

# Season after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 15

(Sunday between August 14 and August 20 inclusive)

**Color:** Green

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

[Isaiah 5:1-7](#) (*The vineyard that yields only wild grapes shall be trampled down*)

[Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19](#) (*O God of hosts, have regard for this vine; save and restore us*)

[Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#) (*Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, look to Jesus*)

[Luke 12:49-56](#) (*A warning from Jesus: I came to bring fire*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Jeremiah 23:23-29](#) (*Is not my word like fire? asks the Lord*)

[Psalm 82](#) (*Rise up, O God, judge the earth*)

**Themes:** Fruitfulness, God the Judge, Jesus: Return, Justice, Saints

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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="#">Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle</a> ( <i>HOLY MANNA; HYMN TO JOY</i> ).....	Jeremiah, Luke
<a href="#">For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love</a> ( <i>O WALY WALY</i> ).....	Hebrews
<a href="#">God Has Spoken By the Prophets</a> ( <i>EBENEZER; HYMN TO JOY</i> ).....	Jeremiah, Psalm 82
<a href="#">Guide My Feet</a> ( <i>GUIDE MY FEET</i> ) .....	Hebrews
<a href="#">How Firm a Foundation</a> ( <i>FOUNDATION</i> ).....	Hebrews, Luke
<a href="#">I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</a> ( <i>HOUSTON</i> ) .....	Hebrews
<a href="#">Inspired By Love and Anger</a> ( <i>SALLEY GARDENS</i> ).....	Luke
<a href="#">Let Justice Flow Like Streams</a> ( <i>ST. THOMAS</i> ).....	Jeremiah, Psalm 82
<a href="#">Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory</a> ( <i>BATTLE HYMN</i> ).....	Isaiah
<a href="#">My Lord, What a Morning</a> ( <i>BURLEIGH</i> ).....	Isaiah, Luke
<a href="#">O God of Every Nation</a> ( <i>LLANGLOFFAN; NYLAND</i> ).....	Isaiah, Luke
<a href="#">Rejoice in God's Saints</a> ( <i>HANOVER</i> ) .....	Hebrews

# ANTHEMS

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

**Come Down, O Love Divine** – E..... Luke  
Thomas Keesecker  
© 2018, Concordia Publishing, 98-4288  
2-Part Mixed, Piano

**The Fruit of the Spirit** – M..... Isaiah, Psalm 80  
Dan Forrest  
© 2007, Choristers Guild, CGA 1093  
SAT(B), Piano

**Holy God, We Praise Thy Name** – M.....Hebrews  
*GROSSER GOTT*/John Ferguson, arr.  
© 1988, GIA Publications, G-3167  
SATB, opt. Congregation, Organ, opt. Brass

**I Want Jesus to Walk With Me** – ME .....Hebrews  
African-American Spiritual/Paul Nicholson, arr.  
© 2012, GIA Publications, G-7829  
SAB, Solo, Piano

**Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table** – M .....Hebrews  
Michael Corzine/John Ferguson, arr..... Communion  
© 2013, MorningStar Music, 50-6090  
SATB, Organ, Clarinet

**My Lord, What a Morning** – E..... Luke  
African-American Spiritual/Victor C. Johnson, arr.  
© 2022, Alfred Music, 00-49833  
SA, Piano

**Oh, What Their Joy (Concertato)** – M.....Hebrews  
*O QUANTA QUALIA*/Robert Hobby, arr.  
© 1992, MorningStar Music, 60-8101  
SATB, opt. Congregation, Organ, opt. Trumpet

**A Prayer of Compassion** – MD ..... Psalm 82  
Gwyneth Walker  
© 2018, E.C. Schirmer, 8730  
SATB divisi, a cappella

**Shepherd of Souls** – E..... Psalm 80  
Alfred V. Fedak  
© 2002, Selah Publishing, 410-421  
SAB, Organ

**A Vineyard Grows** – M ..... Isaiah, Psalm 80  
Traditional English/K. Lee Scott, arr.  
© 2005, MorningStar Music, 50-9701  
TTB, Organ, opt. Flute and Oboe

-- Youth and Children --

**I Am the Vine** – E ..... Isaiah, Psalm 80  
Allen Pote  
© 1977, Sacred Music Press, S-8636  
2-Part Children, Piano, Flute

**Guide My Feet** – E .....Hebrews  
African-American Spiritual/John Carter, arr.  
© 2016, Hope Publishing, C 6051  
SAB, Piano

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

We are to rejoice at the harvest, the growth and the provision of God – who provides the rain and the sun. But don't forget to plant the seeds and prune the vines: there will be no bread and no wine if you don't do some of the work yourself.

—MARTIN PERCY, from "Harvest,"  
*The Bright Field: Readings and Reflections*, Jim Cotter, ed., 2014

My God, do not delay any longer to make me a saint...and until You make me a saint,  
I am at least going to try and act as if I were one.

—THOMAS MERTON, 1947  
*Entering the Silence: The Journals of Thomas Merton*, 2009

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 82)

One: Give justice to the weak and the orphan;

**Many: maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.**

One: Rescue the weak and the needy;

**Many: deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

One: Rise up, O God, and judge the earth;  
for all the nations belong to you!

**All: Let us worship God.**

— Warren Howell\*

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## GATHERING PRAYER

(based on Luke 12:49-56)

Kindle your restless fire within us, O God;

Flow like a river among and between us to cleanse and  
renew. Search out the false fronts of peace we maintain  
and reveal to us the divisions we foster with one another.

Open our hearts to your presence and untangle our tongues  
to speak only the truth that will make us free and which is the  
very presence of Christ Jesus, through whose Spirit we pray.  
Amen.

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*Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

—BIANCO DA SIENA, c. 1367;  
translated by Richard Frederick Littledale, 1867

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

(after Psalm 80)

One: Restore us, O Holy One;

**Many: let your face shine upon us, teach us to love!**

One: You companion us through the wilderness,  
cultivate a place for us,  
and nurture your seed in each heart.

**Many: Why then, have we neglected you?**

One: Restore us, O Holy One;

**Many: let your face shine upon us, teach us to love!**

One: You nourish us with the food of Love,  
set a table before us,  
and quench our thirsty souls.

**Many: Why then, do we hunger and thirst?**

One: Restore us, O Holy One;

**Many: let your face shine upon us, teach us to love!**

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*Live a-humble, humble,  
Humble yourself, The bells done rung.  
You see God, you see God,  
You see God 'n the morning,  
He'll come a-riding down the line of time,  
Fire'll be falling, He'll be calling,  
Come to judg-a-ment-a-come.  
Oh, the bells done rung,  
And the songs done sung,  
And-a don't let it catch you with your work undone.*

—AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

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## BENEDICTION

May God give you strength for the race that is set before you. May the Lord be with you in your midst to lead and to cheer. And may the Holy Spirit fill you with the fire of love and hope to persevere. Go in peace. Amen.

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\* This week's prayers and liturgies are by Warren Howell, unless otherwise noted.