

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

July 24, 2022 (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Give thanks to the LORD with a whole heart;  
tell of all His wonderful works.

**We will be glad and exult in Him;  
and sing praises to the name of the Most High.**

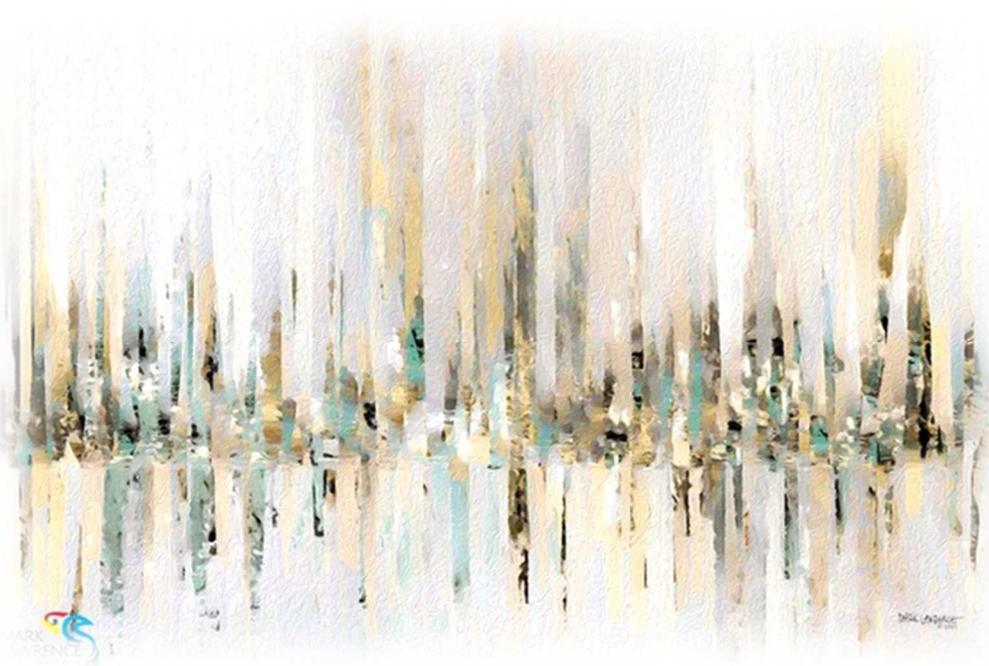
Bow down toward His holy temple in worship,  
and give thanks to His name  
for His unfailing love and faithfulness.

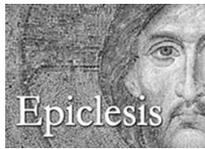
**For He has exalted His name and His word above all things.  
On the day I called, He answered me;  
He increased the strength of my soul.**

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for us;  
He will not forsake the work of His hands;  
His steadfast love endures forever.

**O give thanks to the LORD and sing of His ways,  
for great is the glory of the LORD!**

– from Psalm 138





*O Worship the King*

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.  
O girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is the path on the wings of the storm.  
O sing of His grace.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.  
O worship the King, worship the King.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,  
O worship the King.

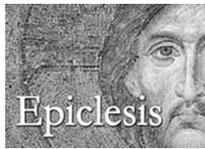
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

*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 prai\*-ses be:



Honor, glory, and domin\*-ion  
And eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore\*. A\*-men.

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#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together confess the faith of the church at all times and places  
in these words from the epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Colossians:

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,  
firmly rooted and built up in Him and established in your faith,  
just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

**In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,  
and He has made us complete in Him,  
who is the head of all rule and authority,  
principality and power.**

*In Him we also were circumcised  
with a circumcision made without hands,  
in the removal of the body of the flesh  
by the circumcision of Christ.*

**We were buried with Him in baptism,  
in which we also were raised with Him  
through faith in the working of God,  
who raised Him from the dead.**

When we were dead in our sins  
and in the uncircumcision of our flesh,  
God made us alive together with Christ.

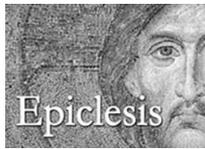
*And He forgave us all our transgressions,  
having cancelled out the certificate of debt against us  
with its legal demands, which was hostile to us.*

He set this aside, having nailed it to the cross.

