

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 13, 2022 (Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

**We will give thanks to the LORD, and call upon His name;
We will declare His deeds among the peoples,
and exalt His name.**

For the LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness
to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises!

*Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King. Let the sea roar,
and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it.*

Let the rivers clap their hands and the mountains sing together for joy
before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

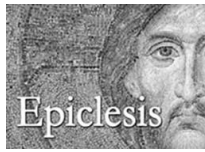
Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things;

Let this be known throughout the earth.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O people of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy of Israel.**

— from Psalm 98 and Isaiah 12





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.

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

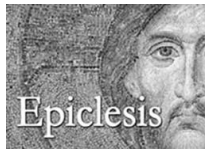
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION, AND THANKS

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

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.



Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;
We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness,
We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth;
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe,
all praise to Him we give.



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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together express the faith of the church in all times and all places
in the words of this ancient creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.*

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried.*

The third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
*He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.*

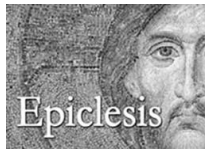
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father, and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

– Nicene Creed



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD,
and who may stand in His holy place?

*Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
whose walk is blameless, who do what is righteous,
who speak the truth from their hearts,
who do no wrong to a neighbor,
who honor those who fear the LORD.*

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD and righteousness
from the God of their salvation; they will never be shaken.

This is the generation of those who seek Him,
of those who seek Your face, O God.

– from Psalms 15 and 24

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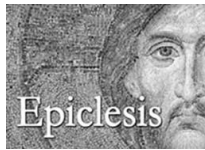
We Confess

Almighty God, we confess our sin;
What we have done, what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with a whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Have mercy, have mercy on us.
Have mercy, have mercy.

Most gracious God, we have lost our way.
Like wand'ring sheep, we have gone astray.
We're truly sorry, and we turn back
Now, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Have mercy, have mercy on us.
Have mercy, have mercy on us.
Have mercy, have mercy.

As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our sinfulness.
He carried our guilt and shame upon Himself.
We are forgiven, forgiven.
We are forgiven, forgiven.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits:

*He forgives all your iniquity; He heals all your diseases;
He redeems your life from the pit; He crowns you
with steadfast love and mercy; He satisfies you with good
as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As high as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him..

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.

– from Psalm 103

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and testimonies of God's faithfulness

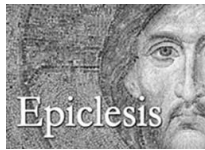
What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is; nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us,
So, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great; Your love was greater.
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is; nothing compares to this:
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.



Death could not hold You; the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal;
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory;
Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is; nothing can stand against;
What a powerful Name it is: the Name of Jesus.

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THE WORD

Malachi 4:1-2

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

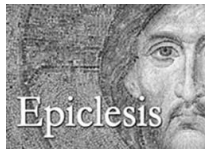
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**





**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:
And we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: Eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,
And to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

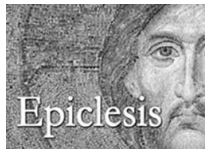
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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

We Will Glorify (verse 4)

Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.



Benediction:

Beloved, we go forth into the world, with joy, to love and serve the Lord, our sovereign and holy King, and to walk in His footsteps, to the glory of His name.

Amen!

Now may our God make you worthy of His call and fulfill by His power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you. And may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father – who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope – comfort your hearts, strengthen them in every good work and word, and give you peace.

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

– Scripture weaving from 2 Thessalonians

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“How can someone doubt God's presence and help who has experienced various dangers and has been saved from them by His simple nod, who has passed through the sea that the Savior calmed and that supplied a solid road for the people? I believe that finding miracles like these performed and perfected at God's command is the foundation of faith and the basis for confidence. Therefore, even in the midst of trials there is no reason to turn from our faith. But we have an unshaken hope in God. When this habit of confidence is firmly rooted in the soul, God Himself will dwell in our deepest thoughts. His power can't be overcome. Therefore the soul in which He dwells won't be overcome by dangers surrounding it. We see this truth demonstrated in God's own victory. While He intended to bless humanity, He was severely insulted by malicious, ungodly people. However, He suffered through His passion unharmed and gained a mighty victory over sin and an everlasting crown of triumph. Therefore He accomplished His providential purpose, loved the righteous, and destroyed the cruelty of the unrighteous.”

– Eusebius

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Psalm 46;
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

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