

Season after Pentecost, Proper 19A

(Sunday between September 11 and September 17 inclusive)

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

[Exodus 14:19-31](#) (*Deliverance at the Red Sea*)

[Psalm 114](#) (*Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord*)

[or] [Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21](#) (*I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously*)

[Romans 14:1-12](#) (*Judge not, but be accepting of the diversity within the faith*)

[Matthew 18:21-35](#) (*A parable of forgiveness and hardheartedness*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Genesis 50:15-21](#) (*Conciliatory grace between Joseph and his brothers*)

[Psalm 103:\(1-7\), 8-13](#) (*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy*)

Themes: Deliverance, Praise, Reconciliation, Grace, Diversity, Forgiveness

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 morning's scriptures or themes.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (<i>DENNIS</i>).....	Genesis, Romans
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (<i>DETROIT; MORNING SONG</i>).....	Matthew
Freedom Is Coming (<i>FREEDOM IS COMING</i>).....	Exodus 14, 15
Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil (<i>GOODNESS IS STRONGER</i>).....	Genesis
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (<i>CWM RHONDDA</i>).....	Exodus
There's a Wideness In God's Mercy (<i>IN BABILONE; WELLESLEY</i>).....	Genesis, Romans
Help Us Accept Each Other (<i>ACCEPTANCE; AURELIA; BARONITA</i>).....	Romans, Matthew
Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome) (<i>TWO OAKS</i>).....	Romans
Lift Every Voice and Sing (<i>LIFT EVERY VOICE</i>).....	Exodus 14, 15
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (<i>TEMPLE</i>).....	Genesis, Romans, Matthew
O, How I Love Jesus (<i>O, HOW I LOVE JESUS</i>).....	Romans
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (<i>LAUDA ANIMA [GOSS]; LAUDA ANIMA [ANDREWS]</i>).....	Psalm 103
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (<i>LOBE DEN HERREN</i>).....	Psalm 103
Pues Si Vivimos ("When We Are Living") (<i>SOMOS DEL SEÑOR</i>).....	Romans
Where Charity and Love Prevail (<i>CHESHIRE; TWENTY-FOURTH; ST. PETER</i>).....	Romans, Matthew

ANTHEMS

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

Bless His Holy Name - M Psalm 103
Mark Shepperd
© 2000, MorningStar Music, 50-6147
2-Part Mixed, Piano, opt. Handbells (avail. SAB & SATB)

Canon of Praise - E Psalm 103
Johann Pachelbel/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 2013, Hope Publishing, C 5808
SATB, Keyboard (also available in SAB and 2-Part)

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive - E Gen, Matt
DETROIT/Paul J. Monachino, arr.
© 2016, GIA Publications, G-9041
SAB, Organ

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me - E Gen, Rom
ADORO TE DEVOTE/K. Lee Scott, arr.
© 1984, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-4613-4
2-Part Mixed, Organ

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely - M Romans
MERLE'S TUNE/Roy Hopp, arr.
© 2004, MorningStar Music, 50-6040
SATB, Organ, Flute

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake - M .. Gen, Ps 103
Richard Farrant
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SATB, a cappella (opt. Keyboard)

O My Soul, Bless God the Father - E Psalm 103
BEACH SPRING/Walter Ehret, arr.
© 1974, Shawnee Press, D-5219
SAB, Keyboard

Path of Mercy - E Genesis, Matthew
Karen Schneider Kirner
© 2016, World Library Publications, 007303
2-Part Mixed, Piano, Flute, opt. Strings

Wade in the Water - M Exodus
Negro Spiritual/Moses Hogan, arr.
© 1997, Hal Leonard, 08741180
SATB, Solo, a cappella

-- Youth and Children --

Pues Si Vivimos (If We Are Living) - E Romans
SOMOS DEL SEÑOR/Marty Haugen, arr.
© 1995, GIA Publications, G-4280
2- or 3-Part (any combination), Piano, opt. 2 Flutes

Wade in the Water - E Exodus
Negro Spiritual/Max Exner, arr.
© 1991, Choristers Guild, CGA 572
Unison, Keyboard

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*There is not a flower that opens, not a seed that falls into the ground,
and not an ear of wheat that nods on the end of its stalk in the wind
that does not preach and proclaim the greatness and mercy of God to
the whole world.*

*There is not an act of kindness or generosity, not an act of sacrifice
done, or a word of peace and gentleness spoken, not a child's prayer
uttered, that does not sing hymns to God.*

— THOMAS MERTON, *The Seven Storey Mountain*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Psalm 26)

Bless the Lord!

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Let my whole being bless the Lord!

Let my whole being bless God's holy name!

Why do I bless the Lord?

I bless the Lord because of God's benefits

I bless the Lord because God forgives my iniquity

I bless the Lord because God heals my diseases

I bless the Lord because God redeems my life from the pit

**I bless the Lord because God crowns me with love and mercy
and God satisfies and restores me.**

I bless the Lord because God is a God who forgives.

I bless the Lord because God welcomes me, forgives me, and restores me.

I bless the Lord because God renews me for God's service.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all of God's benefits.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

— Steven R. Gibson*

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and guiding God, We come with our hearts and minds open to your presence and your power. We give thanks for the gift of this day, for your goodness, boundless and everlasting. For your generosity, gracious and wise, For your mercy, strong and free. Let us share your goodness. Let us practice your generosity. Let us live your mercy that we and the world may be well. Amen.

— based on J. PHILIP NEWELL
Celtic Treasure, Daily Scriptures and Prayers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, when we hoard the earth's resources instead of sharing.
Forgive us, O God, when we turn our back on our neighbor who needs our assistance. Forgive us, O God, when we disobey your commands.

Forgive us, O God, when we turn our backs on your blessed name.
Forgive us, O God. Restore us, O God. Remember our sin no more, O God.
Humbly we ask for these things in your most holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

— Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pastoral Care

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord, you have showered your people extravagantly. Teach us to return your extravagance and our resources to the church and to those in need. May our lives reflect the generosity and grace that you have shared with us. Bless, O Lord, these gifts - sanctify them and multiply them for your service, both in this place and in your world. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of eternal light and love, enliven our hearts to hear your word for this day.
May this word quicken us to service to you and to others.
This is our prayer, we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

— from ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

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