

Season after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 13

(Sunday between July 31 and August 6 inclusive)

Color: Green

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

[Hosea 11:1-11](#) (*The Lord is like a tender, compassionate mother*)

[Psalm 107:1-9, 43](#) (*"O give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever"*)

[Colossians 3:1-11](#) (*Focus on things above, put away former things*)

[Luke 12:13-21](#) (*Jesus teaches about greed*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23](#) (*Search out wisdom*)

[Psalm 49:1-12](#) (*"My mouth shall speak wisdom; I will incline my ear to a proverb"*)

Themes: God's Love and Nurture, Wisdom, Faithfulness, Discipleship, Unity

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.

Be Thou My Vision (SLANE).....	Ecclesiastes, Colossians, Luke
Bigger Barns (ABERYSTWYTH).....	Luke
Give Thanks (GIVE THANKS).....	Psalm 107
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (BEACH SPRING; NETTLETON).....	Luke
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (CWM RHONDDA).....	Hosea, Psalm 107
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (ST. DENIO).....	Ecclesiastes, Psalm 49
In Christ There Is No East or West (MCKEE; ST. PETER).....	Colossians
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (ST. MARGARET).....	Hosea
One Bread, One Body (ONE BREAD, ONE BODY).....	Colossians, Communion
Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated (HENDON).....	Luke
When We Are Living (SOMOS DEL SEÑOR).....	Psalm 49, Colossians
You Are My Strength When I Am Weak (JERNIGAN).....	Colossians, Luke

ANTHEMS

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

Abundant Life – E Luke
LA GRANGE/Marty Haugen, arr.
© 1995, GIA Publications, G-4281
Unison or SATB, Keyboard, C-Instrument

At the Name of Jesus – M Colossians
KING'S WESTON/Michael Burkhardt, arr.
© 2009, MorningStar Music, 50-9100
SATB, Organ, Brass, opt. Handbells, Timpani

Beloved, God's Chosen – ME Colossians
Robert Hobby
© 2003, MorningStar Music, 50-8707
2-Part Mixed, Piano, Flute

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken – E
..... Psalm 107, Colossians, Communion
RENDEZ A DIEU/Carlton Young, arr.
© 2002, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-2206-0
2-Part Mixed, Keyboard

Eternal Gates – M..... Colossians
HALLELUJAH/Howard Helvey, arr.
© 2013, Beckenhorst Press, CU 1020
SATB, a cappella

Great Is Thy Faithfulness – ME Hosea, Psalm 107
FAITHFULNESS/Maureen Howell, arr.
© 2024, MorningStar Music, 50-5179
SATB, Piano, opt. Congregation

I Come with Joy – ME Colossians, Communion
DOVE OF PEACE/Zebulon Highben, arr.
© 2016, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-2206-0
SAB, Keyboard

Lord God, We Worship Thee – E..... Psalm 107
J.S. Bach/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 1973, H. Flammer, D-5269
SAB, Keyboard

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above – E Hosea
HYFRYDOL, Melchior Vulpius/Sharon Elery Rogers, arr.
© 2008, GIA Publications, G-7182
SATB, Keyboard, Flute

Wisdom, Wisdom – E Ecclesiastes, Psalm 107
Lori True
© 2009, GIA Publications, G-7665
SAB, Solo, a cappella

-- Youth and Children --

Treasures In Heaven – E..... Luke
Allen Pote
© 1989, Hinshaw Music, HMC-1059
SATB, Piano

Let Us Give Thanks to the Lord – E Psalm 107
Brad Nix, quoting *DIX*
© 2015, Hal Leonard, 35029814
Unison/2-Part, Keyboard

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

—Joachim Neander, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," 1680
tr. Rupert E. Davies, 1983; *Chalice Hymnal*, 1995

All prayers are tributaries that find their end in the
roaring ocean of God's triune love.

—TISH HARRISON WARREN, *Prayer in the Night*, 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 107)

We give thanks to You, Lord, for You are good.

Your love endures forever.

You gathered us from the north, south, east and west.

Your love endures forever.

You quench our thirst and satisfy our hungry souls.

Your love endures forever.

—Erin Clarke*

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

(based on Colossians 3:1-11)

May we shift our gaze from earthly corruption

To see Christ sitting at God's right hand.

May we shift our thinking from things that are below

To things that are above.

May we shift the desires of our own human nature

And put on the new nature of Christ.

Lord, You have put to death the sin in our lives

And our lives are hidden with Christ in God.

Continue to conform us to the image of Christ

Until we are revealed with Christ in glory. Amen.

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*I will utter Your name, sitting alone
among the shadows of my silent thoughts.*

I will utter it without words;

I will utter it without purpose.

For I am like a child

that calls its mother a hundred times,

glad that it can say, "Mother."

—RABINDRANATH TAGORE, *The Heart of God*, 1999

Prayers of Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

(based on Luke 12:13-21)

Gracious God, you are the Giver of every good gift. We come to you
as a blessed people—thankful for your provision and care.

In times when we have exactly what we need and very little else,
we give You thanks.

In times when we have more than enough and resources abound,
we give You thanks.

In all seasons, we ask that You guard our hearts against greed
for we know that our lives are not measured by what we own.

May we not hoard for ourselves the resources You have called us to
share. May we seek, above all, to be rich in our relationship with You
and generous in our love for others. Amen.

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*O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power
of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

—ST. BENEDICT (480-543), attributed

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BENEDICTION

(based on Hosea 11:1-11)

As you leave this time of worship, God's compassion grows warm and tender.
The Holy One is in your midst, bending down to feed your soul. You are led with
bands of kindness and cords of love. With holy arms, you are taught how to
walk. Go in peace, grace, and love. Amen.

* Thanks to Erin Clarke for contributing this week's prayers and liturgies.

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