

Liturgy

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 13A)

GATHERING

I Call You Faithful

I call You Faithful, Your name is Faithful;
Lord, You are Faithful to me.
I call you Faithful, Your name is Faithful;
Faithful You are, and Faithful You'll be.
(Repeat)

I call You Holy; Your name is Holy;
Lord, You are Holy to me. . . .

I call You Awesome; Your name is Awesome;
Lord, You are Awesome to me. . . .

I call You Healer; Your name is Healer;
Lord, You are Healer to me. . . .

I call You Jireh; Your name is Jireh;
You are Provider to me.
I call You Jireh; Your name is Jireh,
Provider You are, and Provider You'll be.

I call You all that; Your name is All That;
Lord, You are All That to me. . . .
I call You all that; Your name is All That;
All That You are, and All That You'll be.
All That You are, and All That You'll be.
Lord, You are All That to me. . . .

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Bobby Price and Kevin Walker; Donny McClurkin lyrics.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
and let your soul delight itself in abundance.
Incline your ear and come to Me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love promised to David.

*Seek the LORD while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near.*

**O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You.
I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.**

*So we have looked upon You in the sanctuary,
beholding Your power and Your glory.
We shall behold Your face in righteousness;
and be satisfied with Your likeness.*

**Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips shall praise You.
So I will bless You as long as I live: I will lift up my hands in Your name.**

— from Isaiah 55:1-3, 6; Psalms 63:1-4 and 17:15

LECTIONARY for the tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A:

*Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21*

This tenth Sunday after Pentecost continues this longest season of the liturgical year, during which the Church observes an extended time of study and reflection on the ways in which we, Christ's body here on earth, walk and live in all aspects of our lives under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit. We use the term "ordinary time" (or Proper time) to identify this season not because it is less important or meaningful than other seasons (such as Eastertide or Advent), but to mark the contrast with the more specifically focused seasons, and because we count these weeks in an ordinal way.

The lectionary this week directs our attention to the absolute faithfulness of the covenant love of God, to His attention to all of our needs—spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual—and to His utter delight in showing His grace and blessing to His children. We see also the joyful response of God's faithful people to His outpourings of love, provision, and constant goodness. Each of these readings speak to and illuminate each the other in numerous ways:

- the narrative of Jacob's Ladder;*
- the open invitation to those who thirst and hunger for the things of God, as recorded in Isaiah 55;*
- God's sure provisions for both our physical and spiritual needs poetically recalled in the psalms;*
- the oneness of all believers in Christ;*
- Jesus' miraculous feeding of the five thousand.*

And this reminds us, yet again, that right worship is always the response of both heart and mind to God's revelation of Himself in His glory, majesty, goodness, and power.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long—
This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1873. Hymn tune: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873.

INVOCATION

Prayers of adoration, praise, and thanksgiving for God's presence

Sung:

This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long—
This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

I Do Worship

I do worship, I do worship. I do worship You. (Repeat)

For Your goodness and Your glory,
For the joy inside the story; I do worship You.

O, how excellent is Your presence, we will bless Your name.
(Repeat)

For Your goodness and Your glory; for the joy inside the story;
For the peace You gave to me,
For the day You set me, set me free:
For Your goodness and Your glory, for the joy inside the story –

I do worship, I do worship, I do worship You.

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The Gathering reading combines verses from the Isaiah and one of the psalm passages, and adds complementary text from Psalm 63. It is written for two readers, with the congregation speaking the bold font.

It can effectively highlight the Opening phrases from Isaiah to place the reader in an unseen spot and using a microphone.

This classic, nineteenth-century hymn is one of Fanny Crosby's most well-known and best loved hymn texts.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in these words from the pen of the Apostle Paul:

God is able to make all grace abound to you,
so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,
you may abound in every good work.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
From whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name:

I pray that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with might
by His Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

*And I pray that you,
being rooted and grounded in love,
may have the power to comprehend,
with all the saints,
what is the breadth
and length
and height
and depth,*

And to know the love of Christ
which surpasses knowledge,
That you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly,
abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,
according to the power that works within us,
to Him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus
to all generations,
forever and ever.**

— 2 Corinthians 9:8, Ephesians 3:14-21

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

We call on You, our God, for You will answer us.
*Turn Your ear to us and hear our prayers,
and show us the wonders of Your great love.*

— based on Psalm 17:6-7

[Silence]

Most merciful God, **We confess to You and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

[Silent confessions]

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will,
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your Name.
Amen.**

These texts are not included in the lectionary for Pentecost 10A. But weaving them together in this scripturally-based profession of faith draws our attention to our abundant life in Christ, to God's gracious provision of community together in Him as the Church, His body, and to the all-surpassing strength of His love and power.

