

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 19, 2016 (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains,
the world, and those who dwell in it;
for He founded it on the seas, and established in on the waters.

**Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For He commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever;
He made a decree that will not pass away.**

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,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek Him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**The LORD reigns in righteousness, justice and lovingkindness.
His throne is established forever.**

Let us praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven!

– from Psalms 9, 24, 148

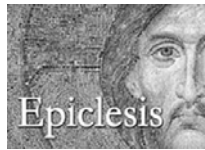
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.



One day every tongue will confess You are God;
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

Chorus

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives;
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
We gladly praise You now.

One day every tongue will confess You are God;
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

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Come, Christians, Join to Sing (verse 2)

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

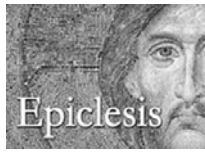
He is our guide and friend, to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

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Edinburgh, Scotland, 1843). Hymn tune: MADRID (EVANS), traditional Spanish melody.

INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy,
We cry holy, holy, holy,
We cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**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

Call to confession:

LORD, send out Your light and Your truth. Let them lead us; let them bring us to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle. Then we will go to the altar of God, to God our exceeding joy.

— from Psalm 43:4-5a

God of mercy and steadfast love, You welcome all who come to You with repentant and contrite hearts.

We confess to You, and before one another, that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

[Silence]

We have offended Your holiness. We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, and have spurned the promptings of Your Spirit.

[Silence]

We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

[Silence]

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their sins. Restore and transform those who are repentant, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of our pardon in His grace:

This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

For He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to God and all that is good.

Thanks be to God for His abundant grace in Christ Jesus our Lord!

– based on 1 Timothy 1:14-15 and 1 Peter 2:24

TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

The Servant Song

We are trav'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow,
'Til we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony;
Born of all we've known together, of Christ's love and agony.

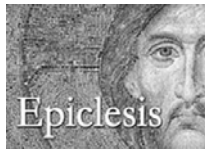
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Hymn tune: BEACH SPRING; Benjamin F. White, from the *Sacred Harp* (1844).

THE WORD

Galatians 3:23-29





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 (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.**

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From Heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed.
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry, goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.



Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O, happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee:

Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866. Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864; hymn tune: AURELIA.

Make Us One

Make us one, make us one;
Make us one, undivided body.
Make us one, make us one.
For the sake of Your Name, make us one.

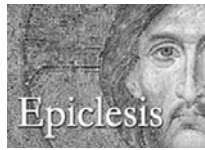
Make us love, make us love;
Make us love, so the world will know we love You.
Make us love, make us love.
For the sake of Your Name, make us love.

Make us pure, make us pure;
Make us pure, and righteous, make us holy.
Make us pure, make us pure.
For the sake of Your Name, make us pure.

Make us one, make us one;
Make us one, undivided body.
Make us one, make us one.
For the sake of Your Name, make us one.
For the sake of Your Name, 'til You come;
For the sake of Your Name, make us one.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Come, Christians, Join to Sing (verse 3)

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Benediction

Now, beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Let us lead a life worthy of the calling with which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. **Amen.**

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and go with you always!
Amen! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

"Fear the Lord and keep His commandments. For if you keep the commandments of God, you will be powerful in everything you do. . . . This is the fear that is necessary to be saved. But do not fear the devil. By fearing the Lord, you will have dominion over him, for he has no power. Satan shouldn't be an object of fear for any reason, but He in whom there is glorious power is truly to be feared. . . . As you fear the Lord, you will not do the wicked deeds of the devil, but will refrain from them. Fears are of two kinds. If you do not wish to do that which is evil, fear the Lord, and you will not do it. But if you wish to do that which is good, fear the Lord, and you will do it. Thus, the fear of God is strong, great, and glorious. Fear God and you will live to Him. For as many as fear Him and keep His commandments, they will live to God."

– Hermas

Lectionary for next week: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 7:1-2, 11-20;
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

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