

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

October 23, 2022 (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

*Beati*

Beati, in domo Domini. (Happy are they who dwell in God's house)

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Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
for His steadfast love endures forever.

*Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonders.*

Glory in His holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

*Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.*

**One thing I have asked of the LORD, that I shall seek:**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.**

How blessed are those who dwell in Your house!

They are ever praising You.

*How blessed are those whose strength is in You,  
in whose hearts are the highways to Zion!*

**In Your temple, O God, we meditate on Your steadfast love.**

**You remember Your covenant forever,**

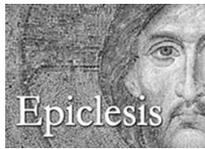
**the word You commanded to a thousand generations.**

Your praise, like Your name, reaches to the ends of the earth;

You are righteous in all Your ways.

— Scripture weaving from Psalms 105, 27, 84, 48, 65





*Better Is One Day*

How lovely is Your dwelling place,  
O Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied,  
Within Your presence;  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

*Chorus*

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God;  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen, Your gift of love to me;  
I will draw near to You, I will abide in You.

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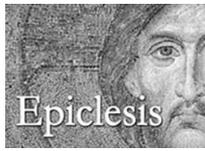
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION, AND THANKS

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

*All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 5)*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness;  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son;  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1225. Transl. William H. Draper, 1919.  
Hymn tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**This is the hope of the gospel,  
which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven,  
the mystery which was hidden from past ages and generations  
but has now been manifested to us, His saints:**

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

*In Him all things in the heavens and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities –  
all things have been created through Him and for Him.*

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

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

*And although we were formerly alienated and hostile in mind,  
engaged in evil deeds,  
yet now He has reconciled us in His fleshly body through death,  
in order to present us before Him  
holy and blameless and beyond reproach.*

**God has made known to us the riches of the glory of this mystery:  
Christ in us, the hope of glory.**

– from Colossians 1:15-28



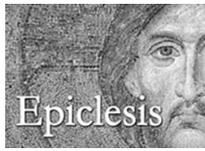
## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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



[Silence]

Almighty and merciful God, **We confess to You and to one another that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

In Your mercy, forgive us and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation. **So draw our hearts to You, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly Yours. And then use us as You will, 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.**

*Blest are the Pure in Heart*

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,  
To dwell in lowliness with men, their Pattern and their King.

Lord, we Thy presence seek; may this our blessing be:  
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for Thee.

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#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

How blessed are those You choose  
and bring near to live in Your courts!

**When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
You forgave our transgressions.**

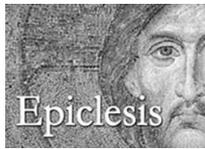
How blessed are those You choose  
and bring near to live in Your courts!

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,  
the holiness of Your temple!**

By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
You are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas!

**Thanks be to God!**

— from Psalm 65:3-5



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

*Lord of Lords*

Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for.  
To worship You, Jesus, is my sole desire.  
For this very heart You have shaped for Your pleasure,  
Purposed to lift Your name higher.

Here in surrender, in pure adoration,  
I enter Your courts with an offering of praise.  
I am Your servant, come to bring You glory,  
As is fit for the works of Your hands.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,  
Be glory and honour and praise.  
All of creation resounds with the song:  
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords.

Spirit now living and dwelling within me,  
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face.  
Let not the things of this world ever sway me,  
I'll run 'til I finish the race.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,  
Be glory and honour and praise.  
All of creation resounds with the song:  
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,  
Be glory and honour and praise.  
All of eternity echoes the song:  
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords.

Holy Lord, You are holy. Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,  
Be glory and honour and praise.  
Call all the sinners to join in the song:  
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords. Lord of lords . . .



## THE WORD

Teresa Gardner: “Finding Jesus in the Feasts”

## 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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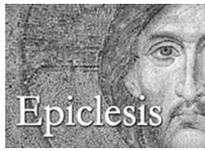
*We Behold You* (Fraction Anthem)

With all of the saints and angels, we gather before You.

Our hearts filled with thankfulness, we lift up Your holy Name.

With all who have gone before us, we feast at Your table.

We eat of Your body and drink of Your holy blood.



And we behold You, and we behold You,  
Lamb of God, slain for our sins.

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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'lous mystery.

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### SENDING FORTH

#### The Life of the Body

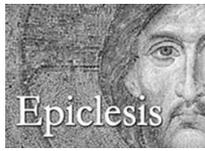
#### *Benediction*

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 are sent forth into the world to love and serve the Lord. Just as the Word of God, Christ incarnate, came and tabernacled among us that we might behold His glory, grace, and truth, so may we ever be the manifestation of His presence in the world, the theater of His glory and power.

**Amen!**

Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

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

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“One who delights in the world, who is enticed by flattering and deceiving earthly pleasures, wants to remain in the world a long time. . . . Since the world hates Christians, why do you love that which hates you? And why don't you follow Christ instead, who both redeemed you and loves you? John, in his epistle, cries and urges us not to follow fleshly desires and love the world. ‘Love not the world,’ he says, ‘neither the things which are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world is the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, which is not of the Father, but of the lust of the world. And the world shall pass away, and the lust thereof; but he who doeth the will of God abideth forever, even as God abideth forever.’ Instead, beloved, let us be prepared for the will of God with a sound mind, a firm faith, and strong virtue. Laying aside the fear of death, let us think on the eternal life to come. Through this knowledge, let us demonstrate that we are what we believe. . . . Then we won't delay or resist the Lord on the day He calls us to Himself.”

– Cyprian

**Lectionary for next week:** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10  
*All Saints' Day (Nov. 1):* Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

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