

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 6, 2019 (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Bow Down

Bow down before the Lord; worship Him, O worship Him.
Bow down before our God; enter in, O enter in.
Consuming fire and sweet perfume,
His awesome presence fills this room.
This is holy ground, this is holy ground,
This is holy ground, so come and bow down.

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We are gathered to worship the LORD, to declare the name
of the One who is our light and salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
*The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?*

**One thing have I asked of the LORD; this one thing will I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.**

How blessed are those You choose and bring near
to dwell in Your courts!

*We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
Your holy temple.*

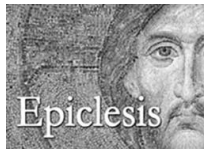
**By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness,
O God of our salvation, the hope of all the earth.**

Therefore we offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle;

In His dwelling let us offer sacrifices with sounds of great gladness.

Come, let us sing praises and make melody to the LORD.

– from Psalms 27 and 65:4-5



In the Beauty of Holiness

In the beauty of holiness
We see You, Son of righteousness,
So we bring all that we possess
To lay at Your feet.
In the place where Your glory shines,
Jesus lover of all mankind,
You have drawn us with love divine
To make us complete.

Chorus

So I pause at Your gates once more,
As my heart and my spirit soar,
And I wish I could love You more:
My God and my King!

Is there tribute that I could bring,
Was there ever a song to sing,
That could ever express, my King,
The work that You've done?
Could I ever conceive of this,
All the depths and the heights and breadth,
Of the riches I now possess
Because of Your love?

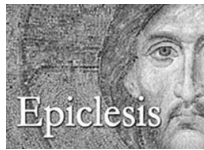
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!



Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church at all times and in all places, in the words of this ancient creed:

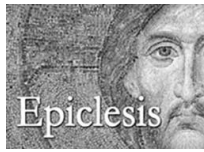
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

- The Apostles' Creed



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

You know that it was not with perishable things like silver or gold that you were redeemed from the futile way of life inherited from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

He was chosen and destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Just as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

– from 1 Peter 1:15-21

[Silence]

Most holy and merciful God,

We confess 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Be gracious to us, and hear our prayer. Cleanse us from sin and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may walk as Your people in holiness, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Nothing But the Blood

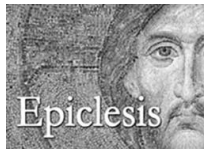
What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone; nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus



This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The promise of our God:

“These are the ones I look on with favor,” says the LORD, “those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at My word.”

– Isaiah 66:2

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

– Psalm 34:17, 18

Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is lovingkindness, and with Him is abundant redemption.

He redeems His people from all their sins.

How blessed are all those who hope in Him!

– Isaiah 30:18b

TIME OF OFFERING

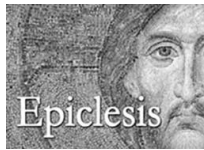
Words of thanksgiving and testimonies of God’s faithfulness

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

The Tabernacle, Worship, and More of God

THE TABLE

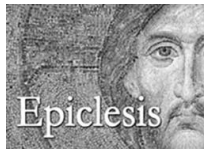
Remembering the Body of Christ

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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Holy

I will lift my voice, and I will sing;
I will sing holy, holy.
To my Lord and Savior, my God and King:
I will sing holy, holy

Chorus:

I will praise the Lamb of God who sits upon the throne.
I will worship Him, and give the praise to Him alone.
He who was and is and is to come:
I will sing before His throne forever, forever.

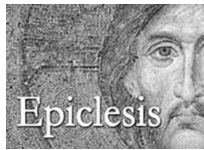
All the angels sing, and they bow down,
And they sing holy, holy.
We, Your sons and daughters, we praise You now:
And we cry holy, holy.

Chorus

Holy, holy; holy, holy . . .

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Holy, Holy, Holy (verse 4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Benediction:

Now, beloved, we go forth from this place into the world to love and serve the Lord. As we continue on our wilderness journey, may the altars of our worship of God also alter us, that we will be changed from having been in His holy presence. **Amen!**

And may He create in us clean hearts day by day, and so transform us more into His image as we worship, praise, and give Him thanks for calling us to live in holiness before Him. **Amen!**

Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—
to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...

“True worship generates the sense of ‘What a great story,’ or ‘I can’t believe that God would do that for the world and for me,’ or ‘What a God to become human and to restore all things through Christ.’ For some people the truth declared in worship will be received with exuberance, and for others the truth of God’s story will be received with reserve, with a quiet sense of joy, or even with relief. But for us all, a worship that sings, proclaims, and enacts God’s story should result in a delight that produces an ongoing participation in the purposes of God in life.” Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006), 238.

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

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