

# Season after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 22 and/or World Communion (Sunday between October 2 and October 8 inclusive)

**Color:** Green

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

[Lamentations 1:1-6](#) (*The desolation of Jerusalem*)

[Lamentations 3:19-26](#) (*Great is your faithfulness, O Lord*)

[or] [Psalm 137](#) (*How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?*)

[2 Timothy 1:1-14](#) (*For I know the one in whom I have put my trust*)

[Luke 17:5-10](#) (*"If only you had faith the size of a mustard seed"*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4](#) (*The wicked surround the righteous; wait for the Lord*)

[Psalm 37:1-9](#) (*Trust in the Lord, and do good*)

**Themes:** Lament, Grief, Trust, Faith, Communion, God's Faithfulness

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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="#">By The Waters, the Waters of Babylon</a> ( <i>BY THE WATERS</i> ) .....	Psalm 137
<a href="#">Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether</a> ( <i>UNION SEMINARY</i> ) .....	2 Timothy, Communion
<a href="#">Give to the Winds Thy Fears</a> ( <i>DIADEMATA; FESTAL SONG</i> ) .....	Psalm 37
<a href="#">Great Is Thy Faithfulness</a> ( <i>FAITHFULNESS</i> ).....	Lamentations 1
<a href="#">I Come with Joy</a> ( <i>DOVE OF PEACE</i> ).....	2 Timothy, Communion
<a href="#">The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy</a> ( <i>HANOVER</i> ) .....	Luke
<a href="#">Morning Has Broken</a> ( <i>BUNESSAN</i> ) .....	Lamentations 3
<a href="#">My Song Is Love Unknown</a> ( <i>LOVE UNKNOWN</i> ) .....	Lamentations 1; 2 Timothy
<a href="#">Now the Green Blade Rises</a> ( <i>NOEL NOUVELET</i> ) .....	Luke, Communion
<a href="#">O God of Every Nation</a> ( <i>LLANGLOFFAN; PASSION CHORALE; ST. THEODULPH</i> ) .....	Habakkuk
<a href="#">One Bread, One Body</a> ( <i>ONE BREAD, ONE BODY</i> ).....	Communion

# ANTHEMS

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

**Bread of the World** – ME ..... 2 Timothy, Communion  
Mark Pope  
© 2017, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-2568-9  
SAB, Piano

**By the Babylonian Rivers** – E ..... Psalm 137  
Latvian Folk/David Cherwien, arr.  
© 1995, GIA Publications, G-4290  
SATB, Piano, opt. Cello

**Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether** – E ..... 2 Tim, Com.  
Bob Moore  
© 2014, World Library Publications, 8939  
SATB, Piano

**For Everyone Born** – M ..... Communion  
Brian Mann/Tom Trenney, arr.  
© 2016, MorningStar Music, 50-5011  
SATB, Piano, Cello

**God of Grace and God of Glory** – ME ..... 2 Timothy  
*CWM RHONDDA*/Michael D. Costello, arr.  
© 2009, MorningStar Music, 60-6004  
2-Part Mixed (or Unison), Children, Piano, Cello

**I Come With Joy** – ME ..... 2 Timothy, Communion  
*DOVE OF PEACE*/Zebulon Highben, arr.  
© 2018, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-2206-0  
SAB, Organ

**Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ** – E ..... Comm.  
*LINSTEAD*/Bradley Ellingboe, arr.  
© 1997, Kjos Music, 8833  
SATB, Organ, Flute, opt. Percussion

**Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word** – E ..... Hab.  
*ERHALT UNS, HERR*/John A. Behnke, arr.  
© 2017, Concordia Publishing, 98-4262  
SATB, Organ

**O Lord, Increase Our Faith** – M ..... Luke  
Richard DeLong  
© 1995, E.C. Schirmer, 4860  
SATB, a cappella

**What You, My God, Ordain Is Good** – E ..... Lam. 3  
*WAS GOTT TUT*/J.S. Bach/Michael Burkhardt, arr.  
© 1998, MorningStar Music, 50-9455  
Unis., Keyboard, 2 C-Instruments, opt. Bass Inst.

