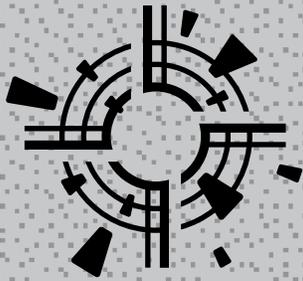


Child of Blessing Lectionary Resource



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Introduction

When Sally Ann McKinsey and I started working on a tentative calendar for how these resources might be developed and shared, we knew that dividing up the liturgical year into seasons would offer us two benefits:

1. The ability to stay flexible and make changes in response to your feedback.
2. The ability to engage in a broader range of contributors and writers.

We are all trying this experiment together as we go – to see what might happen for all ages when we focus on repetition, gesture, interactive prayer, and children's leadership during worship. It has been an unexpected delight to see the variety of angles our writers have taken.

We began the year with liturgy for Advent that was reiterated each week: clear, accessible, repeated words to build a season of comfort, hope, and joy. Ideas were shared around prayers of intercession and deeper involvement in the sacraments.

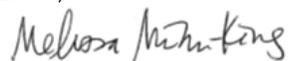
Lenten liturgy shifted to a call-and-response format, with gesture and movement to stretch our imagination (and maybe our comfort zones) around how to pray. Actions like tearing fabric or paper, and pouring water into the font, helped us to hear the sounds of confession and grace anew.

With this third installment, we continue the Easter season into Pentecost. Drawing on the style of a children's sermon, this liturgy invites questions around the mysteries of our faith. It includes suggested use around images (either printed onto a bulletin or projected onto a screen). On Trinity Sunday, it invites children – or a group of intergenerational leaders – to enact a Benediction.

As with previous installments, each week's liturgy includes opening sentences and a prayer of confession. This installment includes suggestions for congregational song each week, as well. You will also find communion liturgy for Pentecost, a prayer for Mother's and Father's Day, and weekly Prayers of the People into the summer months. Since the beginning of this resource overlaps with Easter (begun in Installment 2), feel free to utilize the ideas in either installment for those weeks. For example, if you are celebrating Communion throughout the Easter season, refer to Installment 2 for a Communion liturgy.

Thank you to Leigh Campbell-Taylor and Chi Yi Chen Wolbrink for their thoughtful work around how to share these holy days with all ages. I look forward to hearing how your congregation celebrates the joy of Easter and Pentecost!

Love,



Melissa McNair-King
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THEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

Each installment of this resource will feature a theological concept that has implications for multigenerational worship. Use this as a prompt for small group conversation in your community.

As the biblical narrative demonstrates, one is never too young or too old to share in God's service. Consider the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, David and Goliath, Samuel and Eli, the call of Jeremiah, the healing of Naaman, the witness of Simeon, and the feeding of the 5000 [other examples?]. God calls people to ministry at every age and stage of life.

How do these stories instruct and guide us in ministry?
How might they challenge us to change our practices?

ABBREVIATIONS LIST

ACS	<i>All Creation Sings: ELW Supplement</i> (Augsburg Fortress, 2020)
ELW	<i>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</i> (Augsburg Fortress, 2006)
G3	<i>Gather, 3rd ed.</i> (GIA, 2011)
GTG	<i>Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal</i> (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)
LS	<i>LifeSongs</i> (Augsburg Fortress, 1999)
LUYH	<i>Lift Up Your Hearts</i> (Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2013)
PFAS	<i>Psalms for All Seasons</i> (Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, 2012)
SL	<i>Songs for Life</i> (CRC, 1995)
SNC	<i>Sing! A New Creation</i> (CRC, 2002)
SSS	<i>Santo, Santo, Santo</i> (GIA, 2019)
OLOF	<i>One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism</i> (GIA, 2018)
UMH	<i>United Methodist Hymnal</i> (The United Methodist Publishing House, 1989)
VT	<i>Voices Together</i> (MennoMedia, 2020)

Playlist Links

Use this QR code to access a Spotify playlist that include recordings of many of the congregational song suggestions in this installment. This playlist can be shared with congregants, especially those with children, so that families can play music in the car or at home between services. This may help children to learn music for worship and feel more included during worship.



APRIL 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Color: White and Gold

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Peter continues: Repent and be baptized; receive the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19

Death encompassed me, but God delivered me; praise the Lord!

1 Peter 1:17–23

You were saved by the blood of Christ; you have been born anew.

Luke 24:13–35

On the road to Emmaus, two disciples meet the risen Lord.

Ideas

“Child liturgist” could be a person of any age. In the bulletin, it would probably be best not to use “child liturgist” but “leader.”

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Especially when we think about Jesus' resurrection, God's love and power can be hard to believe. It's okay to have doubts and ask questions. When (child's name) asks, “Really?”, please respond, “How can that be true?”

Child liturgist: Really? (extend open hand toward congregation as a cue)

All: **How can that be true?**

Repeat as prompted by the worship leader.

Adult liturgist: Once Jesus walked right beside his friends but they didn't know it was him.

Child liturgist: Really?

All: **How can that be true?**

Adult liturgist: They thought Jesus was dead. But the women said he had risen from the tomb!

Child liturgist: Really?

