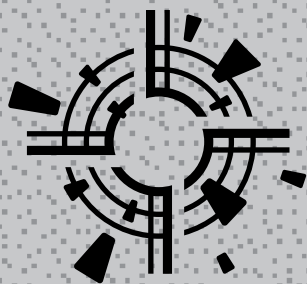


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# Introduction

With this installment of resources, we come to the end of Year A and mark one full year of field-testing! Many thanks to those of you who have taken this journey with us. Thank you to your congregations for their flexibility, their willingness, and their dedication toward finding ways to include all ages in worship.

In this resource, you will notice that some of the liturgy invites spontaneous replies from the congregation. They may be asked to name their joys, to share their mental or emotional state of being, to use their bodies in prayer, or to draw or write a response. Feel free to use these pieces as written or to adapt them with the needs of your community in mind. Whenever you adapt, I would love to know what changes you have made! This helps us fine-tune the resources in ways that will be more inclusive and accessible prior to publication.

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Although this resource covers primarily Ordinary Time, it includes several special days: World Communion, Reformation Sunday, All Saints' Day, and Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. These unique days are often natural times to include new leaders, to share an intergenerational processional, or to teach your congregation (of all ages) about the church year and seasons, connecting them with the wider Church in profound ways.

We would love to hear from you as you make your way through this final season in the church year, and look forward to your insights, reflections, and hopes moving forward.

With gratitude,



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## THEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

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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.

Liturgy means “the work of the people.” The church’s worship is a communal activity, with all the baptized serving together as many members of the one body of Christ. While some are called and equipped for particular forms of service and leadership, their purpose is to draw forth the praise and prayer of the whole people of God.

**How do younger and older members participate in worship?  
What gifts for service and leadership do they have to offer?**

*David Gambrell*

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### *Playlist Link*

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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.



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# Time After Pentecost

## *Congregational Song*

### GATHERING

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#### **Call to Worship**

This Is the Day, ESTE ES EL DIA, GTG 391

We Are Marching in the Light of God, SIYAHAMBA, GTG 853

#### **Opening Hymns**

Come into God's Presence, COME INTO HIS PRESENCE, GTG 413

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!, DARWALL'S 148TH, GTG 305

We Praise You, O God, KREMSER, GTG 612

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, RESIGNATION, GTG 803

God is Here!, ABBOT'S LEIGH, GTG 409

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#### **Kyrie/Petition**

Restore in Us, O God, BAYLOR, GTG 434

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, CHILDREN PRAYING, GTG 469

#### **Gloria/Response to Forgiveness**

Jesus Loves Me!, verse 1, JESUS LOVES ME, GTG 188

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, verse 2, IN BABILONE, GTG 435

God Is So Good, verse 3, GOD IS SO GOOD, GTG 658

### WORD

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#### **Hymns Responding to the Word**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord, REPTON, GTG 432

Take My Life, HENDON, GTG 697

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God, GRAND ISLE, GTG 730

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love, CHEREPONI, GTG 203

Love the Lord Your God, GREAT COMMANDMENT, GTG 62

### EUCCHARIST

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#### **Doxology**

Give Thanks, GIVE THANKS, GTG 647

Great God of Every Blessing, verse 1, AURELIA, GTG 694

#### **Communion Hymns and Responses**

We Come as Guests Invited, WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, GTG 504

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!, COPELAND, GTG 506

I Come with Joy, DOVE OF PEACE, GTG 515

## SENDING

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### **Sending/Closing Hymns**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing, SICILIAN MARINERS, GTG 546

Guide My Feet, GUIDE MY FEET, GTG 741

For Everyone Born, FOR EVERYONE BORN, GTG 769

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, WALK WITH ME, GTG 775

Soon and Very Soon, SOON AND VERY SOON, GTG 384

### **Benediction Response**

We Are Marching in the Light of God, SIYAHAMBA, GTG 853

We will Go out with Joy, verse 1, WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY, GTG 539

# Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost/Proper 21

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## Semicontinuous

Exodus 17:1–7      The people thirst and quarrel; God gives them water from a rock.  
Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16      God made streams flow from rocks, giving water to the people.

## Complementary

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32      Is the way of the Lord unfair? Turn away from your sin and live.  
Psalm 25:1–9      Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord; do not remember my sin.  
Philippians 2:1–13      Seek the mind of Christ, who was humble, but exalted by God.  
Matthew 21:23–32      Leaders question Jesus' authority; he answers them with a parable.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to worship together.