-- Youth and Children --

**Si Tuvieras Fe (If You Had Faith)** – M ..... Luke  
Latin American Trad./Rory Cooney, arr.  
© 2016, GIA Publications, G-9231  
SAB, opt. Solos, Piano, opt. Guitar

**In God's Hands** – E ..... Luke  
African-American Spiritual/Erik Whitehill, arr.  
© 2019, Choristers Guild, CGA 1617  
2-Part, Piano

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

*What is all this juice and all this joy?*

—GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS, from *“Spring”*

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This sacred flame  
we tend inside needs  
the chants of every tongue,  
the communion  
with all.

— THOMAS AQUINAS (1225-1274)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Lamentations 3:19-26)

One: It has been a long week since we last gathered, O God.  
Remind us again today that your steadfast love never ceases.

**Many: Renew your mercies this morning and give us hope.**

One: You are good to those who wait for you; to those that seek you.

**Many: Grant us a hopeful patience, as we anticipate your salvation.**

**All: For great is your faithfulness to us, now and forevermore.**

*[Hymn Suggestion: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"]*

—Brittany Stillwell\*

## PRAYER OF LAMENT

(based on Psalm 137)

God— God of our Ancestors,

You heard the cry of your people; desperate, angry cries in the midst of desolation and pain.

They traded songs of praise for songs of challenge and despair.

But that was not too much for you.

You were not afraid of their doubt, anger, and disbelief.

You listened to their pleas for help and brought them home again,

restoring their faith and renewing their hope.

God of all who have gathered in this time and place,

You hear our cries too; cries from a desperate people who feel far from home.

We are lost in a world that we don't recognize;

Trapped by systems that oppress and divide;

Mocked by a culture that doesn't understand your call to care for the least of these.

It is hard to praise you when we cannot see your hand at work in the world,

And if we are honest, we are getting tired of waiting for you to show up,

fed up with our exile.

We are angry and bitter and scared, and we wonder if you care at all.

God of all people, in all times and places,

We have traded our songs of praise for songs of challenge and despair.

But that is not too much for you.

You are not afraid of our doubt, anger, and disbelief.

You listen to our pleas for help and bring us home again.

You restore our faith and renew our hope.

Remind us again, this day, in big and small ways,

That you are with us,

That you care about us, and

That you are working through us to bring us all home and make us all whole.

Faithful God,

Hear our prayers of lament and turn them into songs of hope. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(based on 2 Timothy 1:1-14)

God of Moses and Abraham, of Deborah and David,  
We give you thanks for those who have gone before us,  
champions of faith who paved the way for us.

Like Paul we remember our own Eunice and Lois;  
the parents and grandparents in our midst who have shown us  
what faith in you looks like.  
And so, we pause, to remember and give thanks as we speak aloud  
the names of those who have shaped our faith in you:

*[pause to allow church members to name aloud folks who have inspired their faith]*

God of Eunice and Lois, of Paul and Timothy;  
We are grateful for the people you have put in our path—  
Ordinary folks who have persistently and authentically followed you.  
May their faith inspire in us a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.  
May they give us hope in suffering and confidence in times of trial—  
That we might share the hope of your abiding presence with all we meet.

Hear our prayer,  
God our Creator,  
Christ our Savior,  
Spirit our Helper. Amen.

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## WORLD COMMUNION CALL TO THE TABLE

**One:** God of all nations,  
We gather at your Table today, mindful of the great cloud of witnesses spread  
around your world.

**Many:** **Your body is vast and diverse and for that we are grateful.**

**One:** Teach us to lean in close to those of different shades, cultures, and experiences.

**Many:** **For the more we know the fullness of your creation, the more we know the  
fullness of you.**

**All:** ***As we come to your Table today, Creator, Christ, and Spirit,  
make us one as you are one.***

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\* Thanks to Brittany Stillwell for contributing this week's liturgies and prayers.

Warren Howell, editor