*When He disarmed the rulers and authorities,  
He made a public display of them,  
having triumphed over them through Him.*

**We hold fast to the Head, Christ Jesus the Lord,  
from whom the entire body,  
being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments,  
grows with a growth which is from God.**

– from Colossians 2:6-19



## 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

*For though the LORD is exalted, yet He regards the lowly, but the proud He knows from afar.* – Psalm 138:6

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us Your salvation. – Psalm 85:7

Most holy and merciful Father:

**We confess to You, our God, and before one another, that we have sinned, in thought, word, and deed.**

[Silence]

**We have offended Your holiness. We have followed the devices of our own hearts, and have spurned the promptings of Your Spirit.**

[Silence]

**We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.**

*Father Hear Our Prayer*

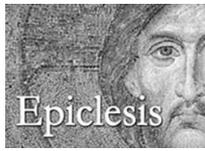
Father, hear our prayer that our lives may be  
Consecrated only unto You.  
Cleanse us with Your fire, fill us with Your pow’r,  
That the world may glorify Your name.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.

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Have mercy on us, Lord.

**Accept our repentance, and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world; through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen to what the LORD our God says: He promises peace to His people, His faithful servants, to those who turn their hearts to Him.

*Surely God's salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
that His glory may dwell among us.  
Lovingkindness and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.*

**The LORD will indeed give what is good; righteousness will go  
before Him and prepare the way for His steps.**

**Thanks be to God!**

– from Psalm 85:8-13

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

*Christ Be With Me (St. Patrick's Prayer)*

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me and before me.  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in heart of all who know me.  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger,  
Christ in quiet and in roar.

*Chorus*

Love, blessed Trinity of Three bound in unity  
Who guide my journey.  
I will arise with strength of heav'n, trusting in Your light  
To guide my journey, shine before me, lead me home.

Pow'r to guide me, might to hold me,  
Wisdom teach me, watching o'er me.  
Ear to hear me, hand to guard me,  
Love to conquer ev'ry fear.

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## THE WORD

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## 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* (sung)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav'n.

Provide each day our daily needs;

Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;

And Thine is the power, forever and ever;

And Thine is the glory, now and forever. Amen, amen, amen.

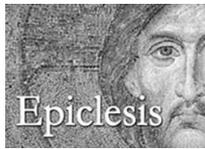
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*Wonderful Merciful Savior*

Wonderful, merciful Savior; Precious Redeemer and Friend:

Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?

Oh, You rescue the souls of men.



Counselor, Comforter, Keeper; Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way.  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*Chorus*

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne.  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

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*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

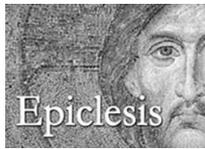
*Benediction*

May the Lord bless us and keep us.  
May the Lord smile on us, shine His light upon us.  
May the Lord lift us, turn His face towards us,  
Give us His peace, give us His peace.

Blessed we came to this place today,  
And blessed now, we will go.  
In the name of the Father, the Spirit, and the Son.

Go now in peace; go now in peace.

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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 –*

“There are two kinds of blessings: temporal and eternal. Temporal blessings are health, honor, friends, wealth, children, a home, a wife, and other things from our journey in life. But we reside in the hotel of life as travelers moving on, not as owners intending to remain. For eternal blessings are eternal life, the body and soul's incorruption and immortality, the allegiance of angels, the heavenly city, unfailing glory and the Father—the former without death, the latter without an enemy. These blessings make us desire them with eagerness and ask for them with perseverance. We don't ask with lengthy words, but with groans. A longing desire is always praying even though the tongue is silent. For if you ever long for these things, you are praying. When does prayer sleep? When desire grows cold. So then, let us beg for these eternal blessings with eager desire. Let us seek these good things with entire earnestness. Let us ask for them with assurance. . . . Beloved, ask also for temporal blessings, but in moderation. Be sure that if we do receive them, He who knows what is beneficial for us gives them to us. You have asked. Hasn't He given you what you asked for? Trust your Father. He would give it to you if it was beneficial for you.”

– Augustine

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**Lectionary for next week:** Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43;  
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12;  
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

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