

Season after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 23C

(Sunday between October 9 and October 15 inclusive)

Color: Green

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

[Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7](#) (*Israel is instructed to build and plant, even in exile*)

[Psalm 66:1-12](#) (*Bless our God, O peoples, who has not let our feet slip*)

[2 Timothy 2:8-15](#) (*If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ*)

[Luke 17:11-19](#) (*One man with leprosy returns to give thanks for healing*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c](#) (*Cleansed in the Jordan, Naaman is healed*)

[Psalm 111](#) (*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart*)

Themes: Peacemaking, Faithfulness, Life, Cleansing, Healing, Gratitude

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.

[All Who Love and Serve Your City](#) (CHARLESTOWN)..... Jeremiah

[Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation](#) (WESTMINSTER ABBEY; REGENT SQUARE)..... 2 Timothy

[God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending](#) (BEACH SPRING; NETTLETON) 2 Timothy

[How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord](#) (REPTON) 2 Timothy

[I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath](#) (OLD 113TH) Psalms, Luke

[O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come](#) (ERHALT UNS HERR)..... 2 Kings

[O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing](#) (AZMON; BLESSED NAME)..... Luke

[O Sing to the Lord/Cantad al Señor](#) (CANTAD AL SEÑOR)..... Psalms

[Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven](#) (LAUDA ANIMA)..... Psalms, Luke

[Thank You, Lord](#) (THANK YOU LORD)..... Psalms, Luke

[There's a Spirit in the Air](#) (LAUDS)..... 2 Kings, Luke

[When We Are Living \(Pues Si Vivimos\)](#) (SOMOS DEL SEÑOR) 2 Timothy

ANTHEMS

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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation – ME..... 2 Tim.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY/Jeremy Bankston, arr.
© 2018, MorningStar Music, 60-7040
SATB, Children, Organ, opt. 2 Trumpets, Timpani

From All That Dwell Below the Skies – E... Psalm 111
Gordon Young
© 1960, Galaxy, 1.2186
SATB, Organ

Great Day! – M.....Jeremiah, Psalm 66
African-American Spiritual/Rollo Dillworth, arr.
© 2013, Hal Leonard Corp., 10354082
SATB, Piano

Holy Spirit, Hope and Healer – ME 2 Kings, Luke
SUO-GAN/John Carter, arr.
© 2014, Hope Publishing, C5872
SAB, Piano, opt. Flute

I Thank My God – M..... Psalm 111, Luke
Aaron J. McDermid
© 2016, MorningStar Music, 50-6078
SATB, Piano

Just As I Am – E 2 Kings
Evelyn R. Larter
© 2015, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-0869-9
2-Part (Any), Piano, Flute

O Blessed Spring – MD 2 Kings, Luke, Baptism
Robert Buckley Farlee/David Cherwien, arr.
© 2011, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-4514-2075-3
SATB (opt. 2-Part Mixed), Organ, Flute

Thank You, Lord – ME Luke
Mary Ellen Kerrick
© 2014, Lorenz Corp., 10/4574
SATB, opt. Solo, a cappella

Washed Anew – MD..... 2 Kings, Luke, Baptism
Thomas Keesecker
© 1995, Augsburg Fortress, 978-6000-0-0135-3
SA(T)B, Keyboard

With a Voice of Singing – E Psalm 66
Martin Shaw
© 1923, G. Schirmer, 8103
SATB, Organ

-- Youth and Children --

Sing a Song of Thanks – ME Psalm 111, Luke
Antonio Vivaldi/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 1987, H. Flammer, D-5383
SAB, Keyboard

Come With a Grateful Heart – E Psalm 111, Luke
Lynn Shaw Bailey & Becki Slagle Mayo
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Unison, Piano, Percussion

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

To live is so startling, it leaves
but little room for other occupations.

—EMILY DICKINSON, *Letter to Thomas Wentworth Higginson, 1872*

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O Christ, the healer, we have come
To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
When reached by love that never ends?

—FRED PRATT GREEN, "O Christ, the Healer" (1969)

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 66)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

Many: **Give to God glorious praise, saying: "How awesome are your deeds! The earth worships you; singing praises to your name."**

All: ***Come and see what God has done! Let the sound of praises be heard. Let us worship God.***

—Michael Farnell*

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GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, Fount of all gifts, inspiration for all good;
Grant us gratitude for our bounty received,
Prompt within us similar generosity.
Like the leper who proved thankful to Jesus,
help us realize all you have done for us;
And instill in us an enduring understanding of our giftedness
and a fitting appreciation of our resultant responsibilities
to you and to all you love;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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REMEMBERING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

One: Remember God's faithfulness:

All: **Israel captive in Egypt?**

One: God provides us a way;

All: **A dry path through the sea.**

One: Remember God's faithfulness:

All: **Jerusalem exiled in Babylon?**

One: God calls us to live;

All: **Build houses, plant gardens, prosper!**

One: Remember God's faithfulness:

All: **Apostles alone in prison?**

One: God helps us endure;

All: **Unashamed, salvation, eternal glory.**

One: God remains faithful;

All: **Even when we prove faithless.**

One: Let us declare:

**All: God calls us to life
God calls us to live**

Israel in Egypt
Exiles in Babylon
The righteous in prison
The unfairness of disease

**God calls us to life
God created us to live**

A path across the sea
Prosperity in a foreign land
Release, hope
Healing, comfort

**God call us to life
God created us to live**

PRAYER

O God of Israel, God of us all;
Like Israel, we sense captivity, release, wandering, guidance, Promised Land;
In Christ, we claim freedom, purpose, calling, life, and eternal rest.
Give us the gratitude that will allow us to recognize all you have done for us;
Whatever our path, whatever our circumstance;
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As we leave this place, let us go faithfully, as God has been faithful to us.
Let us remember that God has created us *for* life to *live* life, always
demonstrating our gratitude by extending it to others. And may God's
abundant blessing be with you now, and evermore. Amen.

* Thanks to Michael Farnell contributions this week's liturgies.

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