

# Season after Pentecost, Year C, Proper 26

(Sunday between October 30 and November 5 inclusive)

**Color:** Green

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

[Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4](#) (*The righteous live by their faith*)

[Psalm 119:137-144](#) (*Give me understanding that I may live*)

[2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12](#) (*Your steadfastness and faith during persecution*)

[Luke 19:1-10](#) (*Jesus greets Zacchaeus*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Isaiah 1:10-18](#) (*Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed*)

[Psalm 32:1-7](#) (*Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you*)

**Themes:** Vision, Faithfulness, Wisdom, Justice, Calling, Repentance

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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.

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| <a href="#">Amazing Grace</a> ( <i>NEW BRITAIN</i> ) .....                             | 2 Thessalonians, Luke           |
| <a href="#">Be Thou My Vision</a> ( <i>SLANE</i> ) .....                               | Habakkuk                        |
| <a href="#">Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</a> ( <i>ARISE; RESTORATION</i> ) .....   | Luke                            |
| <a href="#">For Everyone Born</a> ( <i>A PLACE AT THE TABLE</i> ) .....                | Luke                            |
| <a href="#">Grace Greater Than Our Sin</a> ( <i>MOODY</i> ) .....                      | Isaiah, Luke                    |
| <a href="#">I Come with Joy</a> ( <i>DOVE OF PEACE</i> ) .....                         | Luke                            |
| <a href="#">I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord</a> ( <i>ST. THOMAS</i> ) .....                   | 2 Thessalonians                 |
| <a href="#">Jesus, Lover of My Soul</a> ( <i>ABERYSTWYTH</i> ) .....                   | Psalm 32                        |
| <a href="#">My Faith Looks Up to Thee</a> ( <i>OLIVET</i> ) .....                      | Habakkuk, 2 Thessalonians, Luke |
| <a href="#">O God of Every Nation</a> ( <i>LLANGLOFFAN; NETTLETON</i> ) .....          | Habakkuk                        |
| <a href="#">The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)</a> ( <i>KELVINGROVE</i> ) ..... | Luke                            |
| <a href="#">Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord</a> ( <i>CAMACHA</i> ) .....                      | Psalm 119                       |
| <a href="#">What Does the Lord Require of You?</a> ( <i>MOON</i> ) .....               | Isaiah                          |

# ANTHEMS

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

**All His Mercies Shall Endure** – E ..... Psalm 32  
G.F. Handel/Walter Ehret, arr.  
© 2009, GIA Publications, G-7325  
2-Part Equal Voices, Keyboard

**Amazing Grace** – M ..... 2 Thessalonians, Luke  
*NEW BRITAIN*/Robert T. Gibson, arr.  
© 2018, Walton Music, WW1879  
SATB, Piano, Violin, Cello

**The Best of Rooms** – ME ..... Luke  
Peter Matthews  
© 2016, MorningStar Music, 50-5850  
SATB, Organ

**Bow Down Low** – E..... Isaiah  
Shaker Song/David Bridges, arr.  
© 1988, Hope Publishing, A603  
SATB, a cappella

**God of Grace and God of Glory** – ME ..... 2 Thess.  
*CWM RHONDDA*/Michael D. Costello, arr.  
© 2009, MorningStar Music, 60-6004  
2-Part Mixed (or U), Children, Organ, Brass (5)

**Grace** – E..... 2 Thessalonians, Luke  
*O WALY WALY*/Mark Hayes, arr.  
© 1993, Beckenhorst Press, BP1402  
SATB, Piano

**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say** – E ..... Luke  
*KINGSFOLD*/Russell Schulz Widmar, arr.  
© 2010, Hope Publishing, C5622  
SAB, Handbells (7 bells)

**Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word** – M  
.....Habakkuk, Psalm 119  
*ERHALT US, HERR*/John A. Behnke, arr.  
© 2017, Concordia Publishing, 98-4262  
SATB, Organ

**Somebody's Knockin' At Yo' Do'** – M ..... Luke  
African-American Spiritual/Rosephanye Powell, arr.  
© 2013, Oxford University Press, 9780193387836  
SA, Piano

**Stop By, Lord** – ME ..... Luke  
Doris Wesley Bettis  
© 2001, GIA Publications, G-5595  
SATB, opt. Solo, Keyboard

-- Youth and Children --

**Roll Down, Justice!** – MD .....Habakkuk, Isaiah  
Mark A. Miller/*NETTLETON*  
© 2016, Choristers Guild, CGA 1472  
SATB, Piano

**Zacchaeus** – E ..... Luke  
John D. Horman  
© 2006, Choristers Guild, CGA 1073  
Unison/opt. 2-Part, Piano

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

You can be sorry all you like, but change is the fruit of responsibility.

—PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA, *In the Shelter: Finding a Home in the World*, 2015

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If you are bothered by a distracting thought,  
it is not helpful to thrash around in your prayer about it.

Simply repent.

This will give your spiritual sword a sharper edge.

—EVAGRIUS PONTICUS, 345-399

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered to worship our ever-faithful God.  
How shall we respond to His faithfulness?

**We will sing to Him our praise.**

**We will speak sincere words of thanksgiving.**

We have gathered to worship our gracious God.  
How shall we respond to His graciousness?

**We will humbly confess our sin.**

**We will seek help for Christ-like living.**

We have gathered to worship our loving God.  
How shall we respond to His all-encompassing love?

**We will love Him with our heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

**We will love our neighbor as we love ourselves.**

—Anita Thompson\*

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## PRAYER AFTER THE GOSPEL

(based on Luke 19:1-10)

*Prayer Response: Lord, in Your mercy . . . **hear our prayer.***

Our Welcoming God, we thank You for this story of Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus. We confess we may too quickly assume we understand its meaning and, therefore, don't take the time to consider the greater truths the story may reveal to us. And so, we pray that You would show us the truths we need to see.

Perhaps we are like Zacchaeus, desperately wanting to see Jesus, but too afraid to leave the safety of the crowd. Give us the courage to climb to new heights of understanding.

Lord, in your mercy . . . **hear our prayer.**

Though we don't care to admit it, we know we are too much like those in the crowd who only saw Zacchaeus as a sinner. Give us the vision to see Your image in every person we encounter, and to value them as You do.

Lord, in your mercy . . . **hear our prayer.**

No doubt there are many people around us who yearn for a glimpse of Christ, who want to experience His welcome, and receive His non-judgmental love. Oh, how we pray that we will live each day in such a way that they might see Christ in us.

Lord, in your mercy . . . **hear our prayer.**

This we pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER  
(a reading from Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, NIV)

Reader 1: The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

Reader 2: How long, LORD, must I call for help,  
but you do not listen?  
Or cry out to you, "Violence!"  
but you do not save?  
Why do you make me look at injustice?  
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

Therefore the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked hem in the righteous,  
so that justice is perverted.  
I will stand at my watch  
and station myself on the ramparts;  
I will look to see what he will say to me,  
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

Song: ["O Lord, Hear My Prayer"](#) (Words: Taizé Community; Music: Jacques Berthier, 1982)

*Suggestion: Sung a cappella, conveying lament (preferably from an area of the sanctuary where choirs don't often sing. Add another voice part, sung from a different location. Add another voice part, etc.)*

Reader 1: Then the LORD replied:

Reader 3: "Write down the revelation  
and make it plain on tablets  
so that a herald may run with it.  
For the revelation awaits  
an appointed time;  
it speaks of the end  
and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it;  
it will certainly come  
and will not delay.  
"See, the enemy is puffed up;  
his desires are not upright—  
but the righteous person will live  
by his faithfulness."

Song: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" *Suggestion: Sung a cappella. Conveying hope.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(based on Psalm 32:1-7, NLT)

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!

**Yes, what joy for those**

**whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt,  
whose lives are lived in complete honesty!**

When I refused to confess my sin,  
my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.

Finally, I confessed all my sins  
and stopped trying to hide my guilt.

**I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And He forgave me! All my guilt is gone.**

BENEDICTION

(based on 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12)

As we have worshiped together this day,  
may all that we have experienced  
in this holy place lead to greater faithfulness.  
And may God make us worthy of His call,  
and fulfill by His power every good resolve and work  
of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be  
glorified in us, and us in Him,  
according to the grace  
of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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\* Thanks to Anita Thompson for this week's prayers and liturgies.

Warren Howell, editor