**God calls us to worship together.**

God calls us to worship

**when we are tired or grumpy, hungry or thirsty.**

God calls us to worship

**when we are full of energy, ready to praise God.**

God calls us to worship

**when we ask “why?”**

God calls us to worship together.

For what are you grateful on this day?

*Allow space for worshipers to contribute. Depending on the size of your congregation, you may invite people to name things aloud or in pairs or small groups.*

God calls you and me to worship together.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Invite worshipers to turn to the back of the sanctuary during the prayer.*

We all make mistakes.

Yet God calls us to repent, to say we're sorry,  
and to turn towards God.

Together let us turn to the back of the sanctuary  
as a posture of repentance or turning.

**We sometimes use our words to hurt others.**

**We twist our words to avoid telling the truth.**

**We yell and argue rather than cooperate.**

**We do not always make safe space  
to be honest with love.**

**We insist on our own way.**

**Forgive us.**

**Give us new hearts and new words.**

**Turn us away from evil.  
 Turn us toward you.  
 Teach us better ways to live:  
 to love others as you love us.  
 In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Together let us turn back around and face the front of the sanctuary  
 as we receive words of mercy.

No matter how far we stray from God's path;  
 No matter how many times we mess up,  
 God will not turn away from us.  
 Hear the Good News:  
 In Jesus, we are not alone.  
 God loves us.  
 God forgives us.

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## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 22

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### **Semicontinuous**

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20      At Mount Sinai, the Lord gives the Ten Commandments to Moses.  
 Psalm 19                      The law of the Lord is perfect; God's commandments are clear.

### **Complementary**

Isaiah 5:1–7                      Isaiah sings of a vineyard that has failed to produce good fruit.  
 Psalm 80:7–15                  Restore us, O God of hosts; have regard for the vine you planted.  
 Philippians 3:4b–14          All that I have is nothing; knowing Jesus Christ is everything.  
 Matthew 21:33–46              A parable about a vineyard, wicked tenants, and the owner's son.

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### *Ideas*

If you are celebrating World Communion Sunday, you can drape the communion table with fabric or fibers of different kinds. Using a variety of breads from around the world, consider inviting people of all ages to process into worship carrying the elements and placing them on the table.

To include children in the communion liturgy, ask them ahead of time what they are grateful for and what they want to pray for. Weave their prayers of thanksgiving and their petitions into the Great Thanksgiving.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

When you are hungry,

**there is room at God's table.**

When you are tired,

**there is room at God's table.**

Whether this place is familiar or new,

**there is room at God's table.**

Whether you are close or very far away,

**there is room at God's table.**

Come and worship God who nourishes us.

**There is room at God's table.**

### **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

God has taught us to live in community with each other,  
caring for each other's needs.

We don't always know how to do this.

Let us confess our sin,

trusting in God's loving mercy.

**Loving God,**

**We confess that we**

**We use our words to hurt instead of to heal.**

**We take more than we need**

**and don't share what we have.**

**We don't care for ourselves or each other.**

**Teach us again your ways of love.**

**Help us to live as your faithful people.**

**In the name of Jesus.**

Friends, there is no better news than this:

God has heard us. God has forgiven us. God loves us.

Go forth to love and forgive one another. **Amen.**

### **EUCCHARIST**

#### **Invitation to the Table**

When you are hungry,  
there is room at God's table.

When you are tired,  
there is room at God's table.

Whether this place is familiar or new,  
there is room at God's table.

Whether you are close or very far away,  
there is room at God's table.

All of you are invited to come and share this feast of faith.

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

*The introductory dialogue may be included here:*

The Lord be with you ...

We give you thanks, O God,  
for your love in every language,  
for your children in every land.  
You are here, and you are everywhere:

making us one family at this table.

*The Sanctus may be sung or spoken:*

With angels, saints, and all creation, we join the hymn that never ends:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord ...

We give you thanks for Jesus,  
who is alive and right here with us –  
like bread when we are hungry,  
like water when we are thirsty,  
like a shepherd when we are lost.

*The words of institution may be spoken here.*

*A memorial acclamation may be sung or spoken:*  
Great is the mystery of faith...

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God,  
as we share this bread and cup—  
bring us together as one body,  
sharing the good news of Jesus  
and working for good in the world.

