

September 27, 2009

Lectionary Readings

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Queen Esther secures the safety of the Jewish people from the king.
 or
 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 The Lord appoints elders to help Moses with the complaining Israelites.
 Psalm 124 If the Lord had not protected the people, then they would have perished.
 or
 Psalm 19:7-14 The psalmist praises the law of the Lord.
 James 5:13-20 The prayers of the community are helpful to those who suffer.
 Mark 9:38-50 Jesus teaches his disciples about temptation.

Call to Worship

Our help is in the strength of God, who created all that is.

Who are we, that God remembers us?

Our blessings come from God, giver of all good gifts.

Who are we, to be graced by God's bounty?

Our salvation comes from God, light in our darkness.

Who are we, to be redeemed by God's love?

Our calling as servants and friends comes from God, whose image we reflect.

Who are we, that God's Spirit shines out from us?

All praise to the living God!

Hymns for the Day

	PH	EH	ELW	UMH	NCH	VU	STF	SNC	TFBF	HFTG
Hymns of Praise										
O Laughing Light						434	2093			
God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens	268	580	771	150	556					
Creating God, Your Fingers Trace	134	394, 395	684	109	462	265				
Old Testament										
Lift Every Voice and Sing	563	599	841	519	593				296	
My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord	600	437, 438	572, 251	198	119	899				
Now Israel May Say (Psalm 124)	128									
Epistle										
O Christ the Healer	380		610	265	175					
Blest Be the Tie that Binds	438		656	557	393	602				
Let All the World in Every Corner Sing	468	402, 403		93						
Gospel										
How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord	419		580			504				60
We Meet You, O Christ, In Many a Guise	311			257		183				
When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son	86					119				
Communion										
Filled With the Spirit's Power				537	266	194				
Christ, Be Our Host						465				
Sending										
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life	408	609	719	427	543	681				
Go, My Children With My Blessing			543		82			284		
What Does the Lord Require	405	605		441						
Important Hymns from Other Sources										
Before You Now, O God, Your Servants Stand						511				

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and God of glory,

We live in difficult times.

We confess that we do not ask for the help of others—to pray for us.

We do not seek the wisdom of older people—to advise us.

Worst of all, we do not seek your power—to uphold us.

In your great mercy, forgive us.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

Psalm Settings

Psalm 124 Metrical

“If God Had Not Been on Our Side” NMP 208

“If God the Lord Were Not Our Constant Help” PsH 124

“Unless the Lord Had Stood With Us” TP 124

Responsorial

“Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord” PP2 108

“Our Soul has Escaped Like a Bird” PCY9 34

Psalm 19:7-14 (See Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, page 167)

Contemporary Songs

“Listen to the Word Which God Has Spoken”

Canadian *We Walk His Way*

“Lord, You Have the Words of Everlasting Life” (Psalm 19) David Haas *Gather Comprehensive*

“Words of Everlasting Life/Palabras de Vida Eterna” Tony Alonso *Gather Comprehensive*

“The Peace of God” David Haas GIA, G-5817

“Through Our Lives and by Our Prayers” John Bell/Graham Maule *Heaven Shall Not Wait*

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” Peter Scholtes *Cokesbury Chorus Book*

“Christ Beside Me” James Quinn *Sing the Faith*

“Come and Journey with a Savior” Marty Haugen GIA, G-4847

“I Will Sing a Song of Love” John Bell *I Will Not Sing Alone*

Global Songs

“In the Morning When I Rise” (African-American spiritual) GP2 86

“Nzuramanza” (“I Worship Christ”) (Mozambique) GP2 5

“Have Mercy on Us, Lord” (Pakistan) STB 120

Anthems for Larger Choirs

“Psalm 124” Parker/Shaw, GS 583, SATB

“Strengthen for Service” Richard Proulx, AUG 0800656784, SATB

“Silent Devotion and Response” E. Block, BB BB-179, SATB

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

“Come and Find the Quiet Center” organ, Aug (978-0-8006-7509-7), SAB, keyboard, opt flute

“God of Peace” Bisbee; Aug (978-0-8006-7512-7), 2-part equal or mixed voices, keyboard

Anthems for Children's Choirs

“The Lord's Prayer” Malcolm Archer, descant, HMC 1265

“We Will Sing For Joy” Domenico Scarlatti, Arr. Helenclaire Lowe, CGA 202

Handbell Music

“Walking with Jesus” Arr. H. Dean Wager, CGB484, 3-6 oct., opt. hand chimes, L3

“There is a Balm in Gilead” Arr. Sharon Elery Rogers, MOMSM30306, 2-3 oct., opt. hand chimes, L2

“There is a Balm in Gilead” Arr. Jeffrey Honoré, CO976783, 3-5 oct., opt. hand chimes, L3

Organ Music

“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” Alec Wyton, *Preludes on Contemporary Hymns*, AF (E-M)

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” Alice Jordan, *Worship Service Music for the Organist*, Broadman (E-M)

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” Homer Whitford, *5 Choral Paraphrases*, Set 1, HWG (E-M)

“Second Benedictus” (“In Quiet Contemplation Shall Peace Guide Your Ways”) Alec Rowely, NV (E-M)

“Toccata in Seven” John Rutter, *A Second Easy Album for Organ*, OUP (E+)