All: **How can that be true?**

Adult liturgist: God is stronger than death.

Child liturgist: Really?

All: **How can that be true?**

Adult liturgist: We may not understand completely, but we can know that God is with us.

Child liturgist: That is true. Let us worship God!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God is stronger than death and stronger than sin. God has promised to forgive us. So, together, let us call on the name of the Lord.

Loving God,
We are slow to believe that the wonderful stories about you are true.
Forgive us.
It can be especially hard to believe that you are alive
and at work in this world.
Help us to know that you really are with us today and every day.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Believe that we are beloved and forgiven by God in Jesus Christ.
We love God who has heard our prayers.

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Sing a New Song unto the Lord, SING A NEW SONG, GTG 276
He's Alive!, SL 174

Opening Hymn

Day of Arising, SANTO DOMINGO, GTG 252

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Kyrie/Petition

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, CHILDREN PRAYING, GTG 469
Lord, Have Mercy, SINGAPURA, GTG 576

Gloria/Response to Forgiveness

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia, refrain, MFURAHINI HALELUYA, GTG 251
In the Bulb There Is a Flower, verse 3, PROMISE, GTG 250

WORD

Hymn Responding to the Word

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia, MFURAHINI HALELUYA, GTG 251

Doxology

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks, REFRAIN ALLELUIA NO.1, GTG 240

SENDING

Sending/Closing Hymn

Good Christian All, Rejoice and Sing! GELOBT SEI GOTT, GTG 239

Benediction Response

The Risen Christ, verse 4, WOODLANDS, GTG 257

APRIL 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Color: White and Gold

Acts 2:42–47

The believers share all things, worshiping and eating together.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, leading, protecting, and feeding me.

1 Peter 2:19–25

Like sheep, we go astray; but Christ is the shepherd of our souls.

John 10:1–10
saved.

Jesus says: I am the gate for the sheep; enter by me and be

Idea

If possible, project this video clip during an appropriate time in the service, as it speaks to the themes of the day. You could use it during the gathering time or the children's sermon, for example. [youtube.com/shorts/Mz2WfBFdOAU](https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Mz2WfBFdOAU)

If you don't use a screen in worship, consider sending your congregation a link to the video before Sunday.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

God takes care of us.

We have everything we need.

God leads us beside still waters.

We have everything we need.

God sets a table for us.

We have everything we need.

We will live with God forever.

We have everything we need.

Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Like sheep who foolishly go astray, we sometimes run away from God. Confession is part of returning to God, who is the shepherd of our souls. Let us pray together now, knowing that our shepherd restores us with forgiveness.

Loving God,**Sometimes we run from you like foolish sheep.****Bring us back to you when we wander from your ways.****Teach us that you are the one who takes good care of us.****In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Jesus said, "I came that you may have life and have it abundantly."

Wonderful life begins with God's love.

Know that you are forgiven and follow God's way.



Congregational Song

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen refrain, SANTO DOMIGO, GTG253

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen, SANTO DOMIGO, GTG253

Kyrie/Petition

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy, WAYFARING STRANGER, GTG 437

O Lord, Have Mercy, ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ, GTG 578

Gloria/Response to Forgiveness

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me, GLORY TO GOD, GTG 582

WORD

Hymn Responding to the Word

The Lord Is My Shepherd, PAS, 23K

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EUCCHARIST

Doxology

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song verse 4, LES PETITES SOERS, GTG 737

Communion Hymns and Responses

Come to the Table, COME TO THE TABLE, GTG 508

SENDING

Sending/Closing Hymn

Farwell, Good Friends! SHALOM CHAVERIM, GTG 540

Benediction Response

The Lord Is My Shepherd, PAS, 23K

MAY 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Color: White and Gold

Acts 7:55–60	An angry crowd stones Stephen; he prays: Jesus, receive my spirit.
Psalms 31:1–5, 15–16	Deliver me, O Lord; into your hand I commit my spirit.
1 Peter 2:2–10	Now you are God's people, built into a temple like living stones.
John 14:1–14	Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life; he prepares a place for us.

CALL TO WORSHIP

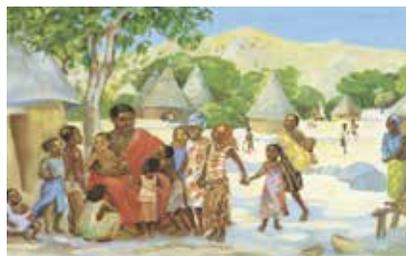
Compile a brief projection or bulletin insert of 3–4 images from Bible stories depicting Jesus as He helps, heals, feeds, and otherwise loves people.

Jesus told his friends, "Whoever has seen me has seen God."
As God gathers us for worship, let's look at some images that artists have made as they imagine how Jesus lived.



Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, Saint Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna, Italy, 6th Century (Public Domain)

See Jesus feeding?
That's what God does!



Jesus Welcomes the Children, JESUS MAFA (Public Domain)

See Jesus listening?
That's what God does!



Jesus Washing Peter's Feet, Sister Marie Boniface

See Jesus washing?
That's what God does!



Jesus and the Bent Over Woman, Sister Barbara Shwartz

See Jesus loving?
That's what God does!
Let us worship God.

