

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 1, 2020 (Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

All Saints Sunday

GATHERING

Listen, people of God:

Our God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ, and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

– from Ephesians 2:4-6

I looked, and behold, there was a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

They were crying out in a loud voice, saying,

**Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb!**

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

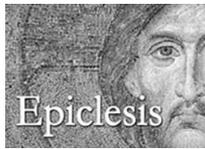
Amen.

– Revelation 7:9-12

Today, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole of creation in this ongoing heavenly hymn of praise.

Come, let us worship the Lord, our God!





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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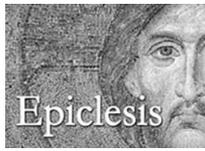
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!



O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages
in the words of this hymn of the ancient church:

You are God; we praise You.

You are the Lord; we acclaim You.

You are the Eternal Father; all creation worships You.

To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praises you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praises you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praises you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim You:

Father of majesty unbounded,

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free

You did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of
Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

– from *Te Deum laudamus* (“Thee, O God, we praise”), 4th century.
Attributed to church fathers Ambrose and Augustine.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

See what great love the Father has given to us, that we should be called the children of God; and that is what we are.

*Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.*

What we know is this: when He appears, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is.

*And all who have this hope in Him purify themselves,
just as He is pure.*

– from 1 John 3:1-3

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.

[Silence]

Have mercy on us. Accept our repentance, and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world; through Christ our Lord, 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 sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

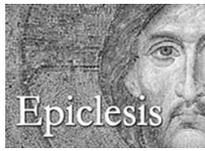
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
(repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share
in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

**For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and
transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

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

Thanks be to God!

– from Colossians 1:12-20

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Glory Be To God

To You we bring our hymn of praise: Glory be to God.
Hearts and hands together raised: Glory be to God.
Who spoke before the dawn of time: Glory be to God.
Veil of darkness torn by light: Glory be to God.



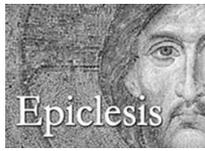
And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: “Glory be to God!”
Th’anthem of the Lord’s redeemed: “Glory be to God!”

You purchased captives for Your saints: Glory be to God.
And opened wide the kingdom gates: Glory be to God.
You overcame the sting of death: Glory be to God.
And clothed us in Christ’s righteousness: Glory be to God.

And all Your children cry with loud acclaim: “Glory be to God!”
Sing, O Church, Your sweet refrain: “Glory be to God!”

Glory, glory, glory, glory forever and ever. (repeat)

Father, Spirit, risen Son: Glory be to God.
Who was, and is, and is to come: Glory be to God.
And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: “Glory be to God!”
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THE WORD

1 John 3:1-3

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.

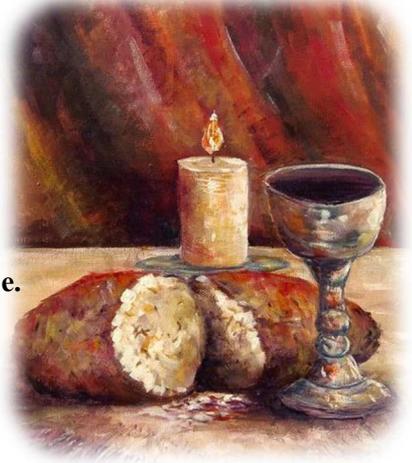
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!



The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your Name.

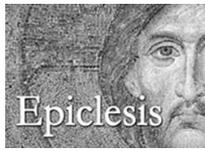
Your kingdom come, Your will be done

On earth as in heav'n.

Give us today our daily bread;

Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us;



Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are Yours.
Now and forever, Amen.

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Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my everything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power
Be to You, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

For All the Saints (reprise)

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Benediction

Beloved, we – the people of God – go forth in joy and with thankful hearts, because God Himself, the God of all grace and Creator of all things, He who is from eternity to eternity, is pleased to make His dwelling among us and to call us His own.

Amen.

Now may the grace, power, and love of the God of the universe propel us out into the world to love and serve the Lord, bearing witness to His cosmic story as the center of our lives.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“‘Here is the straight and narrow way which leadeth unto life.’ Here are the teachers and prophets wondering in deserts and in mountains and in ‘dens and caves of the earth.’ Here are apostles, evangelists, and wanderers’ lives remote from cities. I have embraced this with all my heart so that I can win what was promised to Christ’s martyrs and all His saints. Then I can truly say, ‘Because of the words of thy lips I have kept hard ways.’ . . . Our Savior was crucified for our sakes so that by His death He could give us life, train us, and motivate us to endure. I press on towards Him and to the Father and the Holy Spirit. I work hard to be found faithful and consider myself unworthy of worldly goods. . . . Think about all these things in your heart. Follow them with passion. As you have been commanded, fight for truth to the point of death. For Christ was ‘obedient’ even ‘unto death.’ The Apostle Paul says, ‘Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart. . . in departing from the living God. But exhort one another. . . (and edify one another) while it is called to-day.’ Today means our entire lifetime. If you live like this, beloved, you will save yourself. You will make me glad and you will glorify God forever.”

– Basil

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Lectionary for next week: Joshua 24:1-3a, 13-25; Psalm 78:1-7;
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20; Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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