

Season after Pentecost, Proper 26A

(Sunday between October 30 and November 5 inclusive)

Color: Green

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

[Joshua 3:7-17](#) (Israel crosses into the land of promise)

[Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37](#) (Give thanks to the Lord, who delivered us)

[1 Thessalonians 2:9-13](#) (Thanksgiving for the word of God received)

[Matthew 23:1-12](#) (All who humble themselves will be exalted)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Micah 3:5-12](#) (Judgement upon corrupt rulers)

[Psalm 43](#) (Vindicate me, O God)

Themes: Guidance, Deliverance, Thankfulness, God's Word, Humility, Justice

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.

The Church of Christ in Every Age (SLANE).....	Matthew
Deep River (DEEP RIVER)	Joshua
Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart (GIVE THANKS)	Psalm 107, 1 Thessalonians
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (CWM RHONDDA).....	Joshua
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (CHEREPONI)	Matthew
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (ST. AGNES).....	1 Thessalonians
Lead Me, Guide Me (LEAD ME, GUIDE ME).....	Joshua, Psalm 107
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (BEACH SPRING; IN BABILONE)	Matthew
My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout (STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN).....	Micah, Psalm 43
Now Thank We All Our God (NUN DANKET)	Psalm 107
On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand (PROMISED LAND)	Joshua
Thank You, Lord (THANK YOU, LORD)	Psalm 107, 1 Thessalonians
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (The Servant Song) (THE SERVANT SONG)	Matthew
Your Words to Me are Life and Health (WINCHESTER OLD)	Psalm 43

ANTHEMS

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

Ain-a That Good News - M..... 1 Thessalonians
Negro Spiritual/William L. Dawson, arr.
© 1965, Kjos Music, T103
SATB, a cappella

Bright Canaan - MEJoshua
Trad. American/Alice Parker & Robert Shaw, arr.
© 1961, Lawson-Gould Music, LG919
SATB, a cappella

Canticle of the Turning - E.....Micah
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 2010, MorningStar Music, 50-1500
SSA, Solo, Flute, Organ (or String, Percussion)

Deep River - EJoshua
Negro Spiritual/Victor C. Johnson, arr.
© 2019, Choristers Guild, CGE350
SATB, Solo, Piano

Humble Service - ME Matthew
BEACH SPRING/Larry L. Fleming, arr.
© 1984, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-4622-6
SATB, a cappella

Humbly Walk with God - M Micah
K. Lee Scott
© 2000, MorningStar Music, 50-9009
SATB, Organ, opt. Trumpet

Lord God, We Worship Thee - E..... Psalm 107
J.S. Bach/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 1973, H. Flammer, D-5269
SAB, Keyboard

The Promised Land - MJoshua
PROMISED LAND/Stephen Caracciolo, arr.
© 2021, E.C. Schirmer, 8969
SATB divisi, Harp (or Piano), Flute or Violin

Thanks Be to God - M..... Psalm 107
Allen Pote
© 2014, Hope Publishing, C-5881
SATB, Piano, opt. Oboe

With a Voice of Singing - M..... Psalm 107
Martin Shaw
© 1953, G. Schirmer, 10226
SAB, Organ

-- Youth and Children --

Your Servant I Will Be - ME 1 Thess., Matthew
Mark Patterson
© 2011, Choristers Guild, CGA1215
Unison/opt. 2-Part, Piano

I Give Thanks - E Psalm 107
Toni Sullivan
© 2020, Choristers Guild, CGA1632
Unison, Piano, Rhythm Sticks

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*Lord, help me to know that:
He who is down need fear no fall,
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble, ever shall
Have God to be his guide.
Make me content with what I have
Little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment ever crave,
Because thou savest such.*

— JOHN BUNYAN (1628-1688)

CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37, Matthew 23:1-12)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The God of all the earth led the Israelites into the land of promise.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The God of the Israelites remains our own liberator in our own desert wanderings.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God promises to free our lives from these wastelands to oases of a new creation.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

In God's eternal kingdom, the unprivileged shall be lifted and dignified.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

—Kyle Damron*

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*Your life is without a foundation if,
in any matter,
you choose on your own behalf.
The humility which comes from others having faith in you.*

—DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD, *Markings*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(based on 1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Everlasting God,
in the reading and proclamation of the Word,
may we receive it as your word to us
which is also at work in us
as believers. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(based on Matthew 23:1-12)

Holy God, we confess that we have become very good at religion and putting on holy airs as we publicly say one thing,
but then, do not always do what we preach.

Our actions do not live up to our words,
while we place higher expectation on others than we place on ourselves.

We say, "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God,"
but we tolerate many injustices, wrongs, and hatreds.

We do not forgive others while we excuse our desires
for vengeance in the name of "eye for an eye;"
and we strut ourselves around as if we are right
to say and do what we say and do.

We do not walk humbly with you, God,
nor take on the role of a servant like you;
or if we do take on the role of a servant, then we are quick to exalt ourselves
and say, "Look at me and how I serve."

Merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who took on the form of a servant,
have mercy on us and forgive us for not pursuing, with our whole lives,
your good, just, and righteous ways for all your creation.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved of God, by humbling ourselves and confessing our sins,
God does not remember the sins of our past.

Instead, according to God's unwavering love and goodness,
our sins are forgotten, but we are remembered.

So walk humbly with the Spirit, learn of God's righteous ways, and remember
God's steadfast love endures forever.

BENEDICTION

(based on 1 Thessalonians 2:12-13)

Beloved of God, you have received the word of God, which is also at work in you.
Go forth and lead a life worthy of God who calls you into God's own kingdom and glory.

*Thanks to Kyle Damron for contributing this week's prayers and liturgies.

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