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*Prayers of intercession may be included here.*  
Hear our prayers for the world you love ...

Help us to follow the way of Jesus,  
sharing your love,  
and building up your church  
here and everywhere.

For the meal we are about to share  
and for every gift of your grace  
we give you thanks, O God,  
through Jesus, in the Spirit,  
now and always. Amen.

### **Words of Institution**

*For use at the invitation to the table,  
during the Great Thanksgiving,  
or at the breaking of the bread*

At this table, we remember  
how Jesus took bread, blessed it,  
broke it, and shared it with everyone,  
saying: This is my body, given for you.

At this table, we remember  
how Jesus took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the promise  
that I will love you always.

At this table, we look forward  
to the great meal we will share  
with the whole family of faith  
when Jesus comes again.

### *Try This at Home*

This table prayer, drawn from Child of Blessing seasonal communion liturgy,  
makes a connection between ordinary meals and the church's sacramental supper.

For the meal we are about to share  
and for every gift of your grace  
we give you thanks, O God,  
through Jesus, in the Spirit,  
now and always. Amen.

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## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 23

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### **Semicontinuous**

Exodus 32:1–14      Aaron makes a golden calf; Moses intercedes with the Lord.  
Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23      We have sinned, exchanging the glory of God for graven images.

### **Complementary**

Isaiah 25:1–9      God will make a feast for all peoples, destroying death forever.  
Psalm 23      The Lord prepares a table for me in the presence of my enemies.  
Philippians 4:1–9      Rejoice in the Lord; do not worry; God's peace will be with you.  
Matthew 22:1–14      The kingdom is like a banquet; many are called, few are chosen.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

#### Option 1:

*Consider singing GTG #390 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!" as the Call to Worship, gradually adding a part on each repetition. Percussion instruments can be passed out to the congregation.*

#### Option 2:

Rejoice, children of God: this is our time for worship.

**Rejoice, people of God, because God is good.**

God invites all of us to be part of the beloved community.

**God is faithful to us. God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Then with joyful hearts, let us worship God.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Friends, the prayer of confession will be a active prayer, which means we will use both our hearts and our bodies to pray. I invite you to join me in the prayer of confession, responding with actions as you are prompted and as you feel comfortable.

When Moses is up on the mountain talking to God, the Israelite people get restless. They want answers. They want to know what comes next on their journey. Let us cross our arms and confess in silence the times we have grumbled on our journey with God.

*silence*

The Israelite people forget that God led them out of Egypt and through the Red Sea. They forget how God provided food for them in the wilderness and water from a rock. Let us close our eyes and confess in silence how often we forget that God provides.

*silence*

Out of fear, the people created an idol made of gold and worshiped this false god. Let us clench our fists and confess in silence the ways we put our trust in human leaders and personal goods instead of putting our trust in God.

*silence*

People of God, this is what sin feels like - being closed off from each other and from God. The good news, however, is that God does not give up on us. God loves us and changes God's mind in our favor over and over again.

With unclenched fists, open eyes, and open arms, hear the good news. God forgives us again and again and again. We are invited to a posture of openness and trust before our merciful God. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

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# Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 24

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Color: Green

## Semicontinuous

Exodus 33:12–23      Moses watches from the cleft of a rock as God’s glory passes by.  
Psalm 99              Like Moses, worship at God’s mountain; the Lord is holy.

## Complementary

Isaiah 45:1–7          The Lord anoints Cyrus: I alone am God; I call you by name.  
Psalm 96:1–9 [10–13]      Declare God’s glory among the nations; all other gods are idols.  
1 Thessalonians 1:1–10      Paul writes to the Thessalonians: We give thanks and pray for you.  
Matthew 22:15–22      The Pharisees test Jesus with a question about paying taxes.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship the God who made us.  
Children of God, made in the image of God, what is God like?

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*You may invite the congregation to give their responses out loud and/or draw their responses on paper and give them during the offering.*

God is like a shepherd and gardener, an artist and dancer.  
God is bigger than we can imagine and as close as our very breath.  
Let us worship God.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

God knows everything we do, the good and the bad.  
Even so, God does not give up on us.  
God keeps calling us back and inviting us to try again.  
Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sins.

