

# Season after Pentecost, Proper 27A

(Sunday between November 6 and November 12 inclusive)

**Color:** Green

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

[Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25](#) (*Choose this day whom you will serve; we will serve the Lord*)

[Psalm 78:1-7](#) (*Tell the coming generation of the glorious deeds of the Lord*)

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#) (*The promise of resurrection*)

[Matthew 25:1-13](#) (*Stay alert! The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm

[Amos 5:18-24](#) (*The day of the Lord. Let justice roll down like waters*)

[Psalm 70](#) (*You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!*)

**Themes:** Choices, Faithfulness, Witness, Resurrection, Waiting, Justice

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## HYMN SUGGESTIONS

*Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](http://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.*

<a href="#">Be Still, My Soul</a> ( <i>FINLANDIA</i> ) .....	1 Thessalonians
<a href="#">For the Healing of the Nations</a> ( <i>CWM RHONDDA; ST. THOMAS [WADE]</i> ) .....	Amos
<a href="#">I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</a> ( <i>HOUSTON</i> ) .....	1 Thessalonians, Matthew
<a href="#">I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me</a> ( <i>I'M GONNA LIVE</i> ) .....	Joshua, Matthew
<a href="#">The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns</a> ( <i>MORNING SONG</i> ) .....	1 Thessalonians, Matthew
<a href="#">Let Justice Flow Like Streams</a> ( <i>ST. THOMAS</i> ) .....	Amos
<a href="#">Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending</a> ( <i>HELMSLEY; ST. THOMAS [WADE]; REGENT SQUARE</i> ) .....	1 Thessalonians, Matthew
<a href="#">Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness</a> ( <i>CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT</i> ) .....	Amos, Matthew
<a href="#">My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</a> ( <i>SOLID ROCK</i> ) .....	Joshua, 1 Thessalonians
<a href="#">My Lord, What a Morning</a> ( <i>YOU'LL HEAR THE TRUMPET SOUND</i> ) .....	1 Thessalonians, Matthew
<a href="#">O Lord, Hear My Prayer</a> ( <i>Taizé Community</i> ) .....	Psalm 70
<a href="#">Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</a> ( <i>LAUDA ANIMA</i> ) .....	1 Thessalonians, Matthew
<a href="#">Rejoice, the Lord is King</a> ( <i>DARWALL</i> ) .....	1 Thessalonians
<a href="#">Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated</a> ( <i>HENDON</i> ) .....	Joshua
<a href="#">View the Present Through the Promise</a> ( <i>AR HYD Y NOS</i> ) .....	1 Thessalonians, Matthew

# ANTHEMS

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

**Come, My Soul, 'Tis Time for Waking** – M .. Matthew  
Felix Mendelssohn/Charles Hirt, ed.  
© 1975, Hinshaw Music, HMC134  
SATB, Keyboard

**Haste Thee, O God** – M ..... Psalm 70  
Adrian Batten/Crawford R. Thoburn, ed.  
© 2003, St. James Music, sjmp.com  
SAB, a cappella

**Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning** – M..... Matt  
Negro Spiritual/Alan J. Hammerding, arr.  
© 1997, World Library Publications, 5739  
3-Part, a cappella

**Let Justice Roll** – M.....Amos  
Marty Haugen  
© 1990, GIA Publications, G-3491  
SATB, Soloists, Keyboard, opt. Guitar

**Lost In the Night** – M.....1 Thessalonians, Matt.  
Finnish Folk Song/Kyle Haugen, arr.  
© 2000 Augsburg Fortress, 0-8006-5924-4  
SAB, Piano

**The Morning Trumpet** – E ..... 1 Thessalonians  
*THE SACRED HARP, 1847*/Timothy Banks, arr.  
© 1998, Alliance Music, AMP – R021  
SATB, Keyboard, opt. Drum

**Roll Down, Justice!** – MD .....Amos  
Mark A. Miller, quoting “Come, Thou Fount”  
© 2016, Choristers Guild, CGA1472  
SATB, Piano

**Sound Forth the Trumpet** – M ..... 1 Thessalonians  
Thomas Morley/Richard Proulx, ed.  
© 1974, GIA Publications, G-1867  
SAB, opt. Keyboard

**Sound Over All Waters** – M .....Amos  
Paul Halley  
© 1994, Pelagos Music, PEL2081  
Solo, SATB, Piano, (opt. Organ, Rhythm & Bass)

**When the Trumpet Sounds** – E ..... 1 Thessalonians  
Negro Spiritual/André Thomas, arr.  
© 1985, Mark Foster, MF 261  
SATB, Piano, opt. Double Bass

– Youth and Children –

**I Choose Love** – ME .....Joshua, Amos  
Mark A. Miller  
© 2016, Choristers Guild, CGA1491  
SATB, Piano

**Shine Your Light** – ME ..... Matthew  
Janet Gardner, quoting “This Little Light of Mine”  
© 2014, BriLee Music, BL792  
2-Part, Piano, opt. Flute

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

People must not only hear about the kingdom of God, but must see it in actual operation, on a small scale perhaps and in imperfect form, but a real demonstration nevertheless.

— PANDITA RAMABAI, a nineteenth-century Indian activist

May the hungry be well fed.  
May the well fed hunger for justice.  
Amen.

— KATE BRAESTRUP, *Beginner's Grace*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Based on Psalm 78)*

Make known the glorious deeds of the Lord.

**Proclaim the wonders God has done.**

From youth to age, let everyone know:

**Our hope is ever in the Lord.**

Our future is in the God of love.

**Proclaim the wonders God has done.**

— Warren Howell\*

## GATHERING PRAYER

*(After Matthew 25:1-13)*

God of the day and of the night, of the waking and resting, of the celebrating and the sorrowful, your love for us never runs out. You never tire of waiting for us, and your joy gladdens our hearts like oil feeds a lamp. May our lives shine with your light so that others might see you in us. And may our worship bring you glory that others might see us in you. Amen.

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*Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands,  
The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands;  
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,  
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born.*

*With glad jublations, bring hope to the nations,  
The dark night is ending, and dawn has begun;  
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun;  
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!*

— JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER (1807 – 1892)

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## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God, lest we are lulled into sleep and miss the truth in our midst, strengthen our hearts, open our eyes, and awaken us to your word. Amen.

## PAYING ATTENTION

Days pass and the years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles. Lord, fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing; let there be moments when Your Presence, like lightning, illumines the darkness in which we walk.

Help us to see, wherever we gaze, that the bush burns unconsumed.

And we, clay touched by God, will reach out for holiness, and exclaim in wonder:

How filled with awe is this place, and we did not know it!

— Jewish Sabbath Prayer

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## HYMN-PRAYER FOR THE NATION

*God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.*

*Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.*

— HARRY EMMERSON FOSDICK, (1878 – 1969), alt.

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## BENEDICTION

*(Matthew 25)*

As you depart this place, wake up! Be alert! And keep the lamp of faith burning, that your light will be light of God's kingdom to all people. God will go with you. Amen.

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\*Prayers and liturgies by Warren Howell, editor