

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 18, 2019 (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Let the Peoples Praise

Let the peoples praise You, O God. (4x)

Only One, only One worthy (3x)

Worthy is the Lamb.

Glory to the Righteous One (3x)

From the ends of the earth we hear songs.

(Hallelujah! The Lamb has won!)

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We will exalt You, our God and King,

And we will bless Your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless You,

and I will praise Your name forever and ever.

One generation shall praise Your works to another,

and shall declare Your mighty acts.

All Your works shall praise You, O LORD,

and Your saints shall bless You.

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power;

To make known to the children of men Your mighty acts

and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

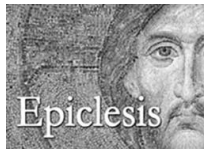
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;

let every creature praise His holy name forever and ever!



— from Psalm 145



Glory Be To God

To You we bring our hymn of praise: Glory be to God.
Hearts and hands together raised: Glory be to God.
Who spoke before the dawn of time: Glory be to God.
Veil of darkness torn by light: Glory be to God.

And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: “Glory be to God!”
Th’anthem of the Lord’s redeemed: “Glory be to God!”

You purchased captives for Your saints: Glory be to God.
And opened wide the kingdom gates: Glory be to God.
You overcame the sting of death: Glory be to God.
And clothed us in Christ’s righteousness: Glory be to God.

And all Your children cry with loud acclaim: “Glory be to God!”
Sing, O Church, Your sweet refrain: “Glory be to God!”

Glory, glory, glory, glory forever and ever. (repeat)

Father, Spirit, risen Son: Glory be to God.
Who was, and is, and is to come: Glory be to God.
And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: “Glory be to God!”
Th’anthem of the Lord’s redeemed: “Glory be to God!”

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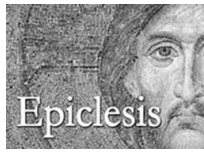
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

Sung:

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb . . .

Glory to the Righteous One (3x)
Hallelujah! The Lamb has won.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

By faith we understand

**that the worlds were framed by the word of God,
so that what is seen was not made of things which are visible.**

**By faith, the ancients gained approval from God,
for without faith it is impossible to please Him.**

All these died in faith,
without receiving the promises.

*But having seen them, they believed
and welcomed them from a distance.*

They considered Him faithful who had promised.

By faith they esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches
than the treasures of Egypt.

Through faith they worked righteousness;

Out of weakness they were made strong;

They persevered through adversity and opposition;

They became valiant in battle;

And they endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

All these, although they gained approval through their faith,
did not receive what was promised,

*Because God had provided something better for us,
so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.*

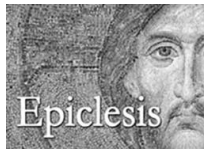
**Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin
which so easily entangles us.**

**And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the
shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Leader:

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice
will be the scepter of Your kingdom.

– from Hebrews 11:1 – 12:2; 1:8



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock;
You who are enthroned above the cherubim, shine forth!
Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.
**Come, and restore us, LORD God of hosts;
make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.**

Merciful God, we confess –
that we have done things we regret...
that we have failed to do what we ought...
that we have at times acted without love...
that that we have too often withdrawn care...
that we have reacted without thought...
that we have failed to forgive...
that we have not fully walked in Your ways...

Come, and restore us, LORD God of hosts;
make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

– texts from Psalms 80:1-3, 19; 85:7

Send Out Your Light

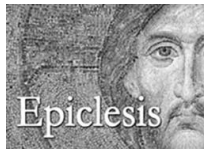
Send out Your light, Lord, send out Your truth;
Send them that they may guide us.
Lord, may they bring us into Your courts,
To the heart of Your dwelling places.

Send out Your light, Lord, send out Your truth;
Send them that they may guide us.
Come, and restore us, Lord God of Hosts;
Make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Be encouraged in these words of God's promise from the Psalmist:
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and great in mercy.
He is righteous in all His ways, and faithful in all He does.



*The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.
He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He will hear their cry and save them.
The LORD keeps all who love Him.*

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.**

– Psalm 145:8, 17-21

TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)

O come, behold the works of God, the nations at His feet.
He breaks the bow and bends the spear and tells the wars to cease.
O Mighty One of Israel, You are on our side.
We walk by faith in God who burns the chariots with fire.

Chorus:

Lord of hosts, You're with us, with us in the fire,
With us as a Shelter, with us in the storm.
You will lead us through the fiercest battle,
Oh, where else would we go but with the Lord of hosts.

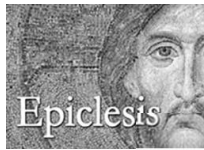
O God of Jacob, fierce and great, You lift Your voice to speak.
The earth, it bows and all the mountains move into the sea.
O Lord, You know the hearts of men, and still You let them live.
O God who makes the mountains melt, come wrestle us and win.
O God who makes the mountains melt, come wrestle us and win.

Chorus

Bridge:

Though oceans roar, You are the Lord of all,
The One who calms the wind and waves and makes my heart be still.
Though the earth gives way, the mountains move into the sea,
The nations rage, I know my God is in control.

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THE WORD

Hebrews 11 – 12:2

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

Passing of the Peace

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. David and Goliath, Edgar Degas, 18

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

We Behold You (Fraction Anthem)

With all of the saints and angels, we gather before You.

Our hearts filled with thankfulness, we lift up Your holy Name.

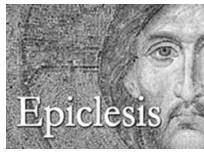
With all who have gone before us, we feast at Your table.

We eat of Your body and drink of Your holy blood.

And we behold You, and we behold You:

Lamb of God, slain for our sins.

(Repeat)



All To Us

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation,
You are faithful to the end.
We are waiting on You, Jesus.
We believe; You're all to us.
(repeat)

Chorus:

Let the glory of Your name
Be the passion of the Church.
Let the righteousness of God
Be a holy flame that burns.
Let the saving love of Christ
Be the measure of our lives.
We believe; You're all to us.

Only Son of God, sent from heaven;
Hope and mercy at the cross.
You are everything, You're the promise;
Jesus, You are all to us.

Chorus

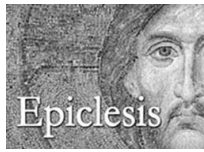
Bridge

You're all to us; You're all to us;
You're all to us, You are.

When this passing world is over,
We will see You face to face.
And forever we will worship;
Jesus, You are all to us.
Jesus, You are all to us.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



All To Us (chorus)

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.
We believe; You're all to us.

Benediction:

Brothers and sisters, as we go forth into the world to walk out our baptisms, loving and serving the Lord, let us remember with thankful hearts that He has called us into the company of faithful saints who trust in Christ and seek to obey His will. So let us fix our eyes steadfastly on Jesus, as we look forward in joy to the path He has set before us, walking in trust and in the fear of the Lord.

Amen.

Now to God be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations who fear Him, forever and ever.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“O Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart, that I may hear your word and understand and do your will, for I am a sojourner upon the earth. Hide not your commandments from me, but open my eyes, that I may perceive the wonders of your law. Speak to me the hidden and secret things of your wisdom. On you do I set my hope, O my God, that you shall enlighten my mind and understanding with the light of your knowledge, not only to cherish those things which are written, but to do them; that in reading the lives and sayings of the saints I may not sin, but that such may serve for my restoration, enlightenment and sanctification, for the salvation of my soul, and the inheritance of life everlasting. For you are the enlightenment of those who lie in darkness, and from you comes every good deed and every gift. Amen.” – Chrysostom

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Isaiah 58:9b-14;
Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

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