

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 15, 2017 (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Lord, open our lips;

And our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be ages unto ages.
Amen.**

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

For praise is becoming to the upright.

Sing to Him a new song, and shout for joy!

**For the word of the LORD is upright
and all His work is done in faithfulness.
The earth is full of His lovingkindness.**

How blessed are those whose God is the LORD,
the people He has chosen for His own inheritance!

**The LORD looks from heaven; from where He sits enthroned
He sees all the children of men, He who fashions the hearts of
them all and observes all their deeds.**

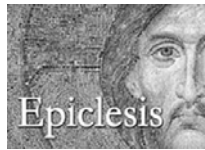
Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope in His lovingkindness.

**We wait in hope for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.
In Him our hearts rejoice,
Because we trust in His holy name.**

Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
Even as we hope in You.

— from Psalm 33





Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice the Lord is King; Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, rejoice!
The Lord is King!

Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love.
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, rejoice!
The Lord is King!

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, rejoice!
The Lord is King!

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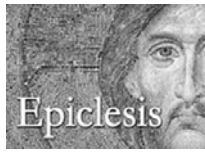
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

A hymn of glory let us sing;
New* songs throughout the world shall ring.
Christ*, by a road* be*fore untrod*
Ascen* deth* to the throne of God.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All* praise to Thee let earth accord.
Who* art, while end*less* ages run*,
With Father and* with* Spirit One.



O grant us thitherward to tend,
And* with unwearied hearts ascend,
Un*to Thy king*dom's* throne, where Thou*
As is our faith*, art* seated now.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church at all times and in all places, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths I have cried to You.

O LORD, hear my voice.

Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness;

so that we can, with reverence, serve You.

Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is lovingkindness,
and with Him is abundant redemption.

He redeems His people from all their sins.

— from Psalm 130

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and have seated Him at Your right hand in the heavenly places that He might fill all things. Yet, we confess that we have not always bowed before Him, and have not always trusted in His grace and mercy. We have not always followed His leading, and have failed to glorify Him in our lives.

[Silence]

Forgive us, we pray. In Your grace, raise us from sin that we may walk faithfully in Your ways and delight in Your will, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

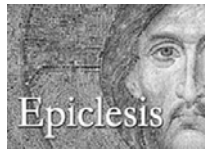
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
(repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love for us,
even when we were dead in our sins and transgressions,
made us alive together with Christ –*

By grace we have been saved –

And He raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

– Ephesians 2:4-7

TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and testimonies of God's faithfulness

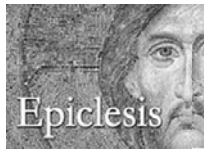
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward to my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus –
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore.
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own.
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

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THE WORD

Psalm 130:1-8

Hebrews 10:1-25

Luke 1:5-25



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.

Dove and Eucharist, Bonnell,
Contemp.

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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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the Throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,

A great High Priest whose Name is Love,

Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart.

I know that while in Heav'n He stands,

No tongue can bid me thence depart;

No tongue can bid me thence depart.



When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.

Before Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace:
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His Blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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Revelation Song

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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.

SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Rejoice, the Lord Is King (verse 4)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, rejoice! The Lord is King! ...



Benediction:

Jesus Christ, this man who is God, participated in our humanity to die for us and to be resurrected for us, and He now has ascended to the very throne of God to continually represent us to the Father.

Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.

We have a High Priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.

He, who did everything that ever needed to be done to save us, now continually stands before the Father interceding for us! Thanks be to God!

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, eternal Savior, and King; and the love of God; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us and go with us all – as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Amen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“It was impossible that our lives, which were alienated from God, could return to the high and heavenly place through our own power. As a result, the Apostle Paul says He who didn't know any sin became sin for us. He freed us from the curse by taking our curse on Himself as His own. Having taken on this curse, He had ‘slain’ in Himself ‘the enmity’ that came between us and God through sin (in fact, sin was ‘the enmity’). Having become what we were, He again united humanity to God through Himself. Through purity He brought our new selves, created after God's image, into a close relationship with the Father of our nature. All of God's fullness physically dwelt in Him. He drew everything that shares in His body and is similar to Him into the same grace. And He proclaims good news. . . to everyone who became a disciple of the Word up until today. The good news is that people are no longer condemned or cast out of the kingdom of God. But they are children again and returned to the position God assigned to them. . . . ‘For behold,’ He says, ‘I and the children whom God hath given Me.’ For our sakes He took part in flesh and blood and saved us. He brought us back to the place from which we strayed, becoming mere flesh and blood by sin. And so He from whom we were formerly alienated through our revolt has become our Father and our God.” – Gregory of Nyssa

Lectionary for next week: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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