

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 12, 2020 (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

**Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion;
to You our vows will be fulfilled.**

You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God,
our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth,
and of the farthest seas.

*You formed the mountains by Your power,
having armed Yourself with strength,*

You stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.

*Those living far away fear Your wonders;
where morning dawns and evening fades You call forth songs of joy.*

You care for the land and water it; You enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain, for so You have ordained it.

You drench its furrows and level its ridges;

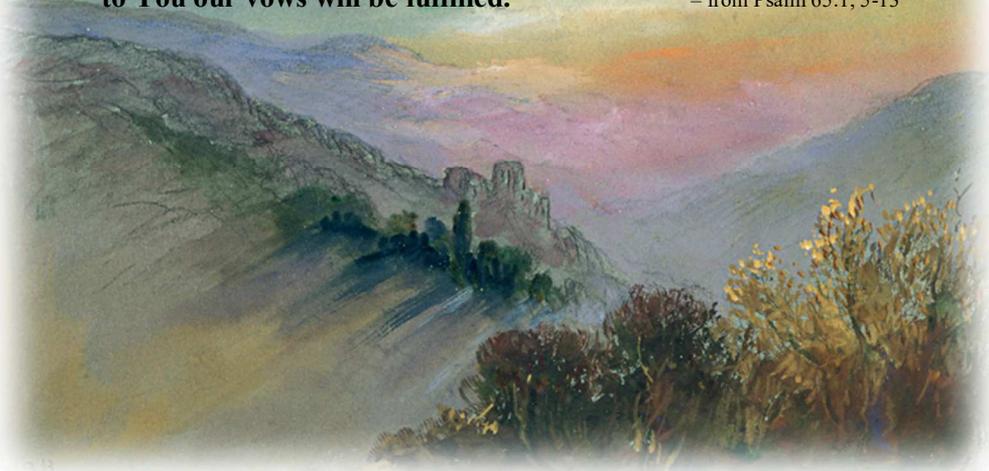
You soften it with showers and bless its crops.

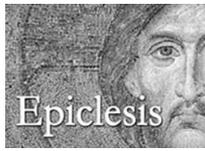
You crown the year with Your bounty,
and Your carts overflow with gladness.

*The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.*

**Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion;
to You our vows will be fulfilled.**

– from Psalm 65:1, 5-13





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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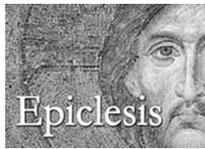
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten (verse 3)

O ye heights of heav'n, adore* Him;
Angel hosts, His prais*es sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before* Him
And extol our God* and King;
Let no tongue on earth be si*lent;
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore*.
A*men.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Together we profess the faith of the church of all ages in these words from the pen of the Apostle Paul:

**There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
has set us free from the law of sin and death.
*Sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh
and as an offering for sin,
God condemned sin in the flesh,
so that the just requirement of the law
might be fulfilled in us,
who walk not according to the flesh
but according to the Spirit.*

The mind set on the flesh is death,
but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.
*The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God;
it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
Those who are in the realm of the flesh
cannot please God.*

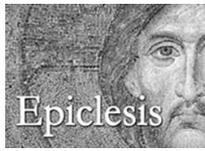
However, we are not in the realm of the flesh
but in the realm of the Spirit,
because the Spirit of God lives in us and we belong to Christ.
*Christ is in us, and though the body is dead because of sin,
yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.*

**But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead
dwells in us,**

**He who raised Christ from the dead
will also give life to our mortal bodies
through His Spirit who lives in us.**

— from Romans 8:1-11





PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe Your righteous ordinances.**

Give me life, O LORD, according to Your word.

Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

**I incline my heart to perform Your statutes forever,
to the end,**

– from Psalm 119:105-112

[Silence]

Almighty and holy God,

You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

**Yet we confess that we do not always bow before Him,
and are often slow to acknowledge His rule.**

**We too easily give allegiance to the powers and principalities
of this world, and fail to live as Your covenant people.**

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Raise us to honor Jesus as ruler of all,
that we may walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your name.**

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

(Repeat)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Kyrie eleison,

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison,

Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion;
and to You shall vows be performed.

O You who hear and answer prayer! To You shall all flesh come.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, You forgive our transgressions.

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

*We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
the holiness of Your temple!*

**By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
You are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas!**

– from Psalm 65:1-5

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Sovereign, loving Lord – **You have drawn us near to You, and have given Your Spirit to dwell within us. You have blessed us exceedingly with the riches of Your grace. With Your tithes and our offerings, we offer ourselves in worship and thanksgiving to You. Dwell in the midst of us; Lord, have Your way.**

Dwell

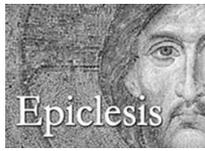
Dwell in the midst of us; come and dwell in this place.
Dwell in the midst of us; come and have Your way.

Dwell in the midst of us; wipe all the tears from our faces.
Dwell in the midst of us; You can have Your way

Not our will but Yours be done; Come and change us.
Not our will but Yours be done; Come sustain us.

You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way.
You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way

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THE WORD

Isaiah 55:10-13

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)

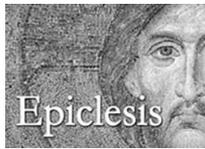
Our Father, Who art in heaven,

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**

Jesus Is Lord

“Jesus is Lord,” the cry that echoes through creation;
Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King, whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord, whose voice sustains the stars and planets;
Yet, in His wisdom, laid aside His crown.
Jesus, the man who washed our feet, who bore our suff’ring,
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty!
Not even death could crush this King of love!
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we’re forgiven,
And we can run into the arms of God.

“Jesus is Lord,” a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns, and ev’ry knee bows low.
Then ev’ry eye and ev’ry heart will see His glory;
The Judge of all will take His children home.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Hymn tune: OLD 100TH (attributed to Louis Bourgeois), 1551. Words: Thomas Ken, 1674.



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 –

“One who delights in the world, who is enticed by flattering and deceiving earthly pleasures wants to remain in the world a long time. . . . Since the world hates Christians, why do you love that which hates you? And why don't you follow Christ instead, who both redeemed you and loves you? John, in his epistle, cries and urges us not to follow fleshly desires and love the world. ‘Love not the world,’ he says, ‘neither the things which are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world is the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, which is not of the Father, but of the lust of the world. And the world shall pass away, and the lust thereof; but he who doeth the will of God abideth forever, even as God abideth forever.’ Instead, beloved, let us be prepared for the will of God with a sound mind, a firm faith, and strong virtue. Laying aside the fear of death, let us think on the eternal life to come. Through this knowledge, let us demonstrate that we are what we believe. . . . Then we won't delay or resist the Lord on the day He calls us to Himself.”

– Cyprian

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Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;
Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25;
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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