CONFESSON AND PARDON

We are not perfect. But we are God's children. We can tell God anything. When we confess, we tell God things we are sorry about and ask God to forgive us. Let us do that, praying together,

Loving God,
Sometimes it is hard to be kind.
Sometimes we don't want to help other people.
Sometimes we don't want to share.
We are sorry.
Forgive us and help us to live as your children.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God and God's promise of grace. Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. In Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Opening Hymn

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather, TOKYO, GTG 311

Kyrie/Petition

Lord, Have Mercy, SINGAPURA, GTG 576

Gloria/Response to Forgiveness

You Are My Rock refrain, 31B, PAS

WORD

Hymn Responding to the Word

Jesus, Remember Me, REMEMBER ME, GTG 227

EUCCHARIST

Doxology

You Are My Rock refrain, 31B, PAS

Communion Hymns and Responses

Come to the Table of Grace, TABLE OF GRACE, GTG 507

SENDING

Sending/Closing Hymn

Make Your Face to Shine, GLÁCIA, GTG811

Benediction Response

Jesus, Be the Center, BE THE CENTER, VT 584

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Color: White and Gold

Acts 17:22–31	Paul introduces the Athenians to their “unknown god”: the Lord.
Psalms 66:8–20	Bless God, who hears our prayers and keeps us among the living.
1 Peter 3:13–22	Do not fear; testify to the hope that is in you through Christ.
John 14:15–21	Jesus says: the Father will send the Spirit, who will abide in you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God,
God's love is always with us.
Repeat as prompted by the worship leader.

God made the world and everything in it.
Children of God,
God's love is always with us.
God gives mortals life and breath and all good things.
Children of God,
God's love is always with us.
God is never far from each of us.
Children of God,
God's love is always with us.

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

As children apologizing to a loving parent, we come before God knowing the wrongs we have done and grateful for the forgiveness God promises.
Let us pray together:

Loving God,
We do not always act like your children.
We do not always love others.
We do not always love you.
We are truly sorry.
Thank you for loving us so much that you forgive us
and help us do better next time.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Blessed be Christ, who has not rejected our prayer
but has extended us grace and mercy.

PRAYER ON MOTHER'S DAY

Mother God,
 You feed us with your love and comfort us with your presence.
 You never leave us.

Thank you for mothers and for fathers
 and for all the people in our lives who have helped to raise and nurture us.
 Thank you for those who listen when we are sick or sad,
 scared or mad, hungry or tired, taking time to help us feel better.
 Thank you for those who cheer us on when we are happy or excited,
 when we try something new, and when we grow.

O God, you love all your children,
 and you want us to love the whole world too.
 So we lift into your care:
 children who miss their parents and parents who miss their children;
 parents who are weary or feel undervalued;
 chosen family relationships;
 families in times of conflict or separation;
 those among us who are grieving the children gone too soon;
 those among us who long to be parents and cannot.

Send your peace among us.
 Join us in our celebrations, and uphold us in our grief.
Insert specific joys and concerns here, or invite worshipers to name them.

Thank you, God, for doing what parents can do:
 you teach and guide us, protect and comfort us, help and love us.
 All God's children say, **Amen.**

*Congregational Song***GATHERING****Call to Worship**

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! LOUIZ LE SEIGNEUR, GTG 390

Opening Hymn

This is the Day, ESTE ES EL DÍA, GTG 391

Kyrie/Petition

Search Me, O God, KÁM-CHHAT, GTG 426

Gloria/Response to Forgiveness

Celtic Alleluia refrain, SNC 148

WORD

Hymn Responding to the Word

Because You Live, O Christ, VRUECHTEN, GTG 249

EUCCHARIST

Doxology

Refrain from Because You Live, O Christ, VRUECHTEN, GTG 249

Communion Hymns and Responses

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, HYFRYDOL, GTG 260

SENDING

Sending/Closing Hymn

Our God Is an Awesome God, AWESOME GOD, GTG 616

Benediction Response

We Will Go Out with Joy, WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY, GTG 539

MAY 17, 2026

Ascension of the Lord Sunday

Color: White and Gold

Acts 1:1–11

Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus ascends into heaven.

Psalm 47
or Psalm 93Clap, shout, and sing with joy: the Lord reigns over all the earth.
The Lord reigns in majesty, high above the mighty waters.

Ephesians 1:15–23

Christ is seated at God's right hand, above every earthly power.

Luke 24:44–53

Jesus interprets the Scriptures; then he is carried up into heaven.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Color: White and Gold

Acts 1:6–14

After Jesus' ascension, the disciples go to Jerusalem and pray.

Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35

God rides upon the clouds, and gives power to the people.

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

You are suffering now, but the God of grace will restore you.

John 17:1–11

Jesus seeks the glory of God and prays for his disciples.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Good morning, friends! Here's your part in today's Call to Worship:
liturgist lifts their hands high for visibility and then demonstrates desired rhythm and tempo for the trio of handclaps (clap, clap, clap). Be sure to speak the leader parts rhythmically in the desired tempo. This might be a good time for your choir director or a musician to lead the liturgy.

