

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

July 31, 2022 (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

**His steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

those whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy  
and gathered to Himself.

**They cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
and He delivered them from their distress.**

Let them thank the LORD for His lovingkindness,

and for His wondrous works to the children of men.

**For He satisfies the longing soul,  
and fills the hungry soul with goodness.**

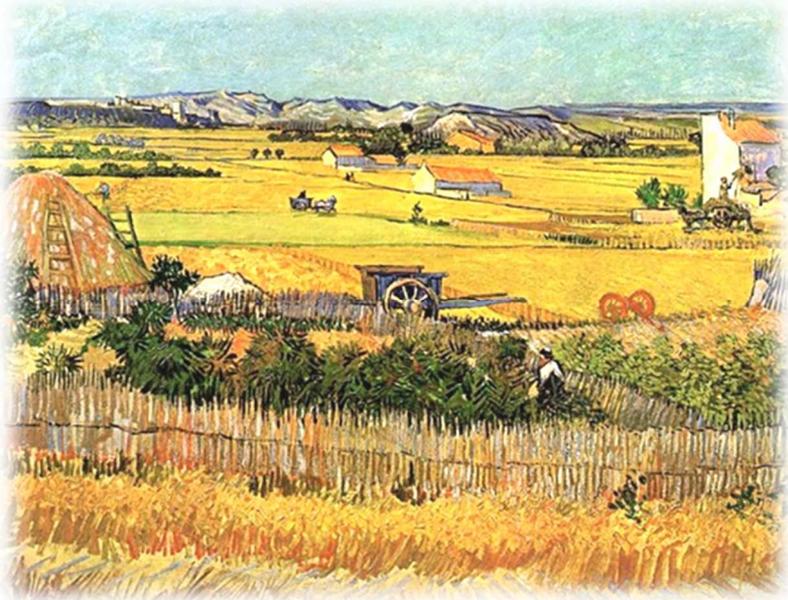
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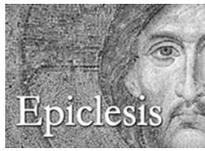
He covers the heavens with clouds, supplies the earth with rain,  
and provides for His creatures, great and small.

**The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,  
in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

Come, let us sing praises to the LORD with songs of thanksgiving!

— from Psalms 107:1-9 and 147:1, 8-11





*Sing to the Lord*

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,  
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;  
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,  
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

*Chorus*

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,  
I sing praise, I give You my all,  
I sing praise – Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,  
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;  
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,  
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

*Bridge*

God of compassion and God of all gladness and  
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and  
God of compassion and God of all gladness and  
You dance around me, You dance around me –

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

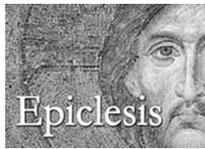
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer.  
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail Him, hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;  
Strength and honor give to His holy name.  
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children;  
In His arms He carries them all day long.

*Chorus:*

Praise Him, praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness.  
Praise Him, praise Him ever in joyful song.



Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer.  
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;  
Crown Him, crown Him Prophet and Priest and King.  
Christ is coming over the world victorious:  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.

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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:

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,  
seek the things that are above, where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God.  
Set your minds on the things above,  
not on the things that are on earth.

**For we have died and our life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,  
then we also will be revealed with Him in glory.**

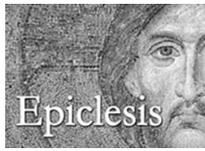
Put to death, therefore, whatever is earthly in you:  
immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed,  
which is idolatry.

**For it is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming  
on those who are disobedient.  
And in them we also once walked,  
when we were living in them.**

But now you also are to put off all these:  
anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your lips.  
Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old self  
with its practices.

**We have put on the new self which is being renewed in knowledge  
according to the image of our Creator,  
in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew,  
circumcised and uncircumcised,  
barbarian, Scythian, slave and free,  
but Christ is all, and in all.**

– from Colossians 3:1-11



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.

**Preserve my life, for I am devoted to You;  
You are my God; save Your servant, who trusts in You.**

[Silence]

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for to You do I cry all the day.

**Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.  
In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You answer me.**

[Silent confessions]

You are great and do wondrous things;  
You alone are God.

**Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to fear Your name.**

– Psalm 86:1-7

## *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

Listen, beloved! These are true words of promise and grace:

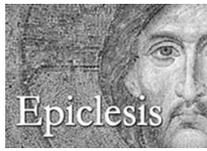
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

The LORD is good to all,  
and His tender mercies are over all His works.

He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;

He also will hear their cry and save them.

The LORD preserves those who love Him.



**All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,  
and Your saints shall bless You.**

– Psalm 145: 8-10, 19-20a

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

*Take My Life*

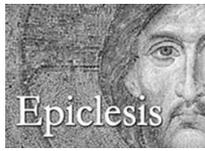
Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry power as Your choose.

*Chorus:*

Here am I, all of me; take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Your feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.



## THE WORD

Luke 12:13-21

## 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!**



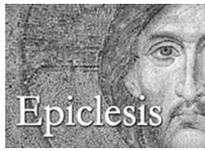
*Our Father in Heaven* (sung)

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,  
Your name is holy, our Father.  
Your kingdom come, and Your will be done  
Here on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us, we pray, our bread for today,  
Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,  
Forgiving of what others owe.  
Keep us from trials;  
Save us from our ancient foe!

As we sing the kingdom, we sing the power,  
We sing the glory be Yours –  
Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

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*More Like Jesus*

You came to the world You created,  
Trading Your crown for a cross.  
You willingly died, Your innocent life paid the cost.

Counting Your status as nothing,  
The King of all kings came to serve;  
Washing my feet, covering me with Your love.

*Chorus:*

If more of You means less of me,  
Take everything.  
Yes, all of You, is all I need;  
Take everything.



You are my life and my treasure,  
The One that I can't live without.  
Here at Your feet, my desires and dreams I lay down.  
Here at Your feet, my desires and dreams I lay down.

*Bridge:*

O, Lord, change me like only You can.  
Here with my heart in Your hands,  
Father, I pray: Make me more like Jesus.  
This world is dying to know who You are.  
You've shown us the way to Your heart.  
So, Father, I pray: Make me more like Jesus.

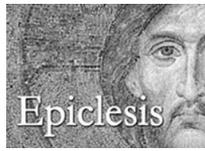
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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

*Sing to the Lord (chorus)*

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,  
I sing praise, I give You my all,  
I sing praise – Sing to the Lord.



**Benediction:**

Brothers and sisters, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, walking before Him with a whole heart, ever mindful that our treasure is not in earthly things, but in heavenly things. Let us be known not as those who greedily store up treasures for ourselves, but as those who are rich toward God. **Amen!**

Now to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations who fear Him, forever and ever.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –***

“Let those who are thirsty come and with a full mouth drink the water of salvation from an ever-flowing fountain. By this divine food and drink the blind shall see, the deaf hear, and the dumb speak; the lame will walk, the foolish will be wise, the sick will be strong, and the dead will come to life again. The supreme and honest Judge will raise to life and to eternal light whoever has trampled on the corruptions of the earth by their righteousness. Let no one trust in riches, in badges of authority, or even in royal power. These things don't make a man immortal. For those who disregard the discipline of maturing by seeking present things throw themselves face first to the ground and will be punished as deserters from their Lord, Commander, and Father. Therefore, let us strain toward righteousness. It alone, as an inseparable companion, will lead us to God.”

– Lactantius

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***Lectionary for next week:*** Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23;  
Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22;  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

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