

Lectionary Readings

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 David dances with joy at the return of the Ark of the Covenant.
or
Amos 7:7-15 The prophet has a vision of a plumb line being used to measure Israel.
Psalm 24 The Lord is the King of glory, established over all creation.
or
Psalm 85:8-13 The psalmist listens for God's word of the peace and righteousness to come.
Ephesians 1:3-14 In Christ we have been blessed with the gift of adoption, redemption, and wisdom.
Mark 6:14-29 Herod has John the Baptist beheaded in an act of oppression.

Call to Worship

Leader: Who is invited to worship God?
Left side: All who seek the blessings of the spirit.
Right side: All who have gifts to offer for God's service.
Left side: All who are thankful for our redemption.
Right side: All who live in hope of God's reign on earth.
Leader: Who is invited to worship God?
All: **Children of God, let us worship!**

Hymns for the Day

	PH	EH	ELW	UMH	NCH	VU	STF	SNC	TFBF	HFTG
Hymns of Praise										
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	451	618	424	90						
O Splendor of God's Glory Bright	474	5		679	87	413				
Your Hand, O God, Has Guided						274				
Old Testament										
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art	457				251	393				
Lift Up the Gates Eternal (Psalm 24)	177					740				
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (Psalm 24)	8	436		213	117					
Epistle										
Sing Praise to Our Creator		295								
Here, O God, Your Servants Gather	465		530			362				
Gospel										
Hope of the World	360	472		178	46	215				
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	298	469, 470	255	121	23	271				
Transform Us							2153			
Communion										
By Your Hand You Feed Your People			469							
Remembering with Love and Hope								249		
Sending										
Go to the World						420				
Lord, You Give the Great Commission	429	528	579	584		512				
Unsettled World							2183			
Important Hymns from Other Sources										
This Holy Covenant Was Made										
Sylvia Dunstan, <i>In Search of Hope and Grace</i> , GIA										

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Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you are the King of glory!
Should we not throw open the doors and welcome you?
Yet we stand in this holy place with unclean hands and impure hearts.
We have lifted up our souls to the false idols of our culture:
to greed and power, to fame and wealth.
We have been deceitful in our words and deeds.
Yet, with all the world, we are yours.
Forgive us, O God.
Fling open the doors of our hearts and come in!
You are the King of Glory, and we will sing your praises!

Psalm Settings

Psalm 24 Metrical
"Lift Up the Gates Eternal" PH 177
"Lord, All Creation with Thy Name Resounds" PCW 35
Responsorial
"Come, All You Pure in Heart" TPP 24
"The Earth Is the Lord's" PP2 16
Psalm 85:8-13 (See Second Sunday of Advent, page 65)

Contemporary Songs

"He Has Made Me Glad" ("I Will Enter His Gates") Leona von Brethorst *Cokesbury Chorus Book*
"Let Us See Your Kindness" Marty Haugen *Gather Comprehensive*
"Shout to the Lord" Darlene Zschech *Sing the Faith*
"The Play of the Godhead" M. L. Bringle/Robert Batastini *Gather Comprehensive*
"Open the Gates" David Haas GIA, G-5007
"Neither Death nor Life" Marty Haugen GIA, G-5650
"Breastplate" Liam Lawton GIA, G-5987
"Christ Beside Me" James Quinn *Sing the Faith*
"Give Me Jesus" African-American spiritual/Williams *African-American Heritage Hymnal*

Global Songs

"Gracious Spirit" (Tanzania) GP3 105
"The Peace of the Earth" (Guatemala) TOAU 78
"Still, I Search for My God" (Philippines) STB 176

Anthems for Larger Choirs

"Psalm 24" Samuel Adler, TP 312-40476, SATB
"Attolite Portas" William Byrd, CPDL (www.cpd.org), SATB
"Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" William Mathias, OXF 42.380, SATB
"The Prayer of St. Francis" Allen Pote, HIN HMC-888, SATB

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

"Lord of Life and King of Glory" Grancini/Proulx, GIA (G-2357), 2-part mixed, keyboard
"Lord, You Have Searched Me Out" Hendrickson, Aug (978-0-8006-7702-2), SAB, piano

Anthems for Children's Choirs

"The Earth is the Lord's" David Ashley White, opt. congregation SPH 410-824
"Lift Up the Gates Eternal" PH 177
"Lift Up Your Heads" Richard Gieseke, CPH 98-2959

Handbell Music

"Blessed Assurance" Cynthia Dobrinski, LSHB90018, 3-5 oct., (L3+)
"Dance at Dawn" Hart Morris, BEHB265, 3-5 oct., marimba, drum, triangle, and tambourine, (L4-)
"Guide Us, O God of Grace" Michael Keller, AG35257, 3-5 oct., opt. keyboard or brass quintet and timpani, (L3)

Organ Music

"Abbot's Leigh" (Lord, You Give the Great Commission), David Cherwien, 2 *Hymn Tune Preludes*, GIA (E-M)
"Abbot's Leigh" Robert A. Hobby, 2 *English Hymn Tune Settings*, MS (E-M)
"Laast uns erfreuen" Gerhard Krapf, *Hymn Meditations for Organ*, Vol. 3, NS (E)
"Abbot's Leigh" Robert J. Powell, 3 *New Hymn Settings*, Hope (E+)