

Season after Pentecost, Proper 25A

(Sunday between October 23 and October 29 inclusive)

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

[Deuteronomy 34:1-12](#) (*The death of Moses*)

[Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17](#) (*Let your work be manifest to your servants*)

[1 Thessalonians 2:1-8](#) (*Paul reflects with genuine care for the Thessalonians*)

[Matthew 22:34-46](#) (*Two great commandments: love for God and love for neighbor*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18](#) (*Live lives of justice and love; be holy because I am holy*)

[Psalm 1](#) (*Delight in the law of the Lord*)

Themes: Heritage of Faith, God's Word, Love, Great Commandment

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.

Be Thou My Vision (SLANE).....	Psalm 1
Blest Be the Tie that Binds (DENNIS)	1 Thessalonians
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (HOLY MANNA).....	1 Thessalonians, Matthew
For the Fruit of All Creation (ABERYSTWYTH).....	Leviticus
The God of Abraham Praise (LEONI)	Deuteronomy
Holy, Holy, Holy (NICAEA).....	Leviticus
I Love Thy Church, O Lord (ST. THOMAS)	1 Thessalonians
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (CHEREPONI).....	Matthew
O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ST. ANNE).....	Psalm 90
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (LAUDA ANIMA [GOSS]; LAUDA ANIMA [ANDREWS]).....	Psalm 90, 1 Thessalonians
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (MORECAMBE).....	Leviticus, Matthew
They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love (ST. BRENDAN'S)	1 Thessalonians, Matthew
We Are God's People (SYMPHONY)	Leviticus, Matthew
Wonderful Words of Life (WORDS OF LIFE).....	Psalm 1

ANTHEMS

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

Festival Piece on "St. Anne" - ME Psalm 90
St. ANNE/Eugene Butler, arr.
© 1976, Belwin Mills/Jubilate Music, DMC 01119
SATB, Organ, Brass (4), Timpani

I Give To You A New Commandment - ME
.....Leviticus, Psalm 1, Matthew
Peter Nardone
© 2004, RSCM, GIA Publications, G-6550
SATB, Organ

I Know the Lord - E Deuteronomy
Negro Spiritual/Richard Kent, arr.
© 1966, World Library Publications, WLP 001080
SATB, a cappella

Like a Tree - M Psalm 1
Margaret Douroux/Lon Beery, arr.
© 2000, BriLee Music, BL408
SSA, Piano

Love Is Little - E/M Leviticus, Matthew
Shaker Song/Kevin Siegfried, arr.
© 1999, earthsongs, S-102
SATB, a cappella (from *Shaker Songs*)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past - E Psalm 90
St. ANNE/Kevin Hildebrand, arr.
© 2005, MorningStar Music, 50-9702
TB, Keyboard

O How Amiable - M Psalm 90
Ralph Vaughan Williams, quoting *St. ANNE*
© 1940, 1969, Oxford University, 9780193540668
SATB, Organ, opt. Brass

Prayer for Peace - E 1 Thessalonians
Benjamin Harlan
© 1987, GlorySound, A-6354
SATB, Keyboard

Teach Me, O Lord - E Psalm 1
Thomas Attwood/Gerald Near, ed.
© 2014, MorningStar Music, 50-3425
SATB, a cappella, opt. Organ

To Love Our God - M Leviticus, Psalm 1, Matthew
Mark Hayes
© 1997, Hinshaw Music, HMC2522
SATB, Piano

-- Youth and Children --

Walk Together, Children - E Psalm 1
Negro Spiritual/Ken Berg, arr.
© 2009, Walton Music Group, WLG132
3-Part Mixed, Soloist, Piano

The Good Samaritan - E Leviticus, Matthew
Lynn Shaw Bailey & Becki Slagle Mayo
© 2009, Choristers Guild, CGA1168
Unison/opt. 2-Part, Keyboard

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*Blessed are those
who walk hand in hand
with goodness,
who stand beside virtue,
who sit in the seat of truth;
For their delight is in the Spirit of Love,
and in Love's heart they dwell
day and night.*

— NAN C. MERRILL, Psalm 1:1-2, "*Psalms for Praying*"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Living God,
we give you thanks and praise,
**for you have made us and given us life,
you have redeemed us and set us free.**

Loving God,
we give you thanks and praise,
**for you have found us and made us your own,
named us and called us 'Beloved.'**

Accompanying God,
we give you thanks and praise,
**for you have promised to be with us always
and nothing can separate us from your love.**

**God, our great God,
we love you and adore you.**

-- Scott Herrington*

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Be still, my heart, these great trees are prayers.

— RABINDRANATH TAGORE, *The Heart of God: Prayers*

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HYMN FOR THE TABLE CELEBRATION

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,
who at this blessed feast art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to all doth here afford!
O may our souls forever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, forever precious be!

Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, attr.;
James Russell Woodford, tr.

Tune Suggestions: *EVENTIDE* or *ADORO TE DEVOTE*

LITANY OF CONFESSION

[Singing the following chorus between the spoken lines of the litany]

**Love God with all your soul and strength,
With all your heart, your soul and mind;
And love your neighbor as yourself:
In love be faithful, just, and kind.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1715
Tune: O WALY WALY

Lord God, we know your Greatest Commandment:

These words reside in our hearts.

Why are we so slow to act upon them?

(Sing chorus)

We see neighbors in need, and walk by.

We see children suffering, and are 'uncomfortable.'

We are too busy, too weary to respond.

(Sing chorus)

We see injustice stripping others of dignity

but stand fearful, powerless to effect change,

even though love demands action.

(Sing chorus)

When we do not treat our neighbors

as we ourselves would hope to be treated,

we do not love you fully.

Forgive us, Lord.

(Sing chorus)

Open our eyes to see,

our ears to hear.

Open our hearts to your transforming Spirit

so that we may wholly love you and yours.

(Sing chorus)

BENEDICTION

(Philippians 4:7)

As you leave from this place, may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, now and evermore. Amen.

*Thanks to Scott Herrington for contributing to week's prayers, and liturgies.

Warren Howell, editor