Please try it with me: **(clap, clap, clap)**

Let us worship God!
Clap your hands,
(clap, clap, clap)
all you people.
(clap, clap, clap)
Shout to God
(clap, clap, clap)
with songs of joy!
(clap, clap, clap)

NOTE: Be sure the service's first hymn is joyful!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jesus lifted his hands and blessed his friends, the disciples. While he was blessing them, he was carried up into heaven. He carried with him his understanding of all people, so we can know God understands us and forgives our sin.

**Loving God,
like your first disciples, we need your blessing.
We need to hear that you love us.
We need reminding that you want us to love you
and you want us to love each other.
Forgive us when we do not love everyone as you have showed us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

It is written that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations. We are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ!
Let us clap our hands!
liturgist lifts their hands high (clap, clap, clap)

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BENEDICTION

Go out into this world that God so loves to *(add your charge)*.
And as you go, may you feel the love of the one true God who is the Source,
With one open palm facing the congregation, reach up high with your right hand as you speak.
the Son,
With your open palm facing the congregation, bring your right hand down to waist level as you speak.
and the Spirit,
With your open palm facing the congregation, move your right hand diagonally up and to the left so it's in front of your left shoulder, then move it straight across your body to the right as you speak.

*let your hand drop by your side
this day and always.*

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Let Us Come to Worship God, HIAO HOIAN, GTG 387

He's Alive! SNC 151 (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Opening Hymn

Pueblos Todos/All You Peoples (AG) by Samuel Ruiz, trans. Greg Scheer, SSS 446

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia, MFURAHINI, HALELUYA, GTG 251 (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Kyrie/Petition

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us, KYRIEELEISON (PARDINI), GTG 575

Gloria/Response to Forgiveness

Refrain Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises, HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, GTG 538

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia refrain, MFURAHINI, HALELUYA, GTG 251 (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

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WORD

Hymn Responding to the Word

Because You Live, O Christ, VRUECHTEN, GTG 249

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, PRAISE GOD (Hopson), GTG 608

EUCCHARIST

Doxology

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks, ALLEUIA NO.1

Communion Hymns and Responses

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises verse 4, HALELUYA PELO TSA RONA, GTG 538

SENDING

Sending/Closing Hymn

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining, SHINE, JESUS, SHINE, GTG 192

Let the Church Say, "Amen" by André Crouch, OLOFOB 472 (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Benediction Response

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining, Refrain, SHINE, JESUS, SHINE, GTG 192

May the God of Hope Go with Us/Song of Hope/Canto de Esperanza, ARGENTINA, GTG 765

We Will Walk with God/SIZOHAMBA NAYE, GTG 742 (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Day of Pentecost

Color: Red

If Numbers 11 is chosen as the First Reading, Acts 2 should be used as the Second Reading.

Acts 2:1–21 On the day of Pentecost, God pours out the Spirit upon the earth.
or

Numbers 11:24–30 The Lord sends the Spirit to the elders of Israel, and they prophesy.

Psalms 104:24–34, 35b The Lord of creation sends forth the Spirit to renew the earth.

1 Corinthians 12:3b–13 In the body of Christ there are varieties of gifts, but one Spirit.

or Acts 2:1–21 On the day of Pentecost, God pours out the Spirit upon the earth.

John 20:19–23 The risen Lord appears to the disciples and gives them the Spirit.

or John 7:37–39 Jesus promises the Spirit: living water from the believer's heart.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have enough flame-colored streamers for all worshipers (perhaps streamers are made in children's Sunday school). Tying them to sticks provides height but can be hazardous, so consider simple strips of crepe paper or lightweight fabric. Invite children to help ushers hand out the streamers as people arrive. In addition to what's suggested here, streamers can be used in a processional or recessional or elsewhere in the service.

The Day of Pentecost was full of surprises!
A great wind filled the space.
Let's all wave our streamers in the air;
now, look around – what a sight!

*demonstrate
stop waving streamer*

Jesus' friends and family suddenly started speaking other languages,
and everyone understood everyone else.
Let us greet one another in languages from around the world*
Gesture to yourself on your lines then extend an open hand to invite the congregation to repeat.

Repeat after me.
 Hello!
Hello!
 Hola!
Hola!
 Jambo!
Jambo!
 Annyeong!
Annyeong!
 Guten tag!
Guten tag!
 God's Holy Spirit greets us in every language.
Let us worship God!

**Somewhere in the bulletin or on the screen, provide this information:*

Today's words of greeting:
 Hola ("OH-la") is Spanish.
 Jambo ("JAHM-bo") is Swahili.
 Annyeong ("AHN-nyong") is Korean.
 Guten tag ("GOOT-in TAHK") is German.

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**You may choose to include greetings in other languages.*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Together, let us call on the name of the Lord, who forgives our sin.

Loving God,
Sometimes we don't want to listen to people who seem different from us.
Sometimes we don't even try to understand other people.
Forgive us.
Send your Spirit to help us understand.
Send your Spirit today.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

In Christ, we are forgiven.
 Jesus said to his friends, "Peace be with you."
 If you are ready to live in that peace, wave your streamer in the air!

