

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 9, 2022 (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious!

Say to God:

“How awesome are Your works!

Because of the greatness of Your power,

Your enemies cringe before You.

All the earth worships You and sings praise to You;

They sing praises to Your name.”

Come and see what God has done:

He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of men.

There is none like You, O LORD,

nor are there any works like Yours.

**All the nations You have made shall come and bow down
before You, and shall glorify Your name.**

For You are great and do wondrous deeds;

You alone are God.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for You judge the peoples with equity

and guide all the nations upon the earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;

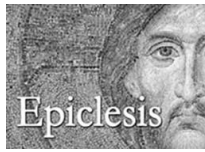
let all the peoples praise You!

May God give us His blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of Him.

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 66, 67, 86





Call Upon His Name

Not to us, O God, but to Your name all glory.
We give thanks and praise to You alone, forever.

Praise Him, all the earth; all creation bows to You.
Nations stand in awe; He is the King of Glory.

To You, O Lord; You reign in heaven and on earth.
To You alone, as the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

Call upon His name, the orphans and widows;
He'll lift you up again, and shower you with mercy.

Bless You, O my soul: robed with strength and majesty,
The Lion and the Lamb. Together, come and worship.

To You, O Lord: You reign in heaven and on earth;
To You alone, as the earth is filled with Your wonder.
To You, O Lord: You reign in heaven and on earth.
To You alone, as the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

All to You, both now and evermore.

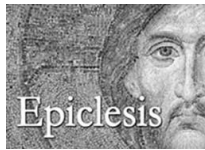
Come and drink again; be filled with living water.
Call upon His name; He is the King of Glory.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION, AND THANKS
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's redeeming love.



Hitherto Thy love has blest me, Thou hast brought me to this place.
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger bought me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the hope of the gospel,
which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven,
the mystery which has now been manifested to us, His saints:

**Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

In Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through Him and for Him.

He is before all things, and in Him all things consist and hold together.

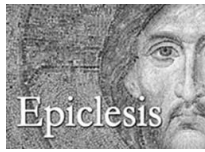
He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that He may have first place in everything.

*For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of His cross.*

**This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might,
which He brought about in Christ,
when He raised Him from the dead,
and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,
far above all principality and power and might and dominion,
and every name that is named, not only in this age,
but also in the age to come.**

– from Colossians 1:15-28 and Ephesians 1:19-21



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the LORD would not have listened.

But truly God has listened;

He has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because He has not rejected our prayers
or removed His steadfast love from us.

— from Psalm 66:16-20

[Silence]

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:

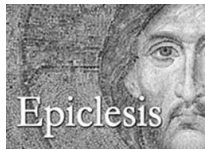
**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love You,
and worthily magnify Your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Purify My Heart

Purify my heart,
Touch me with Your cleansing fire;
Take me to the cross,
Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love
That flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart,
Purify my heart.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Therefore, beloved, we hold fast to these sure promises of our God:

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve Me
and stand before Me.

**Thanks be to God, from whom we have received mercy and
overflowing grace, along with the faith and love that are in
Christ Jesus.**

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

– from 1 Timothy 1:12-17, 1 John 1:9, Jeremiah 15:19

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

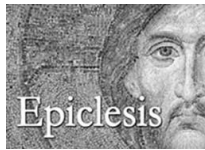
Great Are You, Lord

You give life; You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope; You restore
Every heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs;
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs;
So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
“Great are You, Lord!”

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THE WORD

Psalm 66

Psalm 111

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.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

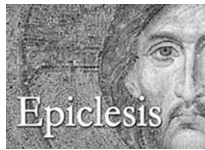
Christ will come again!



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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You Have Been Good

O Lord, You have been good;
You have been faithful to all generations.
O Lord, Your steadfast love
And tender mercy have been our salvation.

For by Your hand we have been fed,
And by Your Spirit we have been led.
O Lord, You have been good;
You have been faithful to all generations.

For by Your hand we have been fed,
And by Your Spirit we have been led.
O Lord, Almighty God,
Father unchanging, upright and holy.

O Lord, You have been good;
You have been faithful,
You have been good.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

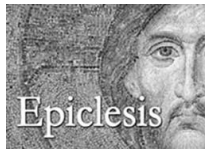
Benediction

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:

Now, beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.
And as we go, let this be the prayer of faith that encourages
and sustains us:

May we be made strong
with all the strength that comes from His glorious power,
filled with the knowledge of His will
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding;
that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him,
bearing fruit in every good work,
and growing in the knowledge of God.

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

– based on Colossians 1:9-11

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“The soul of a person is not seen, being invisible to humans, but is observed through the motion of the body. Likewise, God cannot be seen by human eyes, but is known through His providence and works. In the same way, any person who sees a ship on the sea rigged, in sail, and headed for the harbor will conclude that there is a pilot in her who is steering her. So we must perceive that God is the Pilot of the whole universe, even though He is incomprehensible and not visible to the eyes of the flesh. For if a person cannot look at the sun on account of its exceeding heat and power, although it is a very small heavenly body, how can a mortal person face the unspeakable glory of God? Like the pomegranate, contained by its rind, which has many cells and compartments separated by tissues, and many seeds dwelling in it, the whole creation is contained by the Spirit of God. And the containing Spirit is, along with the creation, contained by the hand of God. . . . People believe an earthly king exists, even though he isn't seen by everyone. He is recognized by his laws and ordinances, authorities, forces, and statutes. Are you unwilling to recognize God by His works and mighty deeds?”

– Theophilus

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 32:22-31;
Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

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