

# Season after Pentecost, Proper 6A

(Sunday between June 12 and June 18 inclusive)

**Color:** Green

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

[Genesis 18:1-15 \[21:1-7\]](#) (*The Lord appears to Abraham and Sarah; the birth of Isaac*)

[Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19](#) (*I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord*)

[Romans 5:1-8](#) (*While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*)

[Matthew 9:35-10:8 \[9-23\]](#) (*Jesus sends the twelve with instructions*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm:

[Exodus 19:2-8a](#) (*God's covenant with Israel at Sinai*)

[Psalm 100](#) (*The Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever*)

**Themes:** Trust in God, Faith, Gratitude, Covenant, Discipleship

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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="#">All People That On Earth Do Dwell</a> ( <i>OLD HUNDREDETH</i> ) .....	Psalm 100
<a href="#">Amazing Grace</a> ( <i>NEW BRITAIN</i> ) .....	Romans
<a href="#">Blessed Assurance</a> ( <i>ASSURANCE</i> ) .....	Romans
<a href="#">Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove</a> ( <i>ST. AGNES</i> ) .....	Romans
<a href="#">Gather Us In</a> ( <i>GATHER US IN</i> ) .....	Matthew
<a href="#">I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me</a> ( <i>I'M GONNA LIVE</i> ).....	Matthew
<a href="#">Jesus Shall Reign</a> ( <i>DUKE STREET</i> ).....	Matthew
<a href="#">On Eagle's Wings</a> ( <i>ON EAGLE'S WINGS</i> ) .....	Exodus
<a href="#">Lord, You Give the Great Commission</a> ( <i>ABBOT'S LEIGH</i> ) .....	Matthew
<a href="#">My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</a> ( <i>LÅNDAS</i> ).....	Romans
<a href="#">O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</a> ( <i>AZMON</i> ) .....	Romans, Matthew
<a href="#">Sent Forth by God's Blessing</a> ( <i>THE ASH GROVE</i> ).....	Psalm 116, Matthew
<a href="#">Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart</a> ( <i>MORECAMBE</i> ).....	Romans
<a href="#">The God of Abraham Praise</a> ( <i>LEONI</i> ) .....	Genesis, Exodus
<a href="#">The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)</a> ( <i>KELVINGROVE</i> ) .....	Matthew
<a href="#">We Walk by Faith</a> ( <i>SHANTI; DUNLAP'S CREEK</i> ) .....	Genesis, Romans

# ANTHEMS

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

**Assurance** - E .....Romans  
*ASSURANCE*/John Ness Beck, arr. (quoting "Jesu, Joy  
of Man's Desiring," J. S. Bach)  
© 1980, Beckenhorst Press, BP 1097  
SATB, Keyboard

**Come, Labor On** - MD.....Matthew  
T. Tertius Noble/Ryan Murphy, arr.  
© 2017, H.W. Gray, 00-46862  
SATB, Organ

**I Must Tell Jesus *with Blessed Assurance*** - E..... Rom.  
*ORWIGSBURG* and *ASSURANCE*/Mary McDonald, arr.  
© 1985, Lorenz Publishing Co., 10/3548M  
SATB, Piano (available in SAB)

**I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me** - E ..... Matthew  
African-American Spiritual/David Kidwell, arr.  
© 2018, Sacred Music Press, 10/4939S  
SATB, Piano

**My Soul's Been Anchored** - M .....Romans  
African-American Spiritual/Glenn Jones, arr.  
© 1991, Mark Foster, MF 2076  
SATB, Soprano, a cappella

**Our Blessing Cup** - E .....Psalm 116, Communion  
Michael Joncas  
© 1995, GIA Publications, G-4271  
SATB, Soloist, opt. Congregation, Keyboard, opt.  
Flute, Oboe, Clarinet

**Peace Like a River** - M .....Romans  
African-American Spiritual/Mack Wilberg, arr.  
© 2005, Oxford University Press, No. 0-19-386814-8  
SATB, Organ

**What Shall I Render to My God?** - E ..... Psalm 116  
*FAIRFIELD*/Austin Lovelace, arr.  
© 1972, E.C. Kirby Ltd., No. 90578  
SATB, Organ

## Smaller Choirs and Intergenerational

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** - E .....Romans  
*NETTLETON*/David Ashley White, arr.  
© 1997, Selah Publishing, 410-652  
2-Part Mixed, Organ

**Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell** - E ..... Rom.  
Sharon Elery Rogers  
© 2000, MorningStar Music, 50-8110  
2-Part Mixed, Piano, Flute

**God of the Covenants** - E ..... Exodus  
Orin Johnson  
© 2017, World Library Publications, 005938  
2-Part (Any), Keyboard, 2 C-Instruments

**Sing a Round of Praise** - E ..... Psalm 100  
Hal H. Hopson  
© 1982, GIA Publications, G-2486  
3-Part (Any), Keyboard, opt. Handbells (2 oct.)

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

*Lord, we pray for humility of mind to discern you in our  
visions and our dreams. We pray for wisdom to know  
what to do with your revelations. We pray for innocence  
to trust that you are walking with us. Amen.*

– COMMON PRAYER: A LITURGY FOR ORDINARY RADICALS,  
Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove & Enuma Okoro

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is with us!  
**People: We know that God is listening to us.**  
Leader: We are here to offer God our whole selves.  
**People: We praise God with our voices and our souls.**  
Leader: God has called us into community.  
**People: We are here to know what God wants of us.**  
Leader: God calls us to go out into the world.  
**People: We go forward as the body of Christ.**

– KORY WILCOXSON\*

## GATHERING PRAYER

God of all, help us to see the ways you move among us. Open our hearts to hear your word for us today, and give us the vulnerability and trust to let that word take root within us. May this time in worship show us what it means to welcome others as we have been welcomed into this sacred space. Amen.

## A TIME OF CONFESSION

We are called to follow Jesus out into the world,  
**but sometimes it's easier to stay where we feel comfortable.**

We have not always followed Christ,  
**but have instead taken detours that suit our own needs.**

We know there is work to do in Christ's name,  
**but we put our own desires over God's call to work for the kingdom.**

*(Let us pray)*

God, we don't always see you when you are with us because our eyes are blinded by our own greed and selfishness. Rather than go where you have called us, we often stay put, because that is safer. Forgive us, Lord, when the harvest goes unharvested and we don't extend hospitality to those who are seeking your face. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God knows that we struggle to do the work we are called to do and offers grace and renewal each and every day through the blessings around us. Know that God forgives us each time we fall short and graciously gives us another opportunity to reflect Christ's light into this world.

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*Love reaches out and reaches out and reaches out. It is staggering that it is always giving me another chance, another day, over and over and over.*

– ANNE LAMOTT, Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy

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## INVITATION TO OFFERING with PRAYER

God calls us to offer our whole selves to the work of the kingdom and rely on the goodwill and generosity of each other to answer that call.

God calls us to share what we have and discover everyone has more than enough.

Let us give to God's work, trusting that the difference we make goes far beyond our imagining.

*(Let us pray)*

Gracious God, you have given us so much that there's no way to repay you. And yet, you don't ask us to pay you, but to pay it forward to your children. May the offerings we have given today be tangible announcements that your kingdom is at hand, and may those who benefit from our generosity know the love and grace you have for them. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

The harvest is plentiful!

Now, God needs workers.

You don't need to pack a bag or make any reservations.

Just follow Christ, trusting that you will be provided for and that you have everything you need.

Go now to carry God's grace into this world. Amen.

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\* Thanks to Kory Wilcoxson for contributing this week's prayers and liturgies.

Warren Howell, editor