

Season after Pentecost, Proper 24A

(Sunday between October 16 and October 22 inclusive)

Color: Green

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

[Exodus 33:12-23](#) (*Moses seeks to be shown God's glory*)

[Psalm 99](#) (*Worship at God's holy mountain; Lord our God is holy*)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#) (*Thanksgiving for the new church in Thessalonica*)

[Matthew 22:15-22](#) (*Jesus teaches giving rightfully to the emperor and to God*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Isaiah 45:1-7](#) (*A foreign ruler as an instrument of God's will*)

[Psalm 96:1-9 \(10-13\)](#) (*God's glory among the nations; bring an offering, come worship the Lord*)

Themes: Glory of God, Praise, Sovereignty, Faithfulness, Stewardship

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.

All Things Are Yours (GERMANY).....	Matthew
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (AUSTRIAN HYMN)	Isaiah, Psalm 96
God Moves In a Mysterious Way (DUNDEE; LONDON NEW; ST. ANNE).....	Isaiah
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (BEACH SPRING; HYFRYDOL; RUSTINGTON).....	Matthew
Holy, Holy, Holy (NICAEA)	Exodus, Psalm 99
Immortal, Invisible (ST. DENIO).....	Exodus, Isaiah, Psalm 96
O Sing to the Lord (CANTAD AL SEÑOR).....	Psalm 96
O, How I Love Jesus (O, HOW I LOVE JESUS)	1 Thessalonians, Matthew
Rejoice in God's Saints (HANOVER; LAUDATE DOMINUM)	1 Thessalonians
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (MIT FREUDEN ZART)	Isaiah, Psalm 96
God Is Here! (ABBOT'S LEIGH).....	Exodus
They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love (ST. BRENDAN'S)	1 Thessalonians
This Little Light of Mine (THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE)	1 Thessalonians
To God Be the Glory (TO GOD BE THE GLORY).....	Psalm 96, 1 Thessalonians

ANTHEMS

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

Cantad al Señor - E..... Psalm 96
Brazilian (Portuguese) Folk/Robert Hobby, arr.
© 1994, MorningStar Music, 50-9063
Unison with Descant, Organ, opt. 2 Trumpets, Perc.

Cantate Domino - M..... Psalm 96
Giuseppe Pitoni/Norman Greyson, arr.
© 1954, Bourne Co, ES5
SATB, a cappella

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire - E..... Psalm 99
VENI CREATOR/Robert J. Powell, arr.
© 2007, Paraclete Press, PP 00709
SATB, Organ, Flute

Consecration - ME..... Matthew
John Ness Beck
© 1987, Beckenhorst Press, BP 1250
SATB, Keyboard

Glory to God - E..... Psalm 96
G.F. Handel/Patrick Liebergen, arr.
© 1987, Carl Fischer, CM 8392
SATB, Keyboard, opt. Trumpet

He Hideth My Soul - E..... Exodus
KIRKPATRICK/Mark Shepperd, arr.
© 2013, MorningStar Music, 50-9063
SATB, Piano

Jubilant Song - ME..... Psalm 96
Allen Pote
© 1984, Hope Publishing, F979
SATB, Keyboard, opt. Handbells, Brass (4)

Sing a New Song - ME..... Psalm 96
John L. Bell
© 1988, GIA Publications, G-4672
SATB, a cappella

Sing a New Song - E..... Psalm 96
Heinrich Schütz/Carolyn Jennings, arr.
© 1975, Belwin Mills, SCHCH-07601
SATB, Flute, Double Bass

Somebody's Calling My Name - M..... Isaiah
Negro Spiritual/Edwin Ferguson, arr.
© 1986, Walton Music, Inc, WW 1062
SAB, Keyboard

-- Youth and Children --

Cantate! - E..... Psalm 96
Mary Lynn Lightfoot
© 1988, 2015, Choristers Guild, CGE3
SAT(B), Keyboard

Come, Let Us Sing - E..... Psalm 96
Jody W. Lindh
© 1989, Choristers Guild, CGA 478
Unison, Keyboard

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

"Singing a new song" involves knowing the old songs.

—DON SALIERS

*For we, which now behold these present days,
Have eyes to wonder, but lack tongues to praise.*

—WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, Sonnet 106

Community is where humility and glory touch.

—HENRI J.M. NOUWEN, Bread for the Journey

TWO CALLS TO WORSHIP

(based upon Psalm 96)

Let us worship the Lord!

We will worship the Lord because God is holy.

Let us sing to the Lord!

We will sing to the Lord, praise God's holy name.

Let us praise the Lord for God is great!

We will praise the Lord

for God is worthy of our highest praise.

(based upon Isaiah 45:1-7)

We have gathered to worship the God of Jacob.

We praise our God who calls us by name.

From the east to the west,

from sunrise to sunset,

Our God is the Lord,

there is no other.

Let us worship the Lord!

— Anita Thompson*

GATHERING PRAYER

(influenced by Psalm 96)

Holy Lord, all of creation trembles in awe before You. Skies rejoice and the seas shout! Earth is filled with gladness while the forests sing! And we, Your children, gathered for worship on this Lord's Day, join in proclaiming, "The Lord is King!" Amen.

PRAYER FOR A NEW SONG – A CONFESSION

(based on Psalm 96)

As we prepare to offer our confession, let us consider this question: Have you ever wondered why the psalmist repeatedly invites us to sing new songs to the Lord?

Our Creative God, the gift of song has long been a cherished means of expression for Your church. Oh, how we cherish the old, familiar songs, the ones we know by heart. They've long given voice to our praise and adoration, our thanksgiving and lamentation, our commitment and confession. Through them, we continue to proclaim the redemption story from one generation to another. For the gift of the old songs that are a beloved part of our faith, we offer our thanks, O God.

We confess that the psalmist's invitation to sing new songs to You makes us uncomfortable. Singing something new requires patience and attentiveness. New melodies may take a direction that feels disconnected to our ears. New rhythms may require steps that feel awkward to our feet. New harmonies may sound dissonant to our ears. And new words may require language that gets twisted on our tongues. Singing new songs requires a lot of us. We confess we're more comfortable with the old.

But oh, Wise and Clever God, the invitation to sing new songs is an invitation to greater attentiveness so that we may see anew how You are working in our world. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of attentiveness. Open our eyes wide to the myriad ways You are working toward the coming of Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. And once our eyes are opened, may we be so inspired by what we see, that we can't help but bring together new melodies, new rhythms, new harmonies, and new languages to compose new songs which will tell Your redemption in new ways to current generations, and generations to come.

Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(based on Matthew 22:15-22)

Christ, our Lord, we strive in our daily lives to be faithful to Your teachings,
yet when put to the test, we too often fail.

With our mouths we claim You as Lord;

with our actions we betray that claim.

You teach us to “give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s,”

but we withhold from God all the things that are God’s.

You ask us to love You with all our heart,

but we are too afraid to give You all.

You ask us to love You with all our mind,

but we are overcome by distractions and thoughtlessness.

You ask us to love You with all our strength,

but our energies are spent on things of little value.

You ask us to love You with our very soul,

but in our stubborn arrogance, we don’t want to give up control.

Forgive us, Lord, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit,

help us to be more faithful,

to fully give You our allegiance,

and to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Through Christ our Lord, we pray.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(1 John 1:4-7)

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that
God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

**If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth;**

but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship
with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

BENEDICTION

(2 Thessalonians 3:16)

As you depart from this place, may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all
ways. The Lord be with you all. Amen.

* Thanks to Anita Thompson for contributing this week’s prayers and liturgies.

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