

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 1, 2019 (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

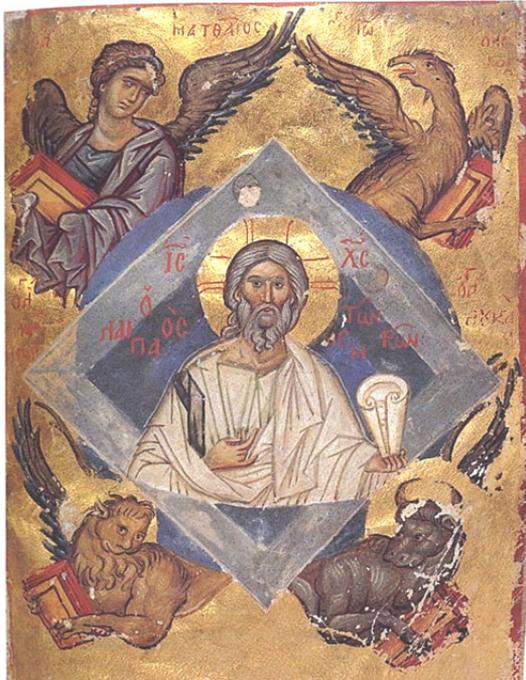
Ancient of Days

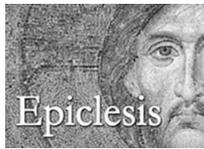
Blessing and honor, glory and power,
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From ev'ry nation, all of creation,
Bow before the Ancient of Days.
Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to Your matchless worth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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Christ as the Ancient of Days, Gospel Book, Byzantine, 1297





Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**With joy, we come before Him with thanksgiving,
and extol Him with music and song.**

For His steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

those He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy
and gathered to Himself, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south!

**Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,
for His wondrous works to the children of men.
For He satisfies the longing soul,
and fills the hungry soul with goodness.**

O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!

— from Psalms 95:1-2, 107:1-9, 34:3

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend, to us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

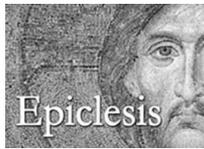
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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



Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty. (repeat)
Who was and is, and is to come. (repeat)

Lift up His name with the sound of singing,
Lift up His name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,
For He is worthy to be praised.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved,
and in which we stand:

**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;
He was buried, and was raised on the third day
according the Scriptures,
and He appeared to many faithful witnesses.**

In Him, we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches
of His grace.

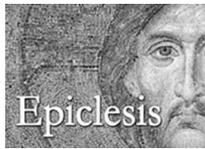
**Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,
He endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

There He reigns far above all rule and authority
and power and dominion,
and every name that is named,
not only in this age, but also in the age to come –
King of kings, and Lord of lords.

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

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
let us give thanks by which we offer to God an acceptable worship
with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

– based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Ephesians 1:7, 20-21, Hebrews 1:8, 12:2, 28-29



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD,
and who may stand in His holy place?

*Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
whose walk is blameless, who do what is righteous;*

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD,
and who may stand in His holy place?

*Those who speak the truth from their hearts,
who do no wrong to a neighbor,
and who honor those who fear the LORD.*

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation;
they will never be shaken.

*This is the generation of those who seek Him,
of those who seek Your face, O God.*

— from Psalms 15 and 24

[Silence]

Most holy and merciful God,

**We confess to You, and before one another,
that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed.**

We have offended Your holiness.

**We have followed the devices of our own hearts,
and have spurned the promptings of Your Spirit.**

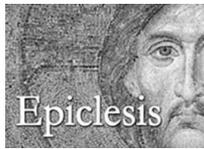
We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

[Silent confessions]

Have mercy on us, Lord.

**Accept our repentance,
and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation,
that we may show forth Your glory in the world;
through Christ, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, this is the promise of the God of steadfast love:

How blessed are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in His commandments!

*Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

*They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.*

The righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

**Praise the LORD! Blessed are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in His commandments.**

– from Psalm 112:1-9

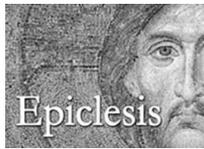
TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Lord of Lords

Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for.
To worship You, Jesus, is my sole desire.
For this very heart You have shaped for Your pleasure,
Purposed to lift Your name higher.

Here in surrender, in pure adoration,
I enter Your courts with an offering of praise.
I am Your servant, come to bring You glory,
As is fit for the works of Your hands.



Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
All of creation resounds with the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords.

Spirit now living and dwelling within me,
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face.
Let not the things of this world ever sway me,
I'll run 'til I finish the race.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
All of creation resounds with the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
All of eternity echoes the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords.

Holy Lord, You are holy. Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
Call all the sinners to join in the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords.
Lord of lords . . .

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THE WORD

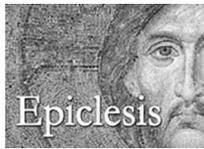
Hebrews 13:1-16



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.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

Our Father in Heaven (sung)

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,
Your name is holy, our Father.
Your kingdom come, and Your will be done
Here on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us, we pray, our bread for today,
Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,
Forgiving of what others owe.
Keep us from trials; save us from our ancient foe!

As we sing the kingdom, we sing the power,
We sing the glory be Yours – Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

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My Lips Will Praise You

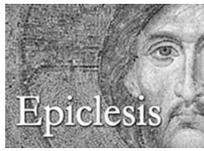
My lips will praise You, for You are holy.
My voice will ever rise before Your throne.
My heart will love You, for You are lovely,
And You have called me to become Your own.

I am Your own, and I will worship You alone.
I am Your own, I am Your child.
I am Your own, and I will worship at Your throne.
I am Your own, and I will love You.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



Holy, Holy (reprise)

Lift up His name with the sound of singing,
Lift up His name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give Him glory, for He is worthy to be praised.

Benediction:

Beloved, go forth into the world, walking out your baptisms,
to love and serve the Lord.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ!

Now may the God of peace – who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant – equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

– based on Hebrews 13:20-21

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“We should bring sacrifices to God through our words since God said He is the Word. Therefore the supreme act of worshiping God is praise toward Him from the mouth of a righteous person. However, to be accepted by God, there must be humility, fear, and devotion to the greatest degree. If people place confidence in their own integrity and innocence, they will be charged with pride and arrogance and lose the reward of their morality. But in order to obtain God’s favor and be freed from every stain, always beg for God’s mercy. Pray for nothing other than pardon for your sins, even if you don’t have any. If you want anything else, there is no need to express it in words to the One who knows what we wish. If anything good happens to you, give thanks. If any evil, make amends and confess that the evil has happened to you because of your own faults. Even in evils give thanks and make amends in good times, so that you can be the same at all times. Be firm, unchangeable, and unshaken. Don’t suppose that these things are to be done only in the temple, but at home, and even in your bed. In short, always have God with you and devote your heart to Him since you are a temple of God.”
– Lactantius

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

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