

Season after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 16

(Sunday between August 21 and August 27 inclusive)

Color: Green

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

[Jeremiah 1:4-10](#) (*God calls Jeremiah: before I formed you in the womb I knew you*)

[Psalm 71:1-6](#) (*In you, O Lord, I take refuge; My praise is continually of you*)

[Hebrews 12:18-29](#) (*Offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe*)

[Luke 13:10-17](#) (*Jesus heals a woman on the Sabbath*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Isaiah 58:9b-14](#) (*Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer*)

[Psalm 103:1-8](#) (*The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed*)

Themes: Calling, Faithfulness, Refuge, Worship, Justice, Healing

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.

Here I Am, Lord (<i>HERE I AM, LORD</i>).....	Isaiah, Jeremiah, Luke
How Firm a Foundation (<i>FOUNDATION</i>).....	Isaiah, Psalm 71
I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry (<i>WATERLIFE</i>)	Jeremiah, Psalm 71
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (<i>ST. DENIO</i>).....	Hebrews
Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands (<i>AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE</i>).....	Luke
Lord, Speak to Me (<i>CANONBURY</i>)	Jeremiah
O, Christ the Healer, We Have Come (<i>CANONBURY; ERHALT UNS HERR</i>)	Luke
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (<i>LOBE DEN HERREN</i>).....	Jeremiah, Psalm 71, Luke
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (<i>LAUDA ANIMA; ANDREWS</i>)	Psalm 103
Send Me, Jesus / Thuma mina (<i>THUMA MINA</i>)	Jeremiah
There's a Wideness In God's Mercy (<i>WELLESLEY</i>)	Psalm 103, Hebrews
We Cannot Measure How You Heal (<i>YE BANKS AND BRAES</i>).....	Luke

ANTHEMS

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

Bless the Lord, O My Soul – M..... Psalm 103
Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov
© 1995, GIA Publications, G-6125
SATB, a cappella

Borning Cry – M.....Jeremiah, Psalm 71
WATERLIFE, John Ylvisaker/Phil Kadidlo, arr.
quoting “Jesus Loves Me” (*CHINA*)
© 2005, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-7807-4
2-Part Mixed, Piano, Flute

City Called Heaven – MHebrews
African-American Spiritual/Josephine Poelinitz, arr.
© 1994, 2000, Colla Voce Music, 21-20270
SATB, Solo, Piano

God Has Work for Us to Do – E..... Luke
Mark A. Miller
© 2012, Choristers Guild, CGA 1288
SATB, Piano

How Firm a Foundation – ME Isaiah
FOUNDATION/Emma Lou Diemer, arr.
© 1981, Hinshaw Music, HMC-527
SATB, Organ, opt. Brass and Percussion

How Lovely Are the Messengers – M Jeremiah
Felix Mendelssohn, from *St. Paul*
© 1942, G. Schirmer, (also CPDL #06824)
SATB, Piano

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms – E Psalm 71
SHOWALTER/Eric Nelson, arr.
© 2015, MorningStar Music, 50-8970
SATB, Piano, Flute, Cello

My Faith Looks Up to Thee – E Isaiah
Robert Buckley Farlee
© 2008, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-2148-3
Unison, Piano

Song of Hope – E Jeremiah
ARGENTINA/Robert A. Hobby, arr.
© 2000, MorningStar Music, 50-8112A
Unison/2-Part, Keyboard, Percussion

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy – E..... Psalm 103
Calvin Hampton
© 1977, GIA Publications, G-5638
Unison, Organ, C-Instrument (or B-flat)

-- Youth and Children --

Canon of Praise – M Psalm 103
Johann Pachelbel/Hal Hopson, arr.
© 1989, Hinshaw Music, HMC-1059
SAB or Two-Part, Organ, Handbells

Halle, Hallelujah – E Psalm 71
Caribbean Traditional/John Michniewicz, arr.
© 2015, Hal Leonard, 35029814
Unison/2-Part, Keyboard

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

For him who has responded to the call of the Way of
Possibility, the loneliness may be obligatory. ... It is not we
who seek the Way, but the Way which seeks us.

—DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD, *Markings*, 1963

God is at the heart of your striving,
of your giving and receiving,
drawing you closer in the energies of loving,
always pursuing, luring, inviting, never letting go.

—JIM COTTER, *Praying the Dark Hours*, 2011

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 103:1-5)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

There is no end to your mercy, your enduring and infinite love.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

There is no end to your mercy, your enduring and infinite love.

who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy,

There is no end to your mercy, your enduring and infinite love.

who satisfies you with renewing goodness as long as you live.

There is no end to your mercy, your enduring and infinite love.

—Warren Howell*

based upon Jim Cotter's *Psalms for a Pilgrim People*

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GATHERING PRAYER

Source of all life, calling, forming, appointing,
rescuing us, you are the rock in whom we find
refuge. Teach us to bring our true selves in our
worship, as we praise you and sing of your love
and your power to heal and forgive. Make us
worthy of your calling, through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR RESTORATION

(based on Jeremiah 1:10 and Luke 13:16)

Open our eyes, O Lord, and restore our vision for
the justice of your way. Build and plant the fruitful
community of your love and mercy through us,
lead us to the springs of your living water, and
teach us to care for those in need of your love.
Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES
(from Isaiah 58:9-10 and Hebrews 12:28)

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. Let us, therefore, give thanks, offering to God acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

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Love is not a weak, spineless emotion; it is a powerful, moral force on the side of justice.

—BERNICE A. KING, The King Center for Nonviolent Social Change

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
(based on Jeremiah 1:4-10, Luke 13:13)

Open your word to us, O Lord, for you know us better than we know ourselves. Teach us in the depths of our hearts, fill us with your fullness, heal us and set us free to praise you. Amen.

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*Oh, use me, Lord, use even me, Just as you will, and when, and where
Until your blessed face I see, Your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

—FRANCES R. HAVERGAL, (1836-1879)
"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak," 1872

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Children of God, go boldly, unashamed and unafraid into the world, restored and renewed to trust and lean on God, who has mothered and birthed and loved you, and who will bring you home again. Be a light to others. And the blessing of God, the presence of Christ Jesus, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

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