

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

July 5, 2020 (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

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.

**They shall celebrate the fame of Your abundant goodness,  
and sing aloud of Your righteousness.**

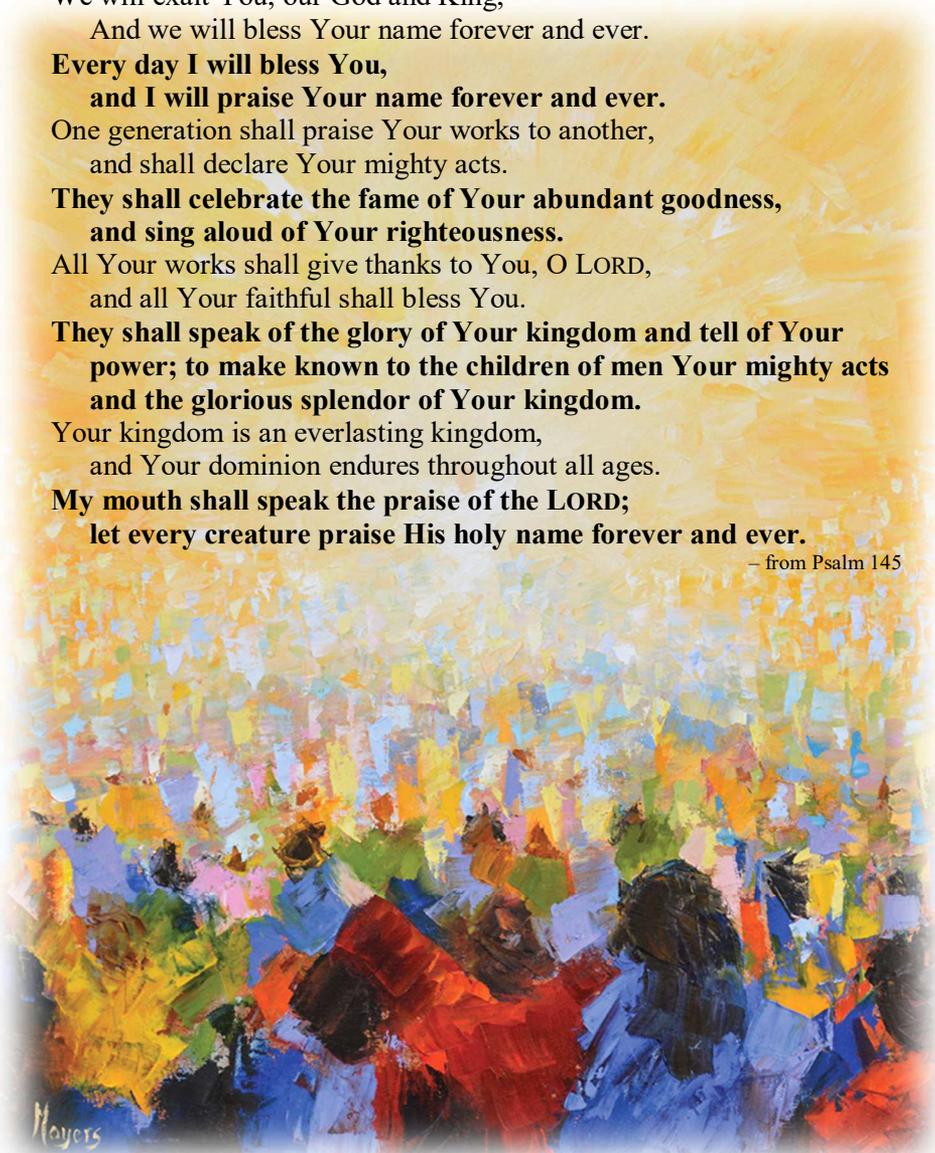
All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,  
and all Your faithful shall bless You.

**They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your  
power; to make known to the children of men Your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**

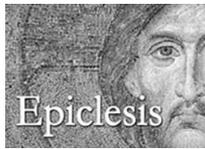
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and Your dominion endures throughout all ages.

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;  
let every creature praise His holy name forever and ever.**

– from Psalm 145



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*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

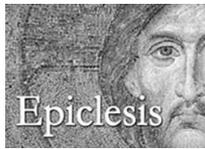
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (verse 4)*

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly, for aye we adore Him.