*Demonstrate long enough for everyone to find their streamer and participate,
 then stop waving your streamer.*

EUCCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table
 No matter what language you speak,
 you are welcome at this table because this is God's table.

Please repeat after me:

God's Spirit is with you.

Extend two open hands to the congregation.

God's Spirit is with you.

I lift my spirit to the Lord.

Wave your streamer until after the repeated line.

I lift my spirit to the Lord.

It is right to say, "Thank You!" to God.

Bring hands together, bow head.

It is right to say, "Thank You!" to God.

Great Thanksgiving

Yes, O God, thank you for sending your Spirit
so we can know you are always with us.

Thank you for making this wondrous world for us to live in and take care of.

Thank you for the fresh feeling of wind as it cools us and catches our attention.

Thank you for the bright colors of fire as it warms us and gives us light.

Thank you for Earth's different languages and the people who speak them.

Thank you for the church you started on that surprising Pentecost long ago.

Thank you most of all for your son, Jesus.

Using words that we can understand,

he taught us to love you and to love one another.

There were people who didn't like his words of love,

but when they tried to silence him with death,

you raised him to new life.

And so we celebrate at this, his table, with this, his bread and cup.

Send your Holy Spirit once again to bless us and to bless this feast.

By the Spirit's power, may we live as your faithful children, forever and ever.

All this we pray in Jesus' name. And all God's children say, **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

God of Pentecost,

By the power of your Spirit, we have been fed by your love.

Thank you!

May that love and this food give us the courage to be your people,
understanding others and helping them to know you.

All this we pray in Jesus' name. And all God's children say, **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Go out into this world that God so loves to *(add your charge)*.

And as you go, may you feel the love of the one true God who is
the Source,

With one open palm facing the congregation, reach up high with your right hand as you speak.

the Son,

With your open palm facing the congregation, bring your right hand down to waist level as you speak.

and the Spirit,

With your open palm facing the congregation, move your right hand diagonally up and to the left so it's in front of your left shoulder, then move it straight across your body to the right as you speak.

*let your hand drop by your side
this day and always.*

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Call to Worship

The Spirit of the Lord, SL 187

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come, WA EMIMIMO, GTG 283

Opening Hymn

Spirit Wind by Scott Soper (GIA, 1997), G3 560

Kyrie/Petition

Holy Spirit, Come to Us/Veni Sancte Spiritus, VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS, GTG 281

Gloria/Response to Forgiveness

Every Time I Feel the Spirit, refrain, PENTECOST, GTG 66

WORD

Hymn Responding to the Word

As the Wind Song, WAIRUA TAPU, GTG 292

EUCCHARIST

Communion Hymns and Responses

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands, AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE, UMH 273

SENDING

Sending/Closing Hymn

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life, HILDEGARD, VT 376

Benediction Response

Recibirán poder/You will Receive the Power, GRAN COMISIÓN, SSS 216

Trinity Sunday

Color: White

Genesis 1:1–2:4a	The Word and Spirit of God are present at the dawn of creation.
Psalms 8	O Lord our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
2 Corinthians 13:11–13	A letter concludes with a blessing in the name of the triune God.
Matthew 28:16–20	Jesus' Great Commission: Go, make disciples, baptize, and teach.

Idea

The gestures in the call to worship today and the benediction throughout this installment can be led by a child, a youth, or a group of worshipers of many ages. Invite those who have agreed to lead to come stand with you. Review with them the motions and also reassure them that they can watch you as you all do this together.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into this community that God so loves to worship God together.

And as you do, may you feel the love of the one true God who is the Source,

With one open palm facing the congregation, reach up high with your right hand as you speak.

the Son,

With your open palm facing the congregation, bring your right hand down to waist level as you speak.

and the Spirit,

With your open palm facing the congregation, move your right hand diagonally up and to the left so it's in front of your left shoulder, then move it straight across your body to the right as you speak.

let your hand drop by your side this day and always.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Even though we cannot fully understand God, this much we can know for sure: God loves us always and forgives us when we do something wrong. So, let us pray together now:

**Dear God,
 You made the land and the water and said it was good.
 But we don't always take good care of it.
 You made the plants and the animals and said they were good.
 But we don't always take good care of them.
 You made a world of people and said we all are good.
 But we don't always take good care of each other.
 We are sorry.
 Forgive us.
 Help us care for this whole world that you love so much.
 In the name of the Trinity we pray. Amen.**

God the Creator made us. God the Redeemer saved us. And God the Sustainer is with us, assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God,
 When you made the world, you thought of everything wonderful.
 Thank you!
 You created the daily marvels of the natural world –
 may we notice them as glimpses of your glory.
 Because Jesus lived here on Earth, you know what it's like to be human.
 Thank you!
 You know the joys and challenges we face –
 may we trust your understanding of our daily lives.
 Because your Spirit lives among us now, we know you are always with us.
 Thank you!
 You empower us with varied gifts –
 may we use them on behalf of this world that you so love.
 As we leave the schoolyear behind,
 bless all teachers and principals, bus drivers and cafeteria workers.
 As we step into summertime,
 bless us as we travel and learn and have fun.
 Also, O God,
 Hear our prayers for these dear ones we now name aloud or in silence,
 Insert specific joys & concerns here.
 In the name of the Trinity we pray.
 And all God's children say, **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Go out into this world that God so loves to *(add your charge)*.
And as you go, may you feel the love of the one true God who is
the Source,

