

Season after Pentecost, Proper 7A

(Sunday between June 19 and June 25 inclusive)

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

[Genesis 21:8-21](#) (*Sent away, Hagar and Ishmael are rescued, but God remains with them*)

[Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17](#) (*Preserve my life; save the child of your servant*)

[Romans 6:1b-11](#) (*Joined with Christ through his death and resurrection*)

[Matthew 10:24-39](#) (*Jesus warns of persecution, but God's care is assured*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm:

[Jeremiah 20:7-13](#) (*Amidst opposition, the prophet declares faithfully*)

[Psalm 69:7-10, \(11-15\), 16-18](#) (*But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord*)

Themes: God our Help, Providence, Discipleship, Grace, Family

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.

At the Name of Jesus (<i>KING'S WESTON</i>)	Romans
Baptized in Water (<i>BUNESSAN</i>)	Romans
Christ Is Alive (<i>TRURO</i>).....	Romans
The God of Abraham Praise (<i>LEONI</i>)	Genesis, Jeremiah
Grace Alone (<i>GRACE ALONE</i>).....	Romans
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (<i>FAITHFULNESS</i>).....	Genesis, Jeremiah, Matthew
His Eye Is On the Sparrow (<i>SPARROW</i>).....	Genesis, Jeremiah, Matthew
How Firm a Foundation (<i>FOUNDATION</i>).....	Matthew
I Need Thee Every Hour (<i>NEED</i>)	Genesis, Jeremiah, Matthew
It Is Well With My Soul (<i>VILLE DU HAVRE</i>)	Romans, Matthew
Jesus Calls Us (<i>GALILEE</i>)	Matthew
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (<i>CHILDREN PRAYING</i>).....	Psalms
Nearer, My God to Thee (<i>BETHANY</i>)	Romans
On Eagle's Wings (<i>ON EAGLE'S WINGS</i>)	Genesis, Jeremiah, Psalms
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (<i>QUEBEC; HERR JESU CHRIST</i>)	Matthew
Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (<i>BEACH SPRING</i>)	Romans

ANTHEMS

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

All My Trials - M Matthew
Traditional/Norman Luboff, arr.
© 1972, Walton Music, W3065
SATB, a cappella

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (*Elijah*) - E.....Psalms
Felix Mendelssohn/Fred Bock, arr.
© 1993, Gentry Publications, JG2171
SATB, Piano

Come Follow Me - E Matthew
MACHS MIT MIR GOTT/John Leavitt, arr.
© 1987, GIA Publications, G-3028
SAB, Organ

Hide Not Thou Thy Face - MPsalms
Richard Farrant
Various Publishers (Public Domain) CPDL# 40126
SATB, a cappella

I Need Thee Every Hour - EPsalms, Romans
NEED/John Ness Beck, arr.
© 1978, Beckenhorst Press, BP 1067
SATB, Organ

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying - MPsalms
Ken Medema/Jack Schrader, arr.
© 1973, 2009 Hope Publishing, C5608
SAB, Piano, (available in SATB and 2-Part Mixed)

O Lord, Give Ear - E.....Psalms, Romans
G.F. Handel/Hal Hopson, arr.
© 1986, Harold Flammer Inc., EA 5068
2-Part Mixed, Keyboard

O for a Closer Walk With God - M Romans
C.V. Stanford
Various Publishers (Public Domain), CPDL #06103
SATB, Organ

Summer Suns Are Glowing - E Summer
Paul Halley
© 1998, Pelagos Music, PEL2018
SATB, Organ

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy - M Romans
Mary McDonald
© 2018, Hope Publishing, C6172
SATB, Piano, opt. Rhythm

Smaller Choirs and Intergenerational

In Christ Alone - M Romans
Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend/Mark Edwards, arr.
© 2002, ThankYou Music, Celebrating Grace, 810020
SA(T)B, Piano, opt. C Instrument

It Is Well With My Soul - E Romans
Gary Matheny
© 1987, GIA Publications, G-2987
2-Part Mixed, Keyboard

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus - E Romans
LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN/Paul Manz, arr.
© 1954, 1991, MorningStar Music, 50-9405
Unison, Organ

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*It's rock bottom for me when my son and I are at odds,
in self-esteem and confidence. And God loves rock bottom.*

– ANNE LAMOTT, *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy*

Living community in whatever form – family, parish, twelve-step program, or intentional community – challenges us to come together at the place of our poverty, believing that there we can reveal our richness.

