

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 11, 2020 (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

His steadfast love and mercy endure forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those whom He has redeemed
from the hand of the enemy and gathered to Himself.

They cried out to the LORD, and He delivered them;

He led them forth and guided them in the wilderness.

Let us give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

For He satisfies the longing soul,

and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

His steadfast love is everlasting,

and His faithfulness continues through all generations!

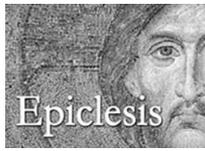
O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You.

**I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

Come, let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!

— from Psalms 107:1-9, 106:1;
Isaiah 25:1, 9





Sing to the Lord

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

Chorus

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise –
Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

Bridge

God of compassion and God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
You dance around me,
You dance around me.

©2005 Julie Meyer/Forerunner Music

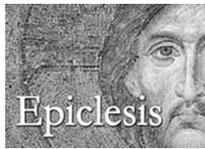
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Copyright ©1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, 71250 Taizé, France.
Songs and Prayers from Taizé; Words from Psalm 103.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

**The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;

*He guides me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.*

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and lovingkindness

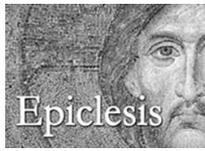
will follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

– Psalm 23

Thanks be to God!





PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications.

Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!

Teach me the way in which I should walk, for to You I lift up my soul.

Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth.

Give me an undivided heart to fear Your name.

– Psalm 143:1, 8b; 86:11

[Silence]

God of mercy and steadfast love,

You are slow to anger and full of compassion.

You lead and guide us, and draw us to Yourself.

You welcome all who come to You

with repentant and contrite hearts.

We confess to You, and before one another,

that we have sinned, in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have offended Your holiness. We have not loved our neighbors

as we love ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have

been forgiven. Too often we have followed the devices and

desires of our own hearts.

[Silent confessions]

Forgive us, and restore us, we pray. **Seat us together at Your**

bountiful table of grace, that with all Your children we may

feast with delight on all that satisfies the longing heart.

– Through Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

©2001 Arr. ICS, UBP; Setting Jim Hart. Used by permission.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean;

I will cleanse you from all your impurities
and from all your idols.

*"Moreover, I will give you a new heart
and put a new spirit within you;
and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh
and give you a heart of flesh.
I will put My Spirit within you
and cause you to walk in My statutes,
and you will be careful to observe My ordinances."*

– Ezekiel 36:25-27

**The steadfast love of the LORD
is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear Him,
and His righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep His covenant
and remember to do His commandments.**

– Psalm 103:17-18

TIME OF OFFERING

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

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as Your choose.

Chorus:

Here am I, all of me;
Take my life, it's all for Thee.



Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Chorus

CCLI Song #4162843 ©2003 worshiptogether.com songs; Tomlin/Hevergal/Malan/Giglio

THE WORD

Philippians 4:1-9

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.

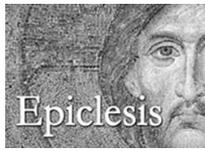
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

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.

CCLI Song # 2989523 ©2000 Integrity's Hosanna! Music. Steve Merkel.

Make Us One

Make us one, make us one;
Make us one, undivided body.
Make us one, make us one.
For the sake of Your Name, make us one.

Make us love, make us love;
Make us love, so the world will know we love You.
Make us love, make us love.
For the sake of Your Name, make us love.

Make us pure, make us pure;
Make us pure, and righteous, make us holy.
Make us pure, make us pure.
For the sake of Your Name, make us pure.

Make us one, make us one;
Make us one, undivided body.
Make us one, make us one.
For the sake of Your Name, make us one.
For the sake of Your Name, 'til You come;
For the sake of Your Name, make us one.

CCLI Song #4000637 ©2003 Ariose Music | Mountain Spring Music. Twila Paris
CCLI License #3097801



SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Benediction

People of God, we have worshiped the Lord together in this place –
We've gathered. We've heard the word.

We've come to the Table, the Feast of the Lord.

And now, 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 –

“All our power is from God. From God, I say. From Him we have life, from Him we have strength. By the power originated in and received from Him we know the signs of things to come while we are still in this world. Let fear keep you innocent; then the Lord, who has mercifully flooded our hearts with grace, will dwell in your grateful mind. And our assurance won't give way to a carelessness that would allow the old enemy to creep up on us again. But if you keep the way of innocence and righteousness, if you walk with a firm and steady step, if you depend on God with all your strength and all your heart, and simply are what you have begun to be, then freedom and power will be given to you proportionate to His grace. For, unlike earthly benefits, these heavenly gifts dispensed by God are not regulated or restrained. The Spirit flows freely and isn't restrained by any limits. It isn't held back by any barriers but flows continually and liberally. Let our hearts be thirsty and ready to receive.”
– Cyprian

Image credit. p. 1: Philip Johnson (design by Gabriel Loire), Thanks-Giving Chapel, 1976. Dallas TX, Wikimedia Commons.

Lectionary for next week: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; Isaiah 45:1-7;
Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Matthew 22:15-22

Epiclesis: An Ancient-Future Faith Community

www.Epiclesis.org | Info line: (916)572-9113

Text the word **Epiclesis** to 22828 to sign up for our weekly eNewsletter

Text the word **Connect** to (916)347-5038 to join our text alert list.

Sunday mornings at The Carmichael Chapel, 4600 Winding Way
(Corner of Winding Way and Pasadena), Sacramento, CA 95841.

Informal gathering: 10:00 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM.

©2020 E.K.