

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

July 4, 2019 (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Bless the Lord*

For He is great and mighty;  
For He is great and greatly to be praised.  
For He is great in mercy; I will bless His holy name.  
For He is great in power; for He is great, a fortress is our God.  
For He is great in strength and honor; I will bless the Lord of all.

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, at all times, at all times.  
Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, at all times, at all times –  
I will bless You with all that is within me: I will bless the Lord.

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GATHERING

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name!

Make His praise glorious! Say to God:

**How awesome are Your works! All the earth will worship You,  
and sing praises to Your name.**

Come and see what God has done: For He is awesome in His deeds  
toward the children of men. He rules forever by His power.

**We extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted us up.**

**You have restored us, and You have given us life.**

O LORD, by Your favor You have given us strength,

You are our Rock and our Salvation.

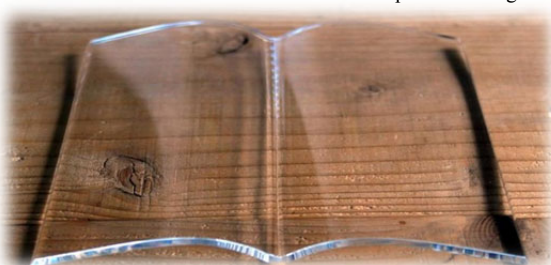
**You have turned our mourning into dancing.**

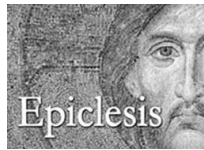
**You have removed our sackcloth and clothed us with joy,  
so that our souls may praise You and not be silent.**

Bless our God, and give thanks to His holy name.

Let the sound of His praise be heard!

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 30 and 66





### *Garments of Praise*

Put on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
Let the oil of gladness flow down from Your throne.  
Put on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
Your joy is my strength alone, my strength alone.

Make these broken, weary bones rise to dance again;  
Wet this dry and thirsty land with a river.  
Lord, our eyes are fixed on You, and we are waiting  
For Your garland of grace, as we praise Your name.

#### *Bridge:*

Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;  
We give all honor and praise to Your name.  
Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;  
We trade our sorrows for garments of praise.

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### PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

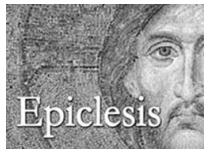
#### *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together confess the faith of the church at all times and places  
in these words from the epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Galatians:

We know that a person is justified not by the works of the law,  
but through faith in Jesus Christ.

**So we also have believed in Christ Jesus,  
so that we may be justified by faith in Christ  
and not by works of the law,  
because by the works of the law  
no one will be justified.**

For through the law we died to the law,  
so that we might live to God.

**I have been crucified with Christ.**

**It is no longer I who live,  
but Christ lives in me.**

**And the life I now live in the flesh  
I live by faith in the Son of God,  
who loved me and gave Himself for me.**

May it never be that any should boast  
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**For through the cross of Christ  
the world has been crucified to me,  
and I to the world.**

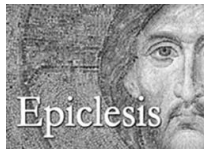
**For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision  
nor uncircumcision is anything;  
but a new creation is everything!**

And as for all who walk by this rule,  
peace and mercy be upon them,  
and upon the Israel of God.

— from Galatians 2:16-20, 6:14-16

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

How blessed are those who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways.  
How blessed are those who observe His testimonies,  
who seek Him with all their heart.

– Psalm 128:1, 119:2

*What does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD  
your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD  
your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep  
the LORD'S commandments and statutes?*

– Deuteronomy 10:12-13

[Silence]

**Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and  
from You 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.**

### *Whiter Than Snow*

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;  
I want You forever to live in my soul.  
Break down ev'ry idol, cast out ev'ry foe.  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

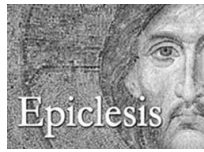
Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow;  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from Your throne in the skies,  
And help me to make a complete sacrifice.  
I give up myself and whatever I know;  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, before You I patiently wait;  
Come now and within me a new heart create.  
To those who have sought You, You never said no.  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow;  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The promises of the Lord; they are faithful and true:

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

– 1 John 1:9

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

– Psalm 147:11

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,  
he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we  
had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

– Titus 3:4-5

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

### *Breathing the Breath*

We have nothing to give that didn't first come from Your hands.  
We have nothing to offer You which You did not provide.  
Every good perfect gift comes from Your kind and gracious heart;  
And all we do is give back to You what always has been Yours.

### *Chorus*

Lord, we're breathing the breath that You gave us to breathe  
To worship You, to worship You.  
And we're singing these songs with the very same breath  
To worship You, to worship You.

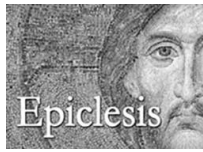
### *Verse 2*

Who has given to You that it should be paid back to him?  
Who has given to You as if You needed anything?  
From You and to You and through You come all things, O Lord;  
And all we do is give back to You what always has been Yours.

### *Bridge:*

We are breathing the breath  
That You gave us to breathe (repeat)

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## THE WORD

2 Kings 5:1-14

## 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.**



M. J. Eucharist, Bonnell, Contemp.

*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.**

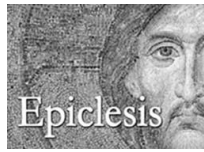
**And lead us not into temptation,**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,**

**And the power, and the glory,**

**Forever. Amen**



*Just As I Am (I Come Broken to be Mended)*

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me;  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee –  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot;  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot –  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Chorus:*

I come broken to be mended; I come wounded to be healed.  
I come desperate to be rescued; I come empty to be filled.  
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ, the Lamb.  
And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am I would be lost,  
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.  
And now to glory in Your cross,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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*Dwell*

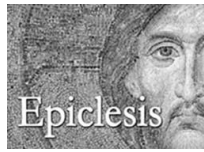
Dwell in the midst of us; come and dwell in this place.  
Dwell in the midst of us; come and have Your way.

Dwell in the midst of us; wipe all the tears from our faces.  
Dwell in the midst of us; You can have Your way

Not our will but Yours be done; Come and change us.  
Not our will but Yours be done; Come sustain us.

You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way.  
You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way

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## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

#### *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (verse 4)*

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly, for aye we adore Him.

#### Benediction:

Brothers and sisters, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, let us remember with thankful hearts that, because in Him we are healed and restored, we can walk out our baptisms in confidence – trusting in His power and grace, resting in the goodness of His will, and willing to live and act accordingly.

#### **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 –*

“Naaman was sent to the Jordan as to the remedy capable to heal a human being. Indeed, sin is the leprosy of the soul, which is not perceived by the senses but intelligence has the proof of it, and human nature must be delivered from this disease by Christ’s power which is hidden in baptism. It was necessary that Naaman, in order to be purified from two diseases, that of the soul and that of the body, might represent in his own person the purification of all the nations through the bath of regeneration whose beginning was in the river Jordan, the mother and originator of baptism.”  
– Ephrem the Syrian

**Lectionary for next week:** Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Deuteronomy 30:9-14;  
Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

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