**God of Justice,  
We confess that while you call us to treat all people fairly,  
we pick favorites and leave others out.  
We take sides and argue instead of listening and loving.  
Forgive us.  
Open our hearts to recognize your holy presence  
in the world around us.**

Children of God, hear the good news:  
the one who made goodness and beauty  
is also the one who offers us grace and mercy.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

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# Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost/ Proper 25

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**Semicontinuous**

Deuteronomy 34:1–12 After seeing the promised land from Mount Nebo, Moses dies.

Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Complementary**

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18 Be holy, as the Lord is holy; love your neighbor as yourself.

Psalm 1 Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8 We came to you to share the gospel; we also share ourselves.

Matthew 22:34–46 Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself.

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**CALL TO WORSHIP***Option 1: One leader part*Which commandment is  
greatest?**Love**

Love the Lord your God.

**Love**

Love with all your heart.

**Love**

Love with all your soul.

**Love**

Love with all your mind.

And the second  
commandment?**Love**Love your neighbor as your-  
self.*Option 2: Two leader parts*Leader 1: Which command-  
ment is greatest?

Leader 2: Love

**Love the Lord your God.**

Leader 2: Love

**Love with all your heart.**

Leader 2: Love

**Love with all your soul.**

Leader 2: Love

**Love with all your mind.**Leader 1: And the second  
commandment?

Leader 2: Love

**Love your neighbor as  
yourself.****CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Siblings,

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,

and with all your soul,

and with all your mind.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We have fallen short of this command.

So let us come before God and each other  
to confess the ways we have failed  
and to seek forgiveness.

Jesus taught us to love God with all our heart.  
**But we give our love to our possessions and our comfort.**  
**Forgive us, God, for not loving you with all our heart.**

Jesus taught us to love God with all our soul.  
**But we give our soul to money and achievement.**  
**Forgive us, God, for not loving you with all your soul.**

Jesus taught us to love God with all our mind.  
**But we give our minds to division and greed.**  
**Forgive us, God, for not loving you with all our mind.**

Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
**But we focus more on our own needs  
than on the struggles of our neighbors.**  
**Forgive us, God, for not loving our neighbors as ourselves.**

Jesus taught us to live in the world, to be people of love.  
We have the assurance that because God is a God of love,  
no matter how many times we fail, God will forgive us.  
Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

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## Reformation Sunday

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Jeremiah 31:31–34	God says: I will make a new covenant, writing my law in your heart.
Psalms 46	Though the earth changes and the waters roar, God is our refuge.
Romans 3:19–28	We are justified by the gift of God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
John 8:31–36	Jesus says: You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

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### IDEA

Reformation Sunday is the day we remember our heritage and theological roots by celebrating the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The Protestant Reformation centered on the Bible as our authority and one of the ways that God reveals Godself to us. Pass out Bible stickers at the beginning of the worship service. Invite the children to listen for all the times we read, sing, or pray the Bible today and put a Bible sticker in the bulletin each time they notice something from the Bible.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Invite the children ahead of time to take part in a processional of the symbols of our faith during the call to worship.*

On this Reformation Sunday,  
let us celebrate the gifts and symbols of our faith and tradition.

God gives us the gift of faith.  
**Thanks be to God for the gift of faith.**  
*Bring forward the light*

God gives us the gift of God's Word  
**Thanks be to God for the gift of God's Word.**  
*Bring forward the Bible*

God gives us the gift of grace.  
**Thanks be to God for the gift of grace.**  
*Bring forward a pitcher of water and pour in the font*

God gives us the gift of community  
**Thanks be to God for the gift of community.**  
*Bring forward the bread and cup*

Let us worship the giver of all good gifts.

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Scripture tells us that "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful will forgive us." Let us confess our sins together.

**Loving God, in Christ you made us one,  
and called us together as your community.  
We want to be reformed,  
yet too often we cling to familiar ways.  
We want to follow you,  
but we are fearful of where you will lead us.  
We want to be made one,  
but we let differences divide us.  
Forgive us.  
Change our hearts and our lives  
so that we might listen and follow,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*Touch the baptismal waters as you say the following words:*  
In the waters of baptism you are claimed by God, washed clean, and set free.  
In these waters you were marked as part of God's family.  
Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Amen.**

# All Saints' Day

Color: White

Revelation 7:9–17	The redeemed gather at God's throne; the Lamb is their shepherd.
Psalms 34:1–10, 22	Bless the Lord, our redeemer; taste and see that the Lord is good.
1 John 3:1–3	See what love the Father has given us; we are God's children now.
Matthew 5:1–12	The Beatitudes: blessed are you; your reward is great in heaven.