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*let your hand drop by your side
this day and always.*

Congregational Song

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GATHERING**Call to Worship**

Praise to God the Father, DA N ASE, GTG 605

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo, Santo, Santo, Santo, CUÉLLAR, GTG 594

Kyrie/Petition

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God, WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO, GTG 851

Gloria/Response to Forgiveness

Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven, EBENEZER, LUYH 179

WORD**Hymn Responding to the Word**

For the Beauty of the Earth verse 1, 2 & 4, GTG14

Soplo de Dios/O Living Breath of God, VARVINDAR FRISKA , SSS 8

EUCCHARIST**Doxology**

For the Beauty of the Earth verse3, DIX, GTG14

Communion Hymns and Responses

Holy, Most Holy Lord/Sanna, sannanina, SANNANINA, GTG 597

SENDING

Sending/Closing Hymn

Amen, We Praise Your Name, AMEN SIAKUDUMISA, GTG 598

Benediction Response

Amen, AMEN, GTG 600

Second Sunday after Pentecost/ Proper 5

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Isaiah 49:1–7	The servant of the Lord is given as a light to the nations.
Psalms 40:1–11	I waited for the Lord, who saved me; now I sing God's praise.
1 Corinthians 1:1–9	Paul writes to the church at Corinth, giving thanks for God's grace.
John 1:29–42	John says Jesus is the Lamb of God; Jesus calls Andrew and Peter.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 33)

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Adult liturgist: The Bible has many words about God and about how we should respond to God's love. Today's call to worship helps us think about those words. When I gesture to you, please ask the question out loud, "What does that mean?"

Adult liturgist gestures to congregation by extending an open hand to cue congregational response.

What does that mean?

Repeat as prompted by the worship leader.

Adult liturgist: Rejoice in the Lord!

Extend open hand toward congregation as a cue.

What does that mean?

Child liturgist: It means, let's think about how glad we are to be with God.

Adult liturgist: Praise the Lord with music!

Extend open hand toward congregation as a cue

What does that mean?

Child liturgist: It means, let's sing songs for God.

Adult liturgist: God loves righteousness and justice.

Extend open hand toward congregation as a cue.

What does that mean?

Child liturgist: It means, God wants us to follow God's law of love.

Adult liturgist: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Extend open hand toward congregation as a cue.

What does that mean?

Child liturgist: It means, God's love is all around us.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Come, let us return to the LORD, for God will heal us.
God's mercy is as sure as the dawn. Let us pray.

**You have told us, O God, that you want us to trust and obey you
like Abraham and Sarah did.**

But sometimes we do not.

**You have told us, O God, that you want us to be hopeful and faithful
like the woman who touched Jesus' cloak.**

But sometimes we are not.

Forgive us.

Thank you for loving us even though we are not perfect.

And help us to do better, O God, starting right now.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

All the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of God
who forgives us and loves us forever. Alleluia! **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Loving God,

Life with you is always interesting!

You welcome us into the adventure of being your children.

You help us grow strong in faith.

You heal us and feed us.

Thank you, God!

Thank you for our families, our friends, and our church.

Today, O God, please take special care of...

You may invite prayers from the congregation, or the worship leader may name specific petitions, such as...

everyone who is sick;

everyone who is lonely;

everyone who is frightened;

Show us how to help them, O God.

In Jesus' name we pray.
And all God's children say, **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Call to Worship

O Sing to the Lord/Cantai ao Senhor, CANTI AO SENHOR, GTG 637

Opening Hymn

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing, Arr. William Farley Smith, SNC 161

Kyrie/Petition

Give Us Light/Jyothi dho Prabhu verse 2, JYOTHI DHO, GTG 467

Gloria/Response to Forgiveness

God's Word Is Upright/La palabra del Señor refrain, NELSON, GTG 40

Glory to God/Gloria a Dios, GTG 585

WORD

Hymn Responding to the Word

Sound a Mystic Bamboo Song, MYSTIC BAMBOO SONG, GTG 323

Doxology

Let the Giving of Thanks Be Our Sacrifice refrain, GREYFRIARS, PAS 50C

SENDING

Sending/Closing Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, I'M GONNA LIVE, GTG 757

Benediction Response

Dona nobis Pacem, DONA NOBIS PACEM, GTG 752

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Third Sunday after Pentecost/ Proper 6

Color: Green

Semicontinuous

Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7) Three visitors promise Abraham and Sarah they will have a son.

Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift the cup of salvation.

Complementary

Exodus 19:2–8a The Lord says: Keep my covenant and you will be my holy people.

Psalm 100 Make a joyful noise to the Lord; we are the sheep of
God's pasture.

Romans 5:1–8 We are justified by faith; while we were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9:35–10:8 (9–23) The harvest is plentiful; Jesus instructs and sends the twelve

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CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 100)

Long ago, God kept a promise to Sarah that was so wonderful it made her laugh for joy. Today's call to worship is a chance for all of us to express the joy we feel because God loves us. It may feel a little silly, but let's do exactly what Psalm 100 tells us to do:

First, make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Clap your hands, stomp your feet, or say "alleluia!"