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God, and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Anon. German hymn *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; Transl. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873. Hymn tune:  
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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

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

Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,  
the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.  
*In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.*

All things have been created through Him and for Him.  
and in Him all things consist and hold together.  
*He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
so that He may have first place in everything.*

**And God has put all things in subjection under His feet,  
and gave Him as head over all things to the church,  
which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

Leader: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of His cross.

**This is in accordance with the working  
of the strength of His might,  
which He brought about in Christ,  
when He raised Him from the dead,  
and seated Him at His right hand  
in the heavenly places,  
far above all principality and power  
and might and dominion,  
and every name that is named,  
not only in this age,  
but also in the age to come.**

– from 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-23



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

We call upon You, O God, for You will answer.

**Incline Your ear, and hear our prayers,  
and show us the wonders of Your steadfast love.** – from Psalm 17:6-7

[Silence]

Most 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;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

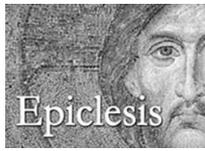
[Silent confessions]

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in Your will,  
and walk in Your ways,  
to the glory of Your Name.  
Amen.**

*Kyrie Eleison*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
Have mercy on me, a sinner.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
Have mercy on me, a sinner.  
Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus Christ.  
Kyrie eleison, have mercy on me, a sinner.  
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

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#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord:

**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

– 1 John 1:9

*The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

The LORD is good to all,  
and His compassion is over all that He has made.

*The LORD is near to all who call on Him,  
to all who call on Him in truth.*

He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;  
He hears their cry, and saves them.

The LORD watches over all who love Him.

– Psalm 145:8-9, 18-20a

**Thanks be to God!**

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
Just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."

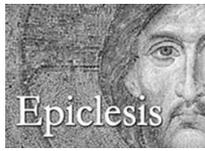
*Chorus:*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him;  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus –  
O, for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him:  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.  
And to know that He is with me,  
Will be with me to the end.

Words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882. Hymn tune: William J. Kirkpatrick.





THE WORD

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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.**



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**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**

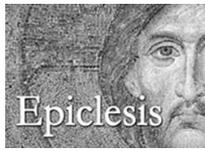
**And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**Forever. Amen**



*Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)*

My soul finds rest in God alone,  
My rock and my salvation;  
A fortress strong against my foes,  
And I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse,  
And lies, like arrows, pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;  
I'll look to Him who hears me.

*Chorus*

O praise Him, hallelujah!  
My Delight and my Reward.  
Everlasting, never failing; My Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone amid the world's temptations.  
When evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come, and riches go, don't set your heart upon them.  
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.

*Chorus*

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in Him completely;  
With ev'ry day pour out my soul, and He will prove His mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,  
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His forever.

*Chorus*

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

*Psalm 62 (reprise chorus)*

O praise Him, hallelujah! My Delight and my Reward.  
Everlasting, never failing; my Redeemer, my God.



**Benediction:**

Now, beloved, we go forth into the world  
to love and serve the Lord, Christ our King,  
with grateful hearts, continually proclaiming and reflecting  
His faithfulness and steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Now to Him who 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,  
be glory and honor, dominion and praise forever and ever.  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“Those who have not denied themselves cannot follow Jesus. For choosing to follow Jesus and to actually follow Him springs from no ordinary courage. Those who deny themselves wipe out their former, wicked lives. For example, those who once were immoral deny their immoral selves and become self-controlled forever. . . . Those who have become righteous don't confess themselves but Christ. Those who find wisdom, because they possess wisdom, also confess Christ. And those who, ‘with the heart believe unto righteousness, and with the mouth make confession unto salvation,’ and testify for Christ's works by confessing them to others, will be confessed by Christ before His Father in heaven. . . . As a result, let every thought, every purpose, every word, and every action become a denial of ourselves and a testimony about Christ and in Christ. I am persuaded that the perfect person's every action is a testimony to Christ Jesus and that abstinence from every sin is a denial of self, leading to Christ. Those people are crucified with Christ. They take up their own crosses to follow Him who, for our sake, bears His own cross.”

– Origen

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**Lectionary readings for next week:** Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;  
Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13;  
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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