## Ideas

1. Give strips of paper to the congregation. Invite each person write the names or draw the people who have shaped their life of faith. During or after the sermon, connect the strips until you make one long paper chain and place the chain on the communion table.
2. Invite worshipers to ring small bells or chimes during the reading of the names for All Saints Day and invite worshipers to say the names of the saints in their lives.
3. Invite children to help tie small bells or chimes to a banner or a pole. As each one is hung the sound will grow. Invite worshipers of all ages to process the banner around the sanctuary during the closing hymn symbolizing the communion of saints all around us.
4. Create a tablecloth for the communion table, inviting worshipers to write names on it at the beginning of worship using fabric markers. The communion elements can be processed in during the opening hymn ("When the Saints Go Marching In" is a good option) and placed on top of the cloth.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered

**to tell stories.**

We are gathered

**to remember.**

We are gathered

**surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.**

We are gathered to celebrate the saints.

**Let us worship God.**

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

All of us are saints, because all of us are God's children. Even so, we make mistakes. We sin whether we intend to or not. In the confidence that God loves us no matter what, let us confess our sins.

**God, you always listen.**

**We are sorry for the times we have not shown mercy to our neighbors, our family and even sometimes ourselves.**

**Forgive us for raising our voices about things that do not matter and**

**staying quiet about things that do. Help us to live the example of love that Jesus taught us and the saints showed us.**

God's mercy and love never ends.

Hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Amen.**

As a forgiven people greet each other by saying,  
"Saint, you are a beloved child of God."

**NOVEMBER 1, 2026**

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## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 26

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Color: Green

### **Semicontinuous**

Joshua 3:7–17

Joshua leads the people through the Jordan to the Promised Land.

Psalms 107:1–7, 33–37

Give thanks to the Lord, who delivered us from the wilderness.

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### **Complementary**

Micah 3:5–12

False prophets, priests, and rulers will be put to shame by God.

Psalms 43

Vindicate me, O God; deliver me from those who oppress me.

1 Thessalonians 2:9–13

We give thanks that you have received and believed God's word.

Matthew 23:1–12

The greatest will become servants; the humble will be exalted.

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### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to worship with all that we are and all that we feel -  
fear and worry, joy and sorrow, anger and contentment.  
What emotions are you bringing with you?

*Leave space for these to be named out loud.*

We come to worship with all that we are and all that we feel.  
We come just as we are and we are loved.  
In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

### **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Jesus is always inviting us to be who we were created to be--  
people of love and generosity.

Trusting in God's grace and mercy,

let us confess the ways

we don't live as beloved children of God.

**Loving God, help us.**

**When we fail to see the needs of our neighbors, help us.**

**When we have been selfish or mean, forgive us.**

**Give us the courage and patience to try again,**

**to keep practicing our call to serve and love.**

God hears us and forgives us.  
 God is with us on the journey.  
 Hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
 Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2026**

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## Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 27

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Color: Green

### **Semicontinuous**

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25 Choose this day whom you will serve; we will serve the Lord.

Psalm 78:1–7 Each generation will tell the next of the glorious deeds of the Lord.

### **Complementary**

Amos 5:18–24 The day of the Lord is darkness; let justice roll down like waters.

Psalm 70 O Lord, make haste to help me, for I am poor and needy.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 The dead in Christ will rise first; then the living will meet the Lord.

Matthew 25:1–13 The parable of ten bridesmaids; keep awake, the Lord is coming.

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### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Please rise as God calls us, embodied, to worship.  
 Grounded in this place and in this moment, trust that we are on holy  
 ground.

This prayer has three simple motions.

First, reach your hands up to the sky, stretching your fingers to imagine that  
 you are trying to reach God as you praise our Creator.

Second, reach your arms out to the side. Feel the stretch across your chest  
 that reaches to your neighbor as we follow Christ.

Finally, wrap yourself in a big hug. This is the Holy Spirit, the comforter who  
 embraces us.

We will repeat these motions and words three times.

You are invited to say each phrase after me  
 and then bow down in an act of humility as we say, “Amen.”

