

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 28, 2016 (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**With joy, we come before Him with thanksgiving,
and extol Him with music and song.**

For His steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy
and gathered to Himself, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south!

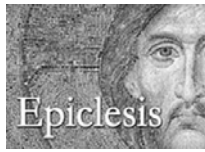
**Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,
for His wondrous works to the children of men.**

**For He satisfies the longing soul,
and fills the hungry soul with goodness.**

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

— from Psalms 95:1-2, 107:1-9, 34:3





Sing to the Lord

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

Chorus

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise –
Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

Bridge

God of compassion and God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
You dance around me,
You dance around me.

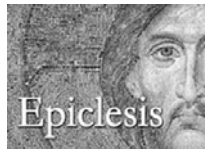
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Sung:

And I sing praise,
I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise –



Come Thou, Almighty King (verse 4)

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be.
Hence evermore:
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see;
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved,
and in which we stand:

**Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, was buried
and was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures,
and appeared to many faithful witnesses.**

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
*In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.*

**All things have been created through Him and for Him,
and in Him all things hold together.**

He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to 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 rule and authority and power and
dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age,
but also in the age to come.**

– from 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-23



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

“ . . . My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living water, and have dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.”
— Jeremiah 2:13

[Silence]

You are the LORD our God,

You brought us up out of a living death;

And You filled us with Your goodness.

But at times in our history we have not heard Your voice;

And at times we did not want to hear it.

We have been stubborn

And You have sometimes justly left us to our own devices.

[Silent confessions]

But You long for us to listen to You,

And to walk in Your ways.

You long for us to allow You to stand between us

and the things that weigh down our lives;

To turn Your hand against them.

All that are against You would bow before Your power;

And their time would be over forever.

You would feed us with the best bread;

And with purest honey from the rock You would satisfy us.

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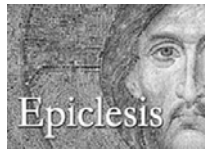
Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, this is the promise of the God of steadfast love:

How blessed are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in His commandments!

*Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

*They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.*

The righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

**Praise the LORD! Blessed are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in His commandments.**

— from Psalm 112:1-9

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Be Thou My Vision

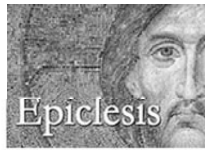
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.
Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight,
Thou my whole armor, and Thou my true might.
Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower.
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

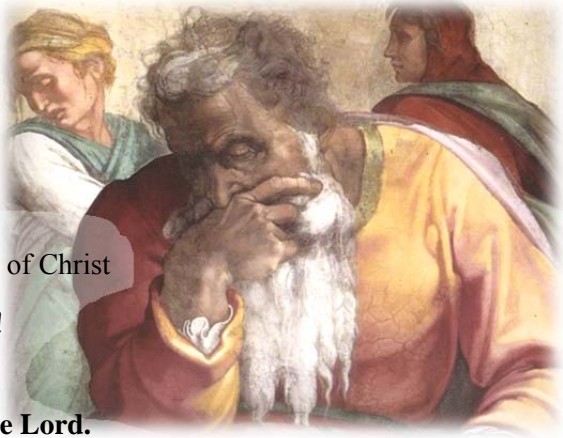
Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Ancient Irish Hymn (SLANE); trans. Mary Byrne, 1905; versified by Eleanor Hull, 1912.
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THE WORD

Jeremiah 2:4-13



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.

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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Jeremiah, Michelangelo, Fresco, c.1508



Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

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Holy

I will lift my voice, and I will sing, I will sing holy, holy.
To my Lord and Savior, my God and King:
I will sing holy, holy

Chorus:

I will praise the Lamb of God who sits upon the throne.
I will worship Him, and give the praise to Him alone.
He who was and is and is to come:
I will sing before His throne forever, forever.

All the angels sing, and they bow down, and they sing holy, holy.
We, Your sons and daughters, we praise You now:
And we cry holy, holy.

Chorus

Holy, holy; Holy, holy . . .

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Be Thou My Vision

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun;
Grant me its joys e'er the victory is won.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Benediction:

Now, beloved, go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
remembering to whom you belong.

We will remember our covenant with God, the Father.

Go in peace, as the reaffirmed church of Jesus, God's Son.

We go to be the Body of Christ in a broken world.

And may you go in the power and love of God, the Holy Spirit.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

"We pray that words may be given to us, as it is written in the book of Jeremiah, 'The Lord said to the prophet: "Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth as fire. See, I have set thee this day over the nations, and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, and to build and to plant."' For we need words now that will root out of every wounded soul the disgraces spoken against the truth. . . . We also need thoughts that will pull down all edifices based on false opinions. . . . And we require a wisdom that will throw down all high things that rise against the knowledge of God. Just as we must not stop rooting out and pulling down the hindrances that have just been mentioned, we must, in place of what has been rooted out, plant the plants of God's field. In place of what has been pulled down, we must raise the building of God and the temple of His glory. For that reason, we must also pray to the Lord who gave the gifts named in the book of Jeremiah. Pray that He may grant us words for building up the temple of Christ, for planting the spiritual law, and for teaching others to do the same."

– Origen

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

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