– HENRI J.M. NOUWEN, *Bread for the Journey*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In despair, Hagar cried.

People: The Lord said, “Do not be afraid. I am with you,” and gave her water.

Leader: In despair, Moses fled.

People: The Lord said, “Do not be afraid. I am with you,” and gave him courage.

Leader: In terror, the Israelites cowered by the sea.

People: The Lord said, “Do not be afraid. I am with you,” and parted the waters.

Leader: In pain, Jesus cried out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

People: The Lord said, “Do not be afraid. I am with you,” and brought about resurrection.

Leader: God with Hagar, God with Ishmael,
God with each one, through the ages,

**All: Help us to know that you are with us now.
Help us not to be afraid.**

– MARTHA DIXON KEARSE*

PRAYER OF TRUST

Hear us, Lord, for we have come earnestly. Our fears, our needs, and our sorrows are all very present right now. Guard our lives, stand at the doorway and keep us safe, for we are trusting in you today in ways we may not have been able to trust before.

Listen to our cries for mercy; hear our distress and fear. We come to you because you listen. We come because you are compassionate, because your love for us is great and you have saved us all before. Show us all your love and goodness; bring us again, your help and comfort.

Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Leader: Lord, how often do we live like Hagar, closing our eyes in despair?
Have mercy on us, Lord; we are often blinded by our own lives.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: How often do we live like Sarah, angry, jealous, grasping, and vengeful?
Have mercy on us, Lord; we get caught up in our own fears.

People: Christ have mercy.

Leader: How often do we live like Ishmael, victimized and vulnerable, unable to act
on our own behalf? Have mercy on us, Lord; we often feel powerless.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: Open our eyes to your presence, oh Lord. Fill every corner of the room with
the light of your love. Make it impossible for us not to see, not to believe, not
to act as those who are the beloved children of God.

**People: Resurrection is all around us; have mercy on us, Lord, and open our eyes.
Amen.**

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There are times when we do not seek the desert, yet we find ourselves
in it, or the desert within us. Then we need to know we are not alone.
We need to know the abiding presence and love of God.

– DAVID ADAM, *The Road of Life:
Reflections on Searching and Longing*

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LITANY OF COMFORT

Leader: Hear me, Lord, and answer me,
People: For I am poor and needy.

Leader: Guard my life,
People: For I am faithful to you.

Leader: Save your servant,
People: For I trust in you.

Leader: You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord;
People: For I call to you all day long.

Leader: I feel attacked on every side;
**People: My health, my wealth, my mind, my spirit are all attacked
by a ruthless foe.**

Leader: Give me an undivided heart,
People: Turn to me and have mercy.

All: For you, Lord, have helped and comforted me.

LITANY FOR EMBRACING LIFE

(After Romans 6:1-11)

- Leader: What shall we say, then? Shall we keep behaving in selfish, callous ways so that we receive more grace?
- People: Why do you look for the living among the dead?**
- Leader: Don't you know that those of us who were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death?
- People: He is not here; he has risen.**
- Leader: If we have united with him in a death like his,
- People: We are united with him in a resurrection like his.**
- Leader: Then all the things which broke us, which tore our families apart, which pollute the world and terrorize the weak, are dead,
- People: Touch my side...**
- Leader: and anything that has died is set free from the pain of sin.
- People: Touch my hands...**
- Leader: We do not reanimate dead things; we are something new, alive, reborn.
- People: Go tell the others.**

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go from this place believing in a new life in God.
Trust that from the buried seeds of the old things,
God is bringing about a new thing,
for ourselves,
for our relationships,
for our world.

And may the grace of God go with you,
guide and protect you, now and always. Amen.

* Thanks to Martha Dixon Kearse for contributing this week's prayers and liturgies.

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