

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 21, 2022 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Who is like the LORD our God, who is enthroned on high?

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

Who is like the LORD our God, who is enthroned on high?

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Who is like You, O LORD our God: enthroned on high;
Majestic in holiness, awesome in praises?

— from Psalm 113:5, Hebrews 12:18-24, Exodus 15:11

You are God: We praise You!

You are the Lord: We acclaim You!

You are the Eternal Father: All creation worships You!

To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, sing in endless praise:

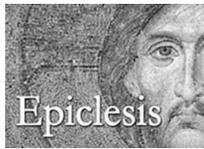
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

— from *Te Deum laudamus* (“Thee, O God, we praise”).

A hymn of the early church, fourth century.

Attributed to church fathers Ambrose and Augustine.





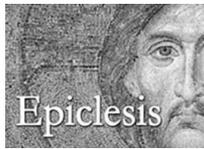
God The Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

God, the uncreated One,
the Author of salvation,
Wrote the laws of space and time,
and fashioned worlds to His design.
The One whom angel hosts revere hung the stars like chandeliers,
Numbered every grain of sand, knows the heart of every man.
He is King forever, He is King forever, He is King forevermore.

God, our fortress, and our strength,
The Rock on which we can depend.
Matchless in His majesty,
His power and authority.
Unshaken by the schemes of man, never changing, Great I AM,
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall, He is faithful through it all.
Crown Him King forever, crown Him King forever, Crown Him King
forevermore.

Mighty God in mortal flesh,
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss.
The curse of sin and centuries,
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace.
Lifted high, the sinless man, crucified, the spotless Lamb,
Buried by the sons of man, rescued by the Father's hand
To reign as King forever, reign as King forever, reign as King
forevermore.

King eternal, God of grace,
We crown you with the highest praise.
Heaven shouts and saints adore,
You're holy, holy, holy Lord!
What joy in everlasting life, all is love and faith is sight.
Justice rolls and praises rise, at the name of Jesus Christ.
King of kings forever, King of kings forever, King of kings forevermore.



PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
The Ancient of eternal days, and God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM, by earth and heav'n confessed:
We bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King!"
Who was and is the same and evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, great I AM, we worship Thee.

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! With heav'n our songs we raise:
All might and majesty are Thine and endless praise.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us continue our profession of faith and praise,
in the words of this hymn of the ancient church:

The glorious company of apostles praises you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praises you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praises you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim's You;

Father of majesty unbounded,

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

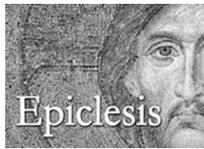
You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free

You did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.



**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help Your people,
bought with the price of Your own blood,
and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

— from *Te Deum laudamus*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself,
so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

—Hebrews 12:3

*In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
In Your righteousness, deliver me and rescue me.*

Turn Your ear to me, for You, O LORD, are my hope and my trust.
**Be to me a rock of refuge to which I may continually come;
You have given the commandment to save me,
for You are my rock and my fortress.**

from Psalm 71:1-5

[Silence]

Most holy and merciful Father:

**We confess to You and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and
deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind,
and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

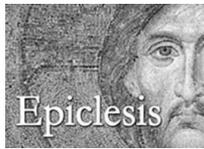
[Silent confessions]

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

Bless the Lord



Refrain:

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Cantor (solo):

It is God who forgives all your guilt,
Who heals ev'ry one of your ills,
Who redeems your life from the grave,
Who crowns you with love and compassion.

Refrain

Cantor (solo):

The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.
God does not treat us according to our sins
Nor repay us according to our faults.

Refrain

Cantor (solo):

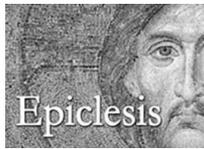
As a father has compassion on his children,
The Lord has pity on those who fear Him;
For God knows of what we are made,
God remembers that we are dust.

Refrain

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The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
*For as high as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far He removes our transgressions from us.*

The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on
those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children,



to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.

– Psalm 103:6-13, 17-18

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy,
We cry holy, holy, holy,
We cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826; Hymn tune: NICAEA; John B. Dykes, 1861

THE WORD

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Hebrews 12:18-29

Psalm 71:1-6

Luke 13:10-17

Isaiah 58:9b-14

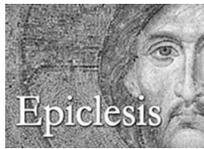
Psalm 103:1-8



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 in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours.
Now and forever, Amen.

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Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain; holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.

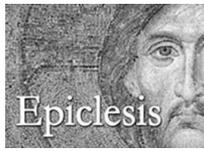
Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power
Be to You, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power,
Breath and living water, such a marv'rous mystery.

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The Life of the Body

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction:

And now, beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord – with thankful hearts and joyful resolve to trust and to follow Him wherever and however He leads. For He has promised that even now we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken. **Amen.**

Now to God be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations who fear Him, forever and ever – based in part on Hebrews 12:28-29

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Faith lacks nothing. It is perfect and complete in itself. If it lacks anything, it is not completely perfect. But faith isn't disabled in any respect. After we leave this world, it doesn't make us who have believed wait. Instead, we receive the pledge of future good without distinction. . . . Where faith is, there is the promise. And the completion of the promise is rest. In addition, through illumination we receive knowledge, and the end of knowledge is rest. . . . So, then, just as inexperience ends by experience and bewilderment by finding a clear way out, so darkness must disappear by illumination. The darkness is ignorance. Through it we fall into sins, completely blind to the truth. Knowledge, then, is the illumination we receive that makes ignorance disappear. It gives us dear vision. . . . Bonds of ignorance are quickly loosened by human faith and divine grace, and our sins are taken away by the medicine of the Word. We are washed from all of our sins and are no longer entangled in evil. Our character isn't the same as before our washing. Since knowledge springs up with illumination the moment we hear, we who were untaught become disciples.”
– Clement of Alexandria

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16;
Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112;
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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