Pause as they do so.

Next, come into God's presence with singing. Sing part of your favorite hymn or just sing "la la la!"

Pause as they do so.

Then, give thanks to God.

Thank You, God!

Pause as they do so.

We give joyful thanks to God for the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God kept the promises made to Sarah and Abraham. In the same way, God's promises for us are sure: to hear our prayers, and forgive our sins. So let us pray.

**Loving God,
we know Abraham & Sarah welcomed strangers,
but sometimes we don't include people who seem different.
We know you want us to tell the good news that
"The kingdom of heaven has come near,"
but sometimes we don't show your love to others.
We're sorry, God.
Thank you for giving us another chance.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Friends, in Christ, we are forgiven! That is a joy we all share.
What else do we share?
Raise your hand way up high if you have a cat living in your home.
Pause as they do so.
Raise your hand way up high if you have a dog living in your home.
Pause as they do so.
Raise your hand way up high if you have a rhinoceros living in your home.
Pause as they do so or laugh.
Raise your hand way up high if God loves you. Yes, that one is for everyone!
What joy is ours because God loves and forgives us all.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout the month of June, children (and adults) are encouraged to hold hands with an adult during the prayers of the people so they can gently squeeze each other's hands whenever you hear a special word: today's special prayer word is "joy." Before the prayers, invite children to hold hands with an adult and gently squeeze hands whenever they hear today's special prayer word, "joy."

Loving God,
As Sarah learned to her great joy, nothing is too wonderful for you to do.
You created the universe full of wonder and joy,
you fill our lives with laughter and joy,
and you inspire us to share your love and joy with everyone.

Thank you for all the times that joy comes easily:
The worship leader may invite prayers from the congregation or name specific joyful petitions, such as...
...when we see the beauty of blue skies, green trees, and summer flowers,
...when we experience the magic of rainbows, sunsets, and fireflies,
...when we feel the joy of having fun with our friends.

Thank you for being with us when joy seems far away:
The worship leader may invite prayer concerns from the congregation or name specific petitions, such as...
 ...when people are sick or upset,
 ...when people are hungry or afraid,
 ...when there is war or other troubles.
 We pray to you in all times, O God,
 because you have listened to our prayers.
 In Jesus' name we joyfully pray.
 And all God's children say, **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Bân-bîn ah/Let All Nations Praise the Lord, O-LÓ by I-to Loh, PAS 117A

Opening Hymn

Let Us Come to Worship God/HIAO HOIAN, GTG 387

Kyrie/Petition

Lord, Have Mercy, SINGAPURA, GTG 576

Gloria/Response to Forgiveness

Jubilate Deo omnis terra/Raise a Song of Gladness, PAS 100G

WORD

Hymn Responding to the Word

Hope of Abraham and Sarah, CIVILTY, VT 807

EUCCHARIST

Communion Hymns and Responses

Draw the Circle, DRAW THE CIRCLE, VT 802

Change My Heart, O God, CHANGE MY HEART, GTG 695

SENDING

Sending/Closing Hymn

Send Me, Jesus, THUMA MINA, GTG 746

Benediction Response

Psalm 100, PAS 100F

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/ Proper 7

Color: Green

Semicontinuous

Genesis 21:8–21 Hagar and Ishmael are sent away, but God remains with them.

Psalms 86:1–10, 16–17 Be gracious to me, O God; save the child of your servant.

Complementary

Jeremiah 20:7–13 Jeremiah laments the terror all around, but must speak God's word.

Psalms 69:7–10 (11–15) 16–18 Zeal for your house consumes me; save me from my enemies.

Romans 6:1b–11 Crucified with Jesus, we are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ.

Matthew 10:24–39 Jesus says: Do not fear for your life; take up your cross and follow.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God,
God's love is always with us.
Repeat as prompted by the worship leader.

God is good and hears our prayers.
Children of God,
God's love is always with us.

God is great and does wondrous things.
Children of God,
God's love is always with us.

God has helped us and comforted us.
Children of God,
God's love is always with us.

When we call, God will answer.
Children of God,
God's love is always with us.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God promises to forgive us, so we might wonder why it matters what we do, or whether we need to ask for God's forgiveness.

It is because God loves us that we know we can ask God to forgive us.

It is because God forgives us that we respond by sharing that love with those around us.

God loves us, so let us pray.

Loving God,

**We turn to you knowing that, in your abundant mercy,
you turn to us with steadfast love.**

**Forgive us when we do not turn to others
with the kind of love you have for us,**

when we hurt one another and the Earth you made.

Teach us to love the whole wide world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

What message does heaven speak to Earth again and again?

Do not be afraid.

God, who is full of mercy, hears our prayers and answers us with

Love, love, love.

In Jesus, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

PRAYER ON FATHER'S DAY

Throughout the month of June, children (and adults) are encouraged to hold hands with an adult during the prayers of the people so they can gently squeeze each other's hands whenever you hear a special word: today's special prayer word is "love." Before the prayers, invite children to hold hands with an adult and gently squeeze hands whenever they hear today's special prayer word, "love."

