

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 22, 2020 (Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Reign of Christ the King

GATHERING

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

*Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.*

For the LORD is the great God, a great King above all gods!

Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His.

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, and bless His name.

For the LORD is good;

His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

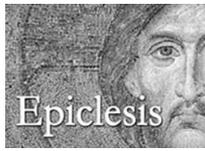
Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome;

He is a great King over all the earth!

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 47, 95 and 100





Psalm 24 (The King of Glory)

The King of glory reigns over all the world.
His mighty hand sustains the heaven and the earth.
Who may come to Him, and seek His holy face?

He calls the pure in heart; all whose hands are clean.
And those who love His name above all other things.
Humbly I will bow, and Jesus' name confess.

He reigns, He reigns; Jesus, the Lord.
He reigns, He reigns forevermore.

Swing wide, you ancient gates, let the King come in.
His glory never fades; our hearts delight in Him.
Ev'ry knee will bow. Ev'ry tongue confess:

He reigns, He reigns; Jesus, the Lord.
He reigns, He reigns forevermore.
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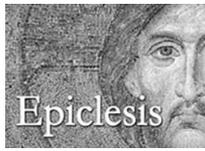
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty.
He bore a cross of shame.
Sing Hosanna!
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty.
He rose up from the grave.
Sing Hosanna!

He reigns, He reigns; Jesus, the Lord.
He reigns, He reigns forevermore.
(repeat)

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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



Doxology (Of the Father's Love Begotten)

Christ, to Thee with God the Fa*ther,
And, O Holy Ghost*, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiv*ing,
And unwearied prais*es be:
Honor, glory, and domin*ion
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore*. A*men.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ:

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we would be holy and blameless before Him;
*In love, He predestined us to adoption as His children,
in accordance with His pleasure and His will;*
In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our sins, according to His grace;
*He has made known to us the mystery of His will,
to bring all things in heaven and on earth into unity in Christ;*

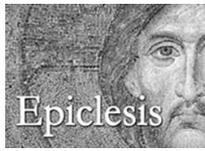
Having believed in Him, we were sealed
with the Holy Spirit of promise,
the guarantee of our inheritance in Him,
to the praise of His glory.

*In the exceeding greatness of His power,
He raised Christ from the dead
and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places:*

**He reigns far above all rule and authority and power
and dominion, and every name that is named,
not only in this age, but also in the age to come:
King of kings and Lord of lords.**

He has put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him
as head over all things to the church, which is His body,
the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

– from Ephesians 1:3-23



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral Call to Confession

**Righteous God, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
Yet we confess that we do not always bow before Him,
and are often slow to acknowledge His rule.
We too easily give allegiance to the powers and principalities
of this world, and fail to be governed as Your covenant people.**

[Silence]

In Your mercy, forgive us.
**Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we may follow Him
and walk always in Your ways, to the glory of Your name.
Amen.**

Agnus Dei (Canticle 20)

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory,
Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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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.**

– from Colossians 1:12-20

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

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

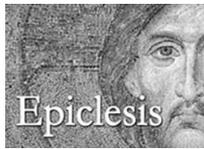
The King In All His Beauty

O, lift your eyes to Heaven, see
The Holy One eternal.
Behold the Lord of Majesty
Exalted in His temple.
As symphonies of angels' praise
Now strain to sound His glory,
Come worship, fall before His grace:
The King in all His beauty.

Chorus

How worthy, how worthy;
How worthy: the King in all His beauty.

Now see the King who wears a crown,
One made of shame and splinters,
The sacrifice for ruined man,
The substitute for sinners.
As Earth is stained with royal blood
And quakes with love and fury,
He breathes His last and bows His head:
The King in all His beauty.



Now see the Savior lifted up:
The Lamb who reigns in splendor,
The hope of every tribe and tongue,
His kingdom is forever.
Bring praise and honor to His courts,
Bring wisdom, power, blessing;
For endless ages we'll adore
The King in all His beauty.

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THE WORD

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Psalm 95
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

Passing of the Peace

The Lord be with you!

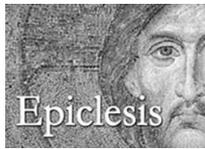
And also with you!

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**



King of Wisdom and Light

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might:
Heaven is filled with Your glory,
King of wisdom and light.

We worship You, we praise You: God Most High;
We worship You, we praise You: King and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Benediction:

Beloved, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, May Almighty God, who raised Jesus from the dead and exalted Him to the right hand of His throne of majesty on high, grant that you may know and embrace His sovereign power as you daily walk out your baptisms, dying to self and rising to new life in Him, through the power of the Holy Spirit so graciously poured out to us.

Amen!

Now to Him who reigns far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come, King of kings and Lord of lords, be glory, honor and dominion forever and ever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“What sort of garland did Christ Jesus. . . submit to on behalf of humanity? One made of thorns and thistles—a symbol of our sins, produced by the soil of the flesh. However, the power of the cross removed these thorns, blunting death's every sting in the Lord's enduring head. Yes, even beyond this symbol, contempt, shame, disgrace, and fierce cruelty disfigured and lacerated the Lord's temples. This was so that now you might be crowned with laurel, myrtle, olive, and any famous branch—with roses too—and both kinds of lily, violets of all sorts, and perhaps with gems and gold—garlands that will rival even the crown Christ obtained afterwards. For after the gall, He tasted the honeycomb. He was not greeted in heaven as the King of Glory until He had been condemned to the cross as King of the Jews. The Father first made Him a little lower than the angels for a time and then crowned Him with glory and honor. If you owe your own head to Him for these things, repay it if you can; He presented His for yours. Otherwise, don't be crowned with flowers at all; if you can't be crowned with thorns, you may never be crowned with flowers.”

– Tertullian

Lectionary for next week: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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