This simple, traditional prayer of confession and repentance is from the Book of Common Prayer, Morning Prayer, rite two.

A useful and user-friendly resource is The (Online) Book of Common Prayer [www.bcponline.org].

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.
(repeat)

O Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.
O Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is merciful and compassionate,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
*The LORD is good to everyone,
He showers compassion on all his creation.*
**All Your works will thank You, LORD,
and Your faithful followers will praise You.**

– Psalm 145:8-11

Psalm 145:14-21 (chant)

The LORD upholds all those who fall;*
He lifts up those who are bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon You, O LORD,*
and You give them their food in due season.
You open wide Your hand*
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
The LORD is righteous in all His ways*
and loving in all His works.
The LORD is near to those who call upon Him,*
to all who call upon Him faithfully.
He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;*
He hears their cry and helps them.
The LORD preserves all those who love Him,*
but He destroys all the wicked.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;*
let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.

Passing of the Peace

Ellen's setting of this ancient prayer of confession and repentance is available in the sheet music catalog as a lead sheet and scored for voice and piano. It is also included in the collection, Singing the Liturgy, Volume 1. You may listen to Agnus Dei in the Audio Media Studio.

Here are the links:

<https://clerestorynotes.com/live/sheetmusic/agnus-dei>

<https://clerestorynotes.com/live/content/audio-media-studio-clips-index>

*This text is taken from the Online Book of Common Prayer, The Psalter. (http://bcponline.org/)
It is versified slightly differently than other versions.*

Suggested simple Psalm melody and chord progression is available in the Music Room, Sheet Music Catalog (Psalm Settings, see Psalm 25, Keyboard arrangement).

Here's a link:

<https://clerestorynotes.com/live/sheetmusic/psalm-25>

If preferred, the text may be spoken rather than chanted.

TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and stories of God's abundant faithfulness

Jesus, I am Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul.
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Chorus:

Jesus, I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea.
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine;
Know Thy certainty of promise and have made it mine.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art.
And Thy love so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
Compasseth me 'round with blessings, this is love indeed.

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of the Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

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An alternate choice for Offering song might be You Have Been Good, by Twila Paris. It contains the lovely and resonant lyric, "For by Your hand we have been fed, and by Your Spirit we have been led." (CCLI Song #59452 ©1988 Ariose Music)

THE WORD

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Christ has died.

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The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your Name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are Yours.
Now and forever, Amen.

Setting by Eric Wyse; ©2000 Wildgrove Music (BMI)

Flow Like a River

Flow like a river, fall like the rain;
Streams of compassion flow from His throne.
Wide as the ocean, deep as the sea;
Life-giving fountain, is God's love for me.

Feast at the table of mercy,
Drink from the cup of His grace.
Dwell in His infinite goodness,
Live in His healing embrace.

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Steve Merkel.

Eric Wyse's setting of the Lord's Prayer, Our Father in Heaven, is available at Score Exchange (<https://www.scoreexchange.com/scores/19379.html>)

This Communion song reflects both the Isaiah text ("Ho, everyone who is thirsty . . .") and the Gospel text in beautiful ways.

"When he [Jesus] went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ... And they all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full." (Mt. 14:14, 20)

SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Jesus, I am Resting (reprise)

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of the Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

Jesus, I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.

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Benediction:

Beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
ever mindful that He has called us to Himself,
and there gives to us abundant life through His grace.

Amen.

Now to Him who by the power at work within us
is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine –

**To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations,
forever and ever.**

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Let those who are hungry come and be fed with heavenly food that will satisfy continual hunger. Let those who are thirsty come and with a full mouth drink the water of salvation from an ever-flowing fountain. By this divine food and drink the blind shall see, the deaf hear, and the dumb speak; the lame will walk, the foolish will be wise, the sick will be strong, and the dead will come to life again. The supreme and honest Judge will raise to life and to eternal light whoever has trampled on the corruptions of the earth by their righteousness. Let no one trust in riches, in badges of authority, or even in royal power. These things don't make a man immortal. For those who disregard the discipline of maturing by seeking present things throw themselves face first to the ground and will be punished as deserters from their Lord, Commander, and Father. Therefore, let us strain toward righteousness. It alone, as an inseparable companion, will lead us to God. "While a spirit rules these limbs," let us serve God with unwearied service. Let us keep our posts and watches. Let us boldly fight against the enemy, knowing that we have victory and will triumph. Then we will obtain the reward of courage which the Lord has promised.”

– Lactantius

Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 37:1-4,12-29; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15;
Matthew 14:22-33

The benediction quotes Ephesians 3:20-21. It reminds us of the profession of our faith (above), and affirms us in His love and in our place in God's story as we are sent into the world to be the Body of Christ.

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