Father God,

You feed us with your love and comfort us with your presence.

You never leave us.

Thank you for mothers and for fathers

and for all the people in our lives who have helped to raise and nurture us.

Thank you for those who listen when we are sick or sad,

scared or mad, hungry or tired, taking time to help us feel better.

Thank you for those who cheer us on when we are happy or excited, when we try something new, and when we grow.

O God, you love all your children,
 and you want us to love the whole world too.
 So we lift into your care:
 children who miss their parents and parents who miss their children;
 parents who are weary or feel undervalued;
 chosen family relationships;
 families in times of conflict or separation;
 those among us who are grieving the children gone too soon;
 those among us who long to be parents and cannot.

Send your peace among us. Join us in our celebrations,
 and uphold us in our grief.
Insert specific joys and concerns here, or invite worshipers to name them.

Thank you, God, for doing what parents can do:
 you teach and guide us, protect and comfort us, help and love us.
 All God's children say, **Amen.**

Congregational Song

GATHERING

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Opening Hymn

God of Great and God of Small, GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL, GTG 19

Kyrie/Petition

Lord, Have Mercy, KYRIE ELEISON(Reindorf), GTG 577

Gloria/Response to Forgiveness

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil, GOODNESS STRONGER, GTG 750

WORD

Hymn Responding to the Word

He Is Lord, HE IS LORD, SNC 160

Doxology

Do Not Be Afraid refrain, ISAIAH 43, GTG 76

SENDING

Sending/Closing Hymn

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth/Enviado soy de Dios, ENVIADO, GTG 747

Benediction Response

May the Love of the Lord, SOON TI, GTG 549

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/ Proper 8

Color: Green

Semicontinuous

Genesis 22:1–14 Obeying God, Abraham prepares to sacrifice his son Isaac.

Psalm 13 How long, O Lord? Still I trust in your steadfast love.

Complementary

Jeremiah 28:5–9 Jeremiah speaks to Hananiah about the promises of prophets.

Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18 I sing of God's steadfast love, God's covenant with David.

Romans 6:12–23 The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life in Christ.

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Matthew 10:40–42 Jesus sends disciples: whoever welcomes you welcomes me.

CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON PSALM 89:1-2)

Let us offer an opening prayer of praise to the God who calls us to worship:

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD.

So will we!

I will tell everyone about your faithfulness, O LORD.

So will we!

I will declare that your love lasts forever, O LORD.

So will we!

And all God's children say, **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Sometimes we're afraid to tell God how we really feel.

We think we're supposed to be perfect.

God knows us and understands us.

We can believe God's promise to love us no matter what.

Let's trust the Lord our God with our confession, praying together,

Loving God,

Sometimes it's hard to trust you.

Sometimes we're not sure you're really taking care of the world.

Sometimes we think, "How long, O LORD, will bad things happen?"
 Thank you for hearing these questions from us.
 Teach us the ways of your love, O LORD,
 and forgive us for doubting you.
 In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Rejoice! God deals bountifully with us, forgiving us our sin. Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout the month of June, children (and adults) are encouraged to hold hands with an adult during the prayers of the people so they can gently squeeze each other's hands whenever you hear a special word: today's special prayer word is "help." Before the prayers, invite children to hold hands with an adult and gently squeeze hands whenever they hear today's special prayer word, "help."

Loving God,
 Our help is in you alone.
 Because we know you are good,
 we don't understand when bad things happen.
 But we also feel the love of the family you have given us,
 we see the beautiful world you have made,
 and we remember all the times you have helped us.

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And so we trust you and ask you to bring help to...

The worship leader may invite prayer concerns from the congregation or name specific petitions, such as...

- ...anyone who is sick or sad, lost or lonely.
- ...anyone who is hungry or thirsty or frightened
- ...the trees, the flowers, the birds, the fish and all other animals
- ...anyone who helps others.

Thank you for helping those in need,
 and thank you also for all the wonderful things in life...

The worship leader may invite prayers from the congregation or name specific joys, such as...

- ...the times when we especially feel the help of the Lord.
- ...the times when those who are thirsty receive a cool drink of water.
- ...the times when our hearts rejoice in the Lord.

Thank you, O LORD, for all these blessings.
 In Jesus' name we pray.
 And all God's children say, Amen.

Congregational Song

GATHERING

Call to Worship

O Look and Wonder, MIREN QUÉ BUENO, GTG 397

Opening Hymn

God Welcomes All, THEMBA AMEN, GTG 399

Kyrie/Petition

Forgive Us, Lord, GTG 431

Gloria/Response to Forgiveness

Heaven Is Singing for Joy refrain, ALEGRÍA, GTG 382

WORD

Hymn Responding to the Word

Fill My Cup, FILL MY CUP, GTG 699

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EUCCHARIST

Doxology

Jesus, Jesus, Fill Us with Your Love verse3, GTG 203

Communion Hymns and Responses

Take and Eat refrain, CORPUS DOMINI, OLOFOB, 201

SENDING

Sending/Closing Hymn

Now Go in Joy, JUNKANOO, GTG 745

Benediction Response

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth/Enviado soy de Dios, ENVIADO, GTG 747



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