**Praise God Creator**

*Reach your arms upwards towards the sky*

**Praise God Creator**

**Praise Christ Redeemer**

*Reach your arms out to the side*

**Praise Christ Redeemer**

**Praise Holy Spirit Comforter**

*Wrap your arms in a hug*

**Praise Holy Spirit Comforter**

*Repeat 3 times*

**Amen.**

*Prayer hands*

**Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

God calls us to serve, but we want to do things our way.  
Let us confess before God and each other the ways we have failed to follow.

Loving God,  
You call us to love, but our actions harm others.  
**Too often, we do not serve you.**

Holy God,  
You call us to worship you,  
but we are overwhelmed by other demands for our attention.  
**Too often, we do not serve you.**

Merciful God,  
You call us to follow your way.  
**Too often, we do not choose to serve you.**  
**Forgive us.**

Friends, know this: the mercy of our God is forever.  
God does not abandon us when we make poor choices.  
We are forgiven and given the opportunity to try again.  
Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2026**

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## Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 28

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**Semicontinuous**

Judges 4:1–7           The Israelites cry to the Lord; God sends Deborah to deliver them.  
Psalm 123             Have mercy on us, O Lord; we have had our fill of contempt.

**Complementary**

Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18 Beware, the day of the Lord is near; wealth will not save you.  
Psalm 90:1–8 (9–11) 12 A thousand years are like a day to you; teach us to count our days.  
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Be ready: the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.  
Matthew 25:14–30    The parable of talents; good and trustworthy servants are rewarded.

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Please rise as God calls us, embodied, to worship.  
Grounded in this place and in this moment, trust that we are on holy  
ground.

This prayer has three simple motions.

First, reach your hands up to the sky, stretching your fingers to imagine that you are trying to reach God as you praise our Creator.

Second, reach your arms out to the side. Feel the stretch across your chest that reaches to your neighbor as we follow Christ.

Finally, wrap yourself in a big hug. This is the Holy Spirit, the comforter who embraces us.

We will repeat these motions and words three times.

You are invited to say each phrase after me

and then bow down in an act of humility as we say, "Amen."

Praise God Creator

*Reach your arms upwards towards the sky*

**Praise God Creator**

Praise Christ Redeemer

*Reach your arms out to the side*

**Praise Christ Redeemer**

Praise Holy Spirit Comforter

*Wrap your arms in a hug*

**Praise Holy Spirit Comforter**

*Repeat 3 times*

Amen.

*Prayer hands*

**Amen.**

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#### **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

God knows our needs and faults even before we name them.

We name the truth of our lives confident in God's love.

Let us make our confession.

**Loving God, we confess our struggle to be your faithful disciples.**

**We hoard your good gifts.**

**You invite us to be generous,**

**but we are afraid of not having enough.**

**Forgive us for not trusting the love that surrounds us.**

**Help us to share and to serve.**

**Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Children of God, nothing can separate us from God's love.

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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# Christ the King/Reign of Christ

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Exodus 14:19–31                      At the sea, God delivers the Israelites from the Egyptian army.  
 Psalm 114                                The earth shakes and the sea retreats in the presence of the Lord.  
 or Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21        Moses and Miriam sing praise to God, who has delivered them.

**Complementary**

Genesis 50:15–21                      Joseph's brothers seek forgiveness; God turned their evil to good.  
 Psalm 103:(1–7) 8–13                Bless the Lord, who is gracious and merciful, forgiving our sin.  
 Romans 14:1–12                        Refrain from judgment; whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.  
 Matthew 18:21–35                      A lesson in forgiveness from a parable about debts and debtors.

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to worship bringing our voices and our bodies, our praises and our gratitude. I will invite you to name your words of praise and words of thanksgiving out loud, as you feel led.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.  
 Serve God with gladness.  
 Come into God's presence with singing.  
 Children of God, for what do you give God praise?  
*Gesture for the congregation to give their responses.*

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving.  
 Give thanks to God and bless God's name.  
 Children of God, for what do you give God thanks?  
*Gesture for the congregation to give their responses.*

The Lord is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
**Let us worship God.**

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

We come before God our Shepherd with honesty and vulnerability, confident that God loves us and wants us to be found.  
 Let us make our confession.

We have not seen Christ in our neighbor.  
**And God still loves us.**  
 We have not shared what we have.  
**And God still loves us.**  
 We have injured others.  
**And God still loves us.**

We have turned away from the needs of others.

**And God still loves us.**

We have judged others.

**And God still loves us.**

Friends, hear the Good News:

No matter what we do or what we don't do, God loves us.

Know that you are forgiven and go out to serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**



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