

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 2, 2020 (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

The word of the LORD:

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
and let your soul delight itself in abundance.
Incline your ear and come to Me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
My steadfast, sure love promised to David.

Seek the LORD while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near.

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You.

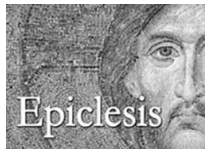
**I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.**

So we have looked upon You in the sanctuary,
beholding Your power and Your glory.
We shall behold Your face in righteousness;
and be satisfied with Your likeness.

**Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips shall praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live:
I will lift up my hands in Your name.**

— from Isaiah 55:1-3, 6; Psalms 63:1-4 and 17:15





How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty:
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God;
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands:
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.

Bridge

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing: How great is our God.

You're the name above all names
You're worthy of all praise
My heart will sing:
How great is our God.

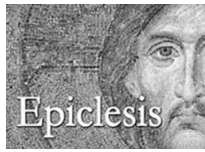
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.



Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1873. Hymn tune: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages
in these words from the pen of the Apostle Paul:

God is able to make all grace abound to you,
so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,
you may abound in every good work.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
From whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name:

I pray that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with might
by His Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

*And I pray that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,
what is the breadth and length
and height and depth,*

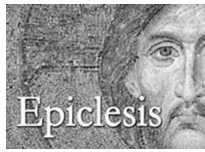
And to know the love of Christ
which surpasses knowledge,

That you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly,
abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,
according to the power that works within us,
to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever.**

Amen.

– 2 Corinthians 9:8, Ephesians 3:14-21



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 to You and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
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.**

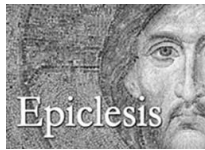
Agnus Dei

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

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

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*The LORD is good to all,
and His mercies are over all He has made.*

The LORD is righteous in all His ways,
and faithful in all His works.

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

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

**All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
and all Your saints shall bless You!**

– from Psalm 145:8-19

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise of God's faithfulness

You Have Been Good

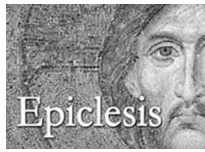
O Lord, You have been good;
You have been faithful to all generations.
O Lord, Your steadfast love
And tender mercy have been our salvation.

For by Your hand we have been fed,
And by Your Spirit we have been led.
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You have been faithful to all generations.

For by Your hand we have been fed,
And by Your Spirit we have been led.
O Lord, Almighty God,
Father unchanging, upright and holy.

O Lord, You have been good;
You have been faithful, You have been good.

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THE WORD

Matthew 14:13-21

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!

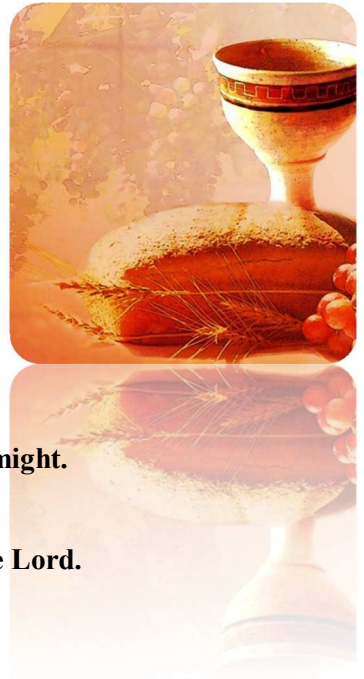
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

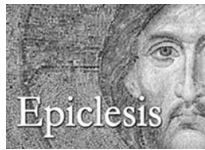
Hosanna in the highest!

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**

Flow Like a River

Flow like a river, fall like the rain;
Streams of compassion flow from His throne.
Wide as the ocean, deep as the sea;
Life-giving fountain, is God's love for me.

Feast at the table of mercy,
Drink from the cup of His grace.
Dwell in His infinite goodness,
Live in His healing embrace.



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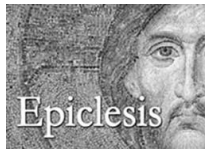
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Blessed Assurance (chorus)

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Benediction:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ
is the light of the world and our steadfast hope:
Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table,
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.

Amen.

And as we go forth, in faith and joy, to love and serve the Lord,
may He grant that what has been said with our lips
we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts
we may practice in our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Let those who are hungry come and be fed with heavenly food that will satisfy continual hunger. Let those who are thirsty come and with a full mouth drink the water of salvation from an ever-flowing fountain. By this divine food and drink the blind shall see, the deaf hear, and the dumb speak; the lame will walk, the foolish will be wise, the sick will be strong, and the dead will come to life again. The supreme and honest Judge will raise to life and to eternal light whoever has trampled on the corruptions of the earth by their righteousness. Let no one trust in riches, in badges of authority, or even in royal power. These things don't make a man immortal. For those who disregard the discipline of maturing by seeking present things throw themselves face first to the ground and will be punished as deserters from their Lord, Commander, and Father. Therefore, let us strain toward righteousness. . . . Let us keep our posts and watches. Let us boldly fight against the enemy, knowing that we have victory and will triumph. Then we will obtain the reward of courage which the Lord has promised.”

– Lactantius

Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 37:1-4,12-29; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

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