

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

November 15, 2020 (Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,  
even from everlasting to everlasting,  
You are God.**

Teach us, LORD, to number our days,  
that we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

**Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

Let Your work appear to Your servants,  
and Your majesty to their children.

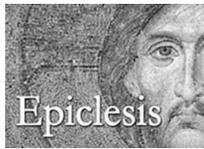
**Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us.**

**And establish the work of our hands for us.**

**Yes, establish the work of our hands.**

The steadfast love of the LORD endures forever.

– from Psalm 90



*Our Great God*

Eternal God, unchanging,  
Mysterious and unknown;  
Your boundless love, unfailing,  
Grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight  
Around Your glorious throne;  
They raise their voices day and night  
In praise to You alone.

*Chorus:*

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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Lord, we are weak and frail,  
Helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with Your angels,  
Hold us in Your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy,  
His pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee  
Before our sov'reign God.

*Chorus*

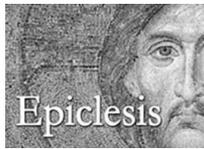
Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,  
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth;  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word.

*Chorus*

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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



PROFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God;  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**He came down from heaven;**

**He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.**

**He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**The third day He rose again,  
according to the Scriptures.**

**He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again with glory**

**to judge the living and the dead.**

**His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.**

**He proceeds from the Father,  
and with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified.**

**He spoke through the prophets.**

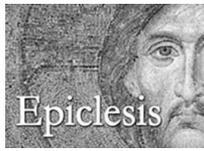
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come.**

**Amen.**

– Nicene Creed



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity,  
whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place,  
and with the contrite and lowly of spirit,  
in order to revive the spirit of the lowly  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

– Isaiah 57:15

O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house,  
and the place where Your glory dwells.

*Examine me, O LORD, and try me; test my mind and my heart.*

*For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes.*

– Psalm 26:2, 8

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

Eternal Light, **shine into our hearts.**

Eternal Goodness, **deliver us from evil.**

Eternal Power, **be our strength and support.**

Eternal Compassion, **have mercy upon us.**

[Silence]

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, **forgive us and renew us.**

**Grant that we may ever seek Your face with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and be brought by Your infinite mercy to Your holy presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

–from a prayer of Alcuin of Tours, 8<sup>th</sup> C, alt.

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

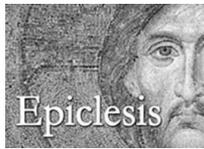
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
When I call answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;  
All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;  
God, the well-spring of life.

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#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
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 65:4-5

**Thanks be to God!**

#### TIME OF OFFERING

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

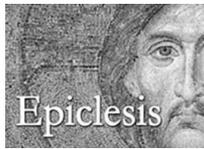
##### *My Heart Is Filled*

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;  
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King,  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

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## THE WORD

Psalm 123  
Psalm 90:1-12

## 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.**

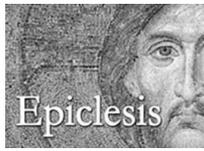
**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,**

**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**

*Agnus Dei*

Alleluia, alleluia,  
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia. Holy,  
Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb,  
Worthy is the Lamb.  
You are holy.  
Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb,  
Worthy is the Lamb;  
Amen.

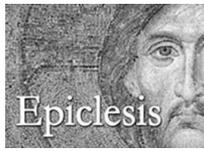
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SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body

*Our Great God (reprise)*

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## Benediction

Now, as you go forth into the world, in joy,  
to love and serve the Lord,  
do so remembering that He who calls you is faithful.  
And 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 –*

“How can someone doubt God's presence and help who has experienced various dangers and has been saved from them by His simple nod, who has passed through the sea that the Savior calmed and that supplied a solid road for the people? I believe that finding miracles like these performed and perfected at God's command is the foundation of faith and the basis for confidence.

Therefore, even in the midst of trials there is no reason to turn from our faith. But we have an unshaken hope in God. When this habit of confidence is firmly rooted in the soul, God Himself will dwell in our deepest thoughts. His power can't be overcome. Therefore the soul in which He dwells won't be overcome by dangers surrounding it. We see this truth demonstrated in God's own victory. While He intended to bless humanity, He was severely insulted by malicious, ungodly people. However, He suffered through His passion unharmed and gained a mighty victory over sin and an everlasting crown of triumph. Therefore He accomplished His providential purpose, loved the righteous, and destroyed the cruelty of the unrighteous.”  
– Eusebius

**Lectionary for next week:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Psalm 95:1-7a;;  
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

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