

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 16, 2020 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

**Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You.**

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and cause Your face to shine upon us –
*So that Your ways may be known on the earth,
Your salvation among all nations.*

**Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!**

For the LORD has revealed His righteousness
in the sight of the nations.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

O LORD, there is no God like You

**in heaven above or on earth beneath,
keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants
who walk before You with all their heart.**

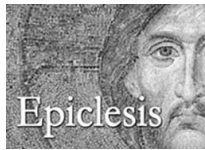
Glory in His holy name:

Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

Come, let us praise and worship our gracious God!

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 67, 86, 98, 105; 1 Kings 8:23





Let the Peoples Praise

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

Only One, only One worthy (3x)
Worthy is the Lamb.

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

Glory to the Righteous One (3x)
From the ends of the earth we hear songs. There is

Only One, only One worthy (3x)
Worthy is the Lamb.

Worthy is the Lamb. (2x)

Glory to the Righteous One (3x)
From the ends of the earth we hear songs.

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



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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

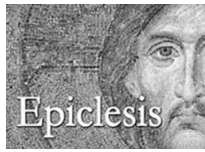
Sung:

Glory to the Righteous One (3x)
From the ends of the earth we hear songs.

Doxology (Come, Thou Almighty King)

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be. Hence evermore:
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see;
And to eternity love and adore.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the hope of the gospel,
which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven,
the mystery which has now been manifested to us,
His saints:

**Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.**

In Him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth,
things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through Him and for Him.

He is before all things,
and in Him all things consist and hold together.

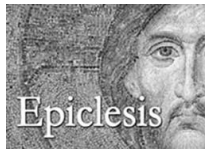
He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that He may have first place in everything.

*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 Colossians 1:15-28 and Ephesians 1:19-21



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral call to confession

Lord, You have called us to become Your own.
We were bought with a price, the price of Your life and blood.
We love You, and we want to live for You.

[Silence]

Lord, help us to spread Your fragrance everywhere we go.
**Flood our souls with Your spirit and life. Shine through us,
and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel
Your presence in our soul.
Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus!**

[Silence]

Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as You shine.
**Let us preach You without preaching, not by words
but by our example, by the catching force,
the sympathetic influence of what we do,
the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to You.**

– adapted from a prayer by John Henry Newman

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
(Repeat)

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

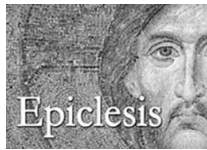
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's assurance of His love and forgiveness:

*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.

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

– Psalm 145:8-9, 18-21

TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and stories of God's faithfulness

Meditations:

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth revere Him. – Psalm 67:5-7

Where have we seen the Kingdom this week?

How has God blessed us? And how have we blessed others?

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.

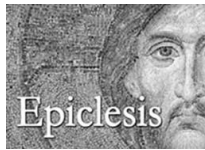
We, Your sons and daughters, we praise You now:

And we cry holy, holy.

Chorus

Holy, holy; holy, holy . . .

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THE WORD

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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.

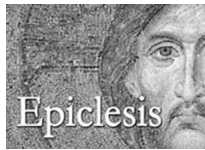
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**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**





Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the Light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hellbound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him. Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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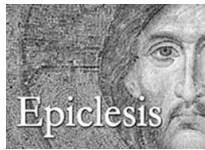
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

All Creatures of Our God and King (doxology)

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son;
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1225. Transl. William H. Draper, 1919.
Hymn tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.



Benediction

Now, beloved, go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord –
ever mindful of His grace and faithfulness,
and rejoicing that He has called us to walk before Him
with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength.

To the only God our Savior

**be glory, majesty, power, and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages,
now and forevermore!**

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Everyone looks at what we do and not what we say. Scripture says, ‘Thou shalt be a witness unto all men,’ not just to friendly people, but also to unbelievers. For witnesses aren't meant to persuade those who already know, but those who don't know. Let us be trustworthy witnesses. . . . He has sent us to testify of Him. Let us testify and persuade those who need to decide who He is. If we don't testify, then we also have to answer for their mistake. If people wouldn't accept an exceedingly wicked witness in an earthly court, much less would they accept one here when considering such great issues. We say that we have heard Christ and that we believe the things He has promised. Then, they say, show it by your works. For your life testifies of the opposite—that you don't believe. . . . We and not just the martyrs will be witnesses for Christ. They are called martyrs because they endured everything to speak the truth when told to reject the faith. So, we must not be overcome when our passions tell us we are to reject Him.”

– Chrysostom

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Lectionary for next week: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124;
Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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