

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 26, 2017 (Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Reign of Christ the King

GATHERING

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

*Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.*

For the LORD is the great God, a great King above all gods!

Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His.

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, and bless His name.

For the LORD is good;

His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

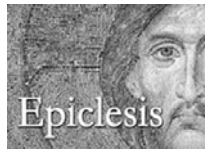
Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome;

He is a great King over all the earth!

— Scripture weaving from Psalms 47, 95 and 100





Psalm 24 (The King of Glory)

The King of glory reigns over all the world.
His mighty hand sustains the heaven and the earth.
Who may come to Him, and seek His holy face?

He calls the pure in heart; all whose hands are clean.
And those who love His name above all other things.
Humbly I will bow, and Jesus' name confess.

He reigns, He reigns; Jesus, the Lord.
He reigns, He reigns forevermore.

Swing wide, you ancient gates, let the King come in.
His glory never fades; our hearts delight in Him.
Ev'ry knee will bow. Ev'ry tongue confess:

He reigns, He reigns; Jesus, the Lord.
He reigns, He reigns forevermore.
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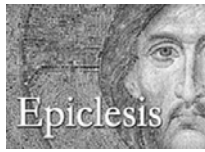
Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty.
He bore a cross of shame. Sing Hosanna!
Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty.
He rose up from the grave. Sing Hosanna!

He reigns, He reigns; Jesus, the Lord.
He reigns, He reigns forevermore.
(repeat)

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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



Doxology (The God of Abraham Praise)

The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And “Holy, holy, holy,” cry,
“Almighty King!”
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, great I AM,
We worship Thee.

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based on the Hebrew *Yigdal* of Daniel ben Judah, c. 1400.
Tune: Traditional Hebrew melody.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ:

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we would be holy and blameless before Him;

*In love, He predestined us to adoption as His children,
in accordance with His pleasure and His will;*

In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our sins, according to His grace;

*He has made known to us the mystery of His will,
to bring all things in heaven and on earth into unity in Christ;*

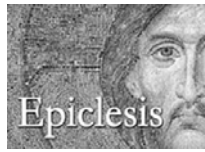
Having believed in Him, we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of
promise, the guarantee of our inheritance in Him,
to the praise of His glory.

*In the exceeding greatness of His power, He raised Christ from the
dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places:*

**He reigns 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:
King of kings and Lord of lords.**

He has put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as
head over all things to the church, which is His body,
the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

– from Ephesians 1:3-23



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral Call to Confession

Righteous God, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. Yet we confess that we do not always bow before Him, and are often slow to acknowledge His rule. We too easily give allegiance to the powers and principalities of this world, and fail to be governed as Your covenant people.

[Silence]

In Your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we may follow Him and walk always in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Agnus Dei (Canticle 20)

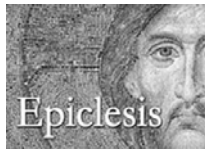
Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory,
Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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Based on the ancient hymn text, Gloria in excelsis ("Glory to God in the highest")



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us
to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.
*For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

**In Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself
all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of His cross.**

— from Colossians 1:12-20

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and testimonies of God's sovereign goodness

Blessed are You, Lord God, heavenly King.

All things were created through You, and for You.

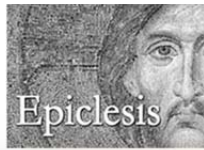
**In gratitude, we bring Your tithes and our offerings as a sign of
love, devotion, and faithfulness. Through them, just as through
our words and songs of praise, we acknowledge that You are our
Lord and King.**

I See the Lord

I see the Lord,
Seated on the throne, exalted;
And the train of His robe
Fills the temple with glory.
And the whole earth is filled,
And the whole earth is filled,
And the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy is the Lord.

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THE WORD

Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 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.

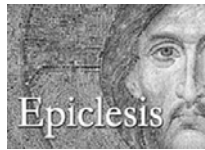
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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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Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side –
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail thro' out eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave;
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thro' God giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.
Be Thou, O Lord, thro' endless days adored and magnified!

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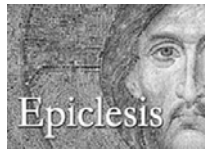
King of Wisdom and Light

Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and might:
Heaven is filled with Your glory,
King of wisdom and light.

We worship You, We praise You,
God Most High;
We worship You, We praise You,
King and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Crown Him With Many Crowns (reprise)

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, th' Incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

Benediction:

Beloved, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
May Almighty God, who raised Jesus from the dead and exalted Him
to the right hand of His throne of majesty on high, grant that you may
know and embrace His sovereign power as you daily walk out your
baptisms, dying to self and rising to new life in Him, through the
power of the Holy Spirit so graciously poured out to us.

Amen!

Now to Him who reigns 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, King of kings and Lord of lords, be glory,
honor and dominion forever and ever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“When our Christ rose from the dead and ascended to heaven, the rulers in
heaven, under appointment of God, are commanded to open the gates of heaven,
that the King of glory may enter in, and having ascended, may sit on the right
hand of the Father until He make the enemies His footstool . . . For when the
rulers of heaven saw Him of uncomely and dishonoured appearance, and
inglorious, not recognizing Him, they inquired, ‘Who is this King of glory?’
And the Holy Spirit . . . answers them, ‘The Lord of hosts, He is this King of
glory!’”

– Justin Martyr

Lectionary for next week: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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