

Season after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 14

(Sunday between August 7 and August 13 inclusive)

Color: Green

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

[Isaiah 1:1, 10-20](#) (*Wash yourselves clean; cease doing evil, do good, and seek justice*)

[Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23](#) (*Gather to me my faithful ones, I am God, your God*)

[Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#) (*The faith of Abraham*)

[Luke 12:32-40](#) (*Where your treasure is, there is your heart. Be alert!*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Genesis 15:1-6](#) (*God covenants with Abram. Abram trusts*)

[Psalm 33:12-22](#) (*Happy are those whose God is the Lord, our hope and shield*)

Themes: Worship, Justice, Faithfulness, Covenant, Preparation, Saints

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.

For the Beauty of the Earth (DIX)	Psalm 50
The God of Abraham Praise (LEONI)	Genesis
God, You Spin the Whirling Planets (AUSTRIAN HYMN; HYFRYDOL; HYMN TO JOY)	Isaiah
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (CWM RHONDDA)	Genesis, Hebrews
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (REPTON)	Hebrews
Longing for Light We Wait in Darkness (CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT)	Luke
O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ST. ANNE)	Psalm 33
On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand (PROMISED LAND)	Hebrews
Rejoice in God's Saints (HANOVER)	Hebrews
This Little Light of Mine (LET IT SHINE)	Luke
We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight (DUNLAP'S CREEK)	Hebrews
What Does the Lord Require (BISHOP THORPE)	Isaiah

ANTHEMS

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

Be Not Afraid – M..... Luke
Taylor Davis
© 2003, Choristers Guild, CGA991
SATB, Piano

Have No Fear, Little Flock – E Luke
LITTLE FLOCK/Heinz Werner Zimmermann
© 1973, Concordia Publishing, 98-2175
SATB, Keyboard

I Want to Be Ready – M Luke
African-American Spiritual/William L. Dawson, arr.
© 1978, Kjos Music, T127A
SATB, Solo, a cappella

If You But Trust In God to Guide You – ME ..Hebrews
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT/David Cherwien, arr.
© 2005, MorningStar Music, 60-9027
SATB, Solo, Organ, opt. Flute and Cello

Keep Your Lamps – ME Luke
African-American Spiritual/André Thomas, arr.
© 1982, Hinshaw Music, HMC-577
SATB, Percussion

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

Look Up and Count the Stars – M Genesis
Peter Latona
© 2015, MorningStar Music, 60-8010
SATB, Organ, opt. Flute

Sing Forth, Rejoice! – ME Psalm 33
John Amner/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 1992, Belwin Mills, BSC00222
2-Part Mixed, Piano

Treasures In Heaven – ME Luke
K. Lee Scott
© 2009, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-6428-2
2-Part Mixed, Organ

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight – EHebrews
Michael D. Costello
© 2008, MorningStar Music, 50-5109
2-Part Mixed, Piano, opt. B-flat or C-Instrument

-- Youth and Children --

Rain Down – E Psalm 33
Jaime Cortez/John Carter, arr.
© 1989, Hope Publishing, A 717
SAB, Piano, opt. Guitar

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God – EHebrews
GRAND ISLE/David Herman, arr.
© 1988, Choristers Guild, CGA446
2-Part, Piano

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

Church is to be participated in and not consumed. The point is not what one gets out of it, but the worship of God; the service takes place both because of and despite the needs, strengths, and frailties of the people present.

—KATHLEEN NORRIS, *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*, 2001

I am always amazed that people can say in services, 'The Lord is here' or 'The Lord be with you' and not be thrilled to the core by such words.

—DAVID ADAM, *The Wonder of the Beyond*, 2011

CENTERING PRAYER

(based on Hebrews 11:1-3)

Faith(fulness) is the evidence of things hoped for.

—Brent A. Newberry*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Psalm 33:12-22)

One: The Creator has fashioned all the inhabitants of the earth, humans and non-humans alike.

Many: Happy are those who are known to God.

One: The Reigning One watches over the cared of creation.

Many: Happy are those who are seen by God.

One: Divine Love inhabits the hopes of the oppressed.

Many: Happy are those whose home is in God.

All: Amen.

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FAITHFULNESS

Blessed Father God, may we show ourselves to be faithful. Our effort here is brief, the reward is eternal. May the excitements of the world vanish like a shadow, and not disturb us. Amen.

—CLARE OF ASSISI (1194-1253)

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*"Gather around, my loyal friends,
all who by repentance and recompense
follow the Inner Way."
The universe forever proclaims justice,
And, the Beloved's Indwelling Presence
guides those who hear with
their heart's ear.*

—NAN C. MERRILL, Psalm 50:5-6

Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness, 2007

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(inspired by Hebrews 11)

O God, you created the universe with a word;
bring to life the hopes we don't dare utter.
Germinate the faith that sprouts from our doubts,
and generate curiosity for the wonder of your ways.
Like the stars that radiate beyond themselves,
expand the light of our love toward eternity.
Amen.

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*How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your Word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all
and will not let us fall.*

—FRED PRATT GREEN,
"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord," 1981

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DEPARTING GRACE / BENEDICTION

(inspired by Psalm 33:12-22)

Pastor: Beloved ones, do not be afraid:

Congregation: The Kin-dom of God is at hand!

Pastor: It is God's good pleasure to give it to you;

Congregation: The Kin-dom of God is for all!

Pastor: God treasures you; you are held in the heart of God.

Congregation: The Kin-dom of God is within us!

Pastor: Are you ready to accept this truth?

Congregation: We are not afraid! We have been set free!

* Thanks to Brent A. Newberry for contributing to this week's prayers and liturgies.

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