

# Season after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 21

(Sunday between September 25 and October 1 inclusive)

**Color:** Green

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

[Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15](#) (*Buy the field at Anathoth: the market will return*)

[Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16](#) (*Do not fear: I will deliver*)

[1 Timothy 6:6-19](#) (*The love of money is the root of evil*)

[Luke 16:19-31](#) (*The parable of Lazarus and the rich man*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Amos 6:1a, 4-7](#) (*Those with idle and comfortable lives will go first*)

[Psalm 146](#) (*Do not put your trust in princes*)

**Themes:** Vision, Hope, Providence, Promise, Stewardship, Trust

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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="#">Be Thou My Vision</a> (SLANE).....	1 Timothy
<a href="#">Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart</a> (GIVE THANKS).....	Luke
<a href="#">God of Grace and God of Glory</a> (CWM RHONDDA).....	Amos, Psalm 146, Luke
<a href="#">I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath</a> (OLD 113 <sup>TH</sup> ) .....	Psalm 146
<a href="#">In the Bulb There Is a Flower</a> (PROMISE) .....	Jeremiah
<a href="#">Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love</a> (CHEREPONI) .....	Luke
<a href="#">O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines</a> (CANDLER; JERUSALEM).....	Jeremiah
<a href="#">On Eagle's Wings</a> (ON EAGLE'S WINGS) .....	Psalm 91
<a href="#">'Tis the Gift to be Simple</a> (SIMPLE GIFTS).....	1 Timothy
<a href="#">View the Present Through the Promise</a> (AR HYD Y NOS) .....	Jeremiah
<a href="#">When the Poor Ones</a> (EL CAMINO) .....	Luke
<a href="#">When We Are Living (Pues Si Vivimos)</a> (SOMOS DEL SEÑOR) .....	Luke, 1 Timothy

# ANTHEMS

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

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – M** ..... Psalm 91

*EIN FESTE BURG*/Kyle Pederson, arr.  
© 2001, Galaxy Music Corp, 1.3573  
SATB, Electric Guitar, Piano

**All My Hope on God Is Founded – E** .....1 Timothy

Nick Klemetson  
© 2021, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-7969-9  
2-Part Mixed, Piano

**Bound for the Promised Land – M**..... Jeremiah

*PROMISED LAND*/John Leavitt, arr.  
© 2017, Hal Leonard, 248983  
SAB, Piano

**God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending – M**...1 Timothy

Quoting *NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*  
Zebulon M. Highben  
© 2014, MorningStar Music, 50-6082  
SATB, opt. Children’s Choir, Organ, Handbells

**Hymn of Promise – E**..... Jeremiah

*PROMISE*, Natalie Sleeth/Tom Fettke, arr.  
© 2010, Hope Publishing, C5636  
SATB, Piano

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – ME**...1 Timothy

*ST. DENIO*/Robert A. Hobby, arr.  
© 2002, MorningStar Music, 60-7001  
SATB, opt. Children’s Choir, Organ, Trumpet

**May God Support Us – M**..... Psalm 91

Christopher Walker  
© 2013, OCP Publications, 30130605  
Unison (opt. SATB), Keyboard

**Sing a Song of Thanks – ME** ..... Psalm 146

Antonio Vivaldi/Hal H. Hopson, arr.  
© 1987, H. Flammer, D-5383  
SAB, Keyboard

**Praise the Lord – E**..... Psalm 146

Trad. Cameroon/Ralph M. Johnson, arr.  
© 1994, earthsongs, S-45  
SATB, a cappella, Percussion

**Poor Man Lazarus – M** ..... Luke

African-American Spiritual/Jester Hairston, arr.  
© 1950, Bourne Music Co., S-1001  
SATB, a cappella

-- Youth and Children --

**Rock My Soul – E** ..... Luke

African-American Spiritual/Kinley Lange, arr.  
© 2005, Choristers Guild, CGA 1058  
SAB, Piano

**Prayer for Mercy (Mass for Treble Voices) – E**... Luke

Allen Pote  
© 2011, Choristers Guild, CGA 1253  
2-Part, Piano

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

There is no poverty so great as that of the prosperous,  
no wretchedness so dismal as affluence.

—THOMAS MERTON, Journals, Book 5

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Shine upon my ways. May I this day get nearer heaven. May I feel at its close that I have done something for God— something to promote the great end for which existence was given me— the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

— JOHN MACDUFF (1818-1895)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 91)

In this place we gather together;  
We lay aside our fears and doubts.  
In the shelter of the Most High,  
Abiding in the shadow of the Almighty.  
“Our refuge and our fortress;  
our God, in whom we trust.”  
Under his wings we will find refuge;  
God’s faithfulness is a shield and defense.

O Lord, Those who love You, You will deliver;  
You will protect those who know Your name.  
When they call to You, You will answer them;  
You will be with them in trouble,  
You will rescue them and honor them.  
With long life You will satisfy them  
and show them Your salvation.  
Amen.

—Dalen C. Jackson\*

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## LITANY

(based on 1 Peter 6:6-19)

Lord, help us to take hold of the life that really is life.

**May we be content with food and clothing.**

May we avoid the love of money—a root of all kinds of evil.

**May we pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance,  
gentleness.**

May we fight the good fight of the faith.

**May we take hold of the eternal life to which we were called.**

May we keep God’s commandment without spot or blame.

**May we not be haughty.**

May we not set our hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather  
on God.

**May we do good.**

May we be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share.

**May we store up the treasure of a good foundation for the future.**

**May we take hold of the life that really is life.**

*All that is prayed for and believed is confirmed in the action of God.  
God enters our lives and acts in ways that meet every need. Blessings are exchanged.*

—EUGENE PETERSON, *Praying with the Psalms*

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord, as we bring our offerings to you, we ask that you help us let go of the fear that causes us to hold tightly to the things we have. Give us an awareness of those who have needs we can help fill. Give us a vision for how we can invest our money, our time, our lives in things that really matter in your kingdom. We ask your blessing on these offerings, that they might be used to give comfort, and nurture, and hope. Amen.

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The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;  
the Lord supports the fainting mind;  
he sends the laboring conscience peace;  
he helps the stranger in distress,  
the widow and the parentless,  
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

—ISAAC WATTS, "I'll Praise My Maker," 1719, alt.

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## BENEDICTION

And now may we go in faith, trusting in God who cares for the poor and protects those who call out for help. May we invest our lives each day in the hope of God's presence, with a vision for God's kingdom on earth—in the people and places and events we encounter all along the way. Amen.

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\* Thanks to Dalen C. Jackson for contributions to this week's prayers and liturgies.

Warren Howell, editor