

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 26, 2022 (Third Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.

Who is like You, O LORD –
majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

**The LORD is my strength and song;
He has become my salvation.
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.**

Who is like You, O LORD –
majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

**He is the God who works wonders,
And He has displayed His might among the peoples.**

Remember the deeds of the LORD, and meditate on all His work,
For He is great, and His way is holy.

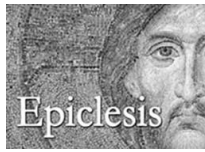
**His way was through the sea, His path through the mighty waters.
His footprints were unseen, yet He led His people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

Who is like You, O LORD –
majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

**This is my God, and I will praise Him.
This is our God; we will exalt Him!**

– from Exodus 15, Psalms 118 and 77





Behold the Lord

Great and marvelous are Your works,
Oh Lord Almighty.
True and righteous are all Your ways,
King of the ages.
Who will not fear You, oh Lord,
And glorify Your Name?

Chorus

Behold the Lord; God is my salvation;
In Him I trust, and will not be afraid.
And I will give thanks,
And sing among the nations forever;
Behold the Lord, behold the Lord,
Behold the Lord.

So rejoice and be glad in this,
Our God is with us;
Messiah, Emmanuel,
Lion of Judah;
Lift up your voice and declare
The glory of our King.

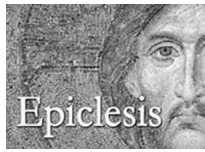
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God, and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.



Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man:
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.

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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:

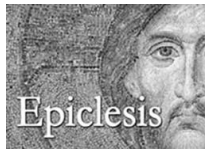
I pray that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with might
by His Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

*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

Pastoral call to confession

Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from You.”

As for the saints who are on the earth,

they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

[Silence]

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows.

I will not take part in their sacrifices or their offerings,

nor will I take their names upon my lips.

[Silence]

O LORD, You are my chosen portion and my cup; You maintain my

lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

surely I have a delightful heritage. I bless the LORD who gives

me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

– from Psalm 16:1-7

[Silence]

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name;

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, this is good news indeed.

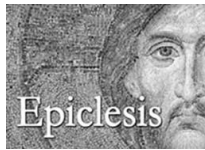
Listen, and bind it to your hearts:

I have set the LORD always before me;

Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

my body also rests secure.



For You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor let your faithful one see decay.

You make known to me the path of life.

In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

– Psalm 16:8-11

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward
To my glorious rest above.

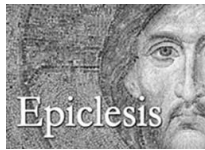
O the deep, deep love of Jesus –
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore.
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own.
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

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THE WORD

Luke 9:51-62

Psalm 77

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

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 (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,

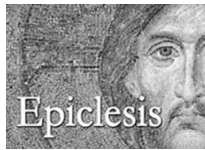
But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory,

Forever. Amen





May the Words of My Mouth

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart
Bless Your name, bless Your name, Jesus.
And the deeds of the day, and the truth in my way,
Speak of You, speak of You, Jesus.

Chorus

For this is what I'm glad to do;
It's time to live a life of love
That pleases You.
And I will give my all to You,
Surrender everything I have
And follow You,
I'll follow You.

Lord, will You be my vision,
Lord, will You be my Guide?
Be my hope, be my life, and the Way.
And I'll look not for riches,
Nor praises on the earth,
Only You'll be the first of my heart.



Bridge

I will follow; I will follow You. (4x)

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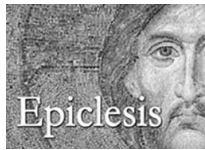
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Behold the Lord (reprise)

So rejoice and be glad in this: Our God is with us:
Messiah, Emmanuel, Lion of Judah!
Lift up your voice and declare the glory of our King.

Behold the Lord; God is my salvation;
In Him I trust, and will not be afraid.
And I will give thanks, and sing among the nations forever;
Behold the Lord, behold the Lord, behold the Lord!



Benediction:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: 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 –

“The all-merciful and giving Father has tenderness toward those that fear Him and kindly and lovingly gives good things to those who come to Him with a trusting mind. Therefore, let us not be doubleminded; neither let our souls be proud on account of His exceedingly great and glorious gifts. . . . Instead, compare yourselves to a tree: for instance, the vine. First of all, it sheds its leaves, then it buds, next it puts forth leaves, and then it flowers; after that comes the sour grape, and then follows the ripened fruit. You see how in a little time the fruit of a tree comes to maturity. So shall God's will be accomplished, soon and suddenly, as the Scripture also bears witness saying, ‘Speedily will He come, and will not tarry’ and ‘The Lord shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Holy One, for whom ye look.’”

– Clement of Rome

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Lectionary for next week: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.



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