2006, Alliance Music, AMP0642  
SSATB, a cappella

**Come, Labor On** – M ..... Luke  
*ORA LABORA*/Jeremy Bankston, arr.  
© 2020, MorningStar Music, 50-6125  
SATB, Organ, opt. 2 Trumpets, Timpani

**Let All the World in Every Corner Sing** – E... Psalm 66  
Paul M. Vasile  
© 2009, MorningStar Music, 50-6405  
Unison, Keyboard

**Let Us Walk This Road Together** – E .....Galatians  
*NETTLETON*/John Carter, arr.  
© 2016, Hope Publishing, C 5998  
SAB, Piano

**Lord, You Call Us** – ME ..... Galatians, Luke  
Robert Hobby  
© 2015, MorningStar Music, 50-7820  
SSA, Organ, opt. Handbells

**Song of Hope** – E ..... Luke  
Argentine folk melody/Robert Hobby, arr.  
© 2000, MorningStar Music, 50-8112  
Unison, 2-Part, or 4-part, Percussion, Keyboard

**There Is a Balm in Gilead** – M ..... Isaiah  
African-American Spiritual/William L. Dawson, arr.  
© 1967, Kjos Music, T105  
SATB, a cappella

**Washed Anew** – ME ..... 2 Kings, Baptism  
Thomas Keesecker  
© 1995, Augsburg Fortress, 978-6-0000-0135-3  
SAB (or SATB), Keyboard, opt. Handbells, Cong.

**We Cannot Measure How You Heal** – E ..... Psalm 30  
*YE BANKS AND BRAES*/Malcolm Archer, arr.  
© 2003, GIA Publications, G-6128  
SATB, Organ

**Zion's Walls** – MD..... Isaiah, Luke  
American Traditional/Aaron Copland, arr.  
© 1954, 1982, Boosey & Hawkes, OCTB-6070  
SATB, Piano

-- Youth and Children --

**Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace** – M  
..... Galatians, Luke  
Jody W. Lindh  
© 1992, Choristers Guild, CGA 612  
SATB, Piano

**Alleluia! Loving Spirit** – E ..... Isaiah, Baptism  
Helen Kemp  
© 2000, Choristers Guild, CGA 862  
Unison, Piano, opt. Handbells

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

I do not remember grief and loneliness so much as I do  
peace and comfort--grief, but never without comfort;  
loneliness, but never without peace. Almost never.

—MARILYNNE ROBINSON, Gilead, 2004

Healing comes when you see the opportunity for growth that  
a painful situation has provided.

—BR. DAVID STEINDL-RAST

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 69:1-9; Isaiah 66:10-14)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**People: We sing the glory of your name.**

Leader: How awesome are your deeds, O Lord!

**People: Come and see what God has done:**

Leader: You have turned the sea into dry land.

**People: You are mighty and powerful.**

Leader: Like a mother with her child, you comfort us.

**People: You are nurturing and kind.**

Leader: We sing your glory and give you praise.

**People: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!**

— Laura Edgar\*

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

(2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16)

Healing God,

We cry out to you for help. Heal us of all our diseases: physical ones that wrack bodies; mental ones that threaten to crush spirits; systemic ones that are sinister and subtle; global ones that endanger the lives of humans and creation. Restore us and give us hope.

Forgiving Christ,

Forgive us for the ways we hurt you and each other. We confess that our pride and greed guide our decisions far too often. We engage in systems of oppression and injustice, sometimes out of ignorance and sometimes as willing participants. We miss what is simple in search of something more difficult. Restore us and give us grace.

Reconciling Spirit,

Teach us to give and receive wise counsel, encouraging each other along the way. Reconcile us to one another with a spirit of gentleness. Help us not grow weary as we bear each other's burdens and work for the good of all. Restore us and give us peace.

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## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(Luke 10:1-11, 16-20)

One: Life-Giving Spirit, open our ears to the good news:

**All: God's domain is among us; it is very near.**

*Before the Gospel is a word, it is silence.*

—FREDERICK BUECHNER, *Telling the Truth*, 1977

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Isaiah 66:10-14)

[Note: The people's participation in the prayer could be effectively accessed without printing the entire prayer by inviting them to respond "As a mother comforts her child, comfort us, O God" after each silent pause when prompted: "Hear our prayer."]

O God, we long to see flourishing: in our lives, in our church, in our community, and in the world. Instead, we see war and violence, injustice and oppression, antagonism and division. We pray for those places near and far where flourishing seems an impossible dream.

(silence)

As a mother comforts her child, comfort us, O God.

O Christ, console us in our grief and pain. We mourn the losses seen and felt around and within us: the loss of loved ones, the loss of ability and opportunity, the loss of relationships, the loss we feel when we face change. We pray for all who are mourning loss.

(silence)

As a mother comforts her child, comfort us, O God.

O Spirit, we often feel burdened and discouraged. We thirst for peace like a river, hope and joy like an overflowing stream where we might drink deeply and be satisfied. We pray for those who feel overwhelmed by life and all they are facing.

(silence)

As a mother comforts her child, comfort us, O God. Amen.

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## BENEDICTION

(Luke 10:1-11, 16-20; Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16; Isaiah 66:10-14)

The God who calls us keeps us. The Christ who sends us goes with us.  
The Spirit who guides us sustains us with peace and mercy all along the way.

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\* Thanks to Laura Edgar for contributing this week's prayers and liturgies.

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