

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 18, 2016 (Eighteenth 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.**

Let It Rise

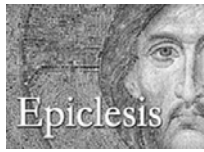
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

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Holy and Awesome Is He

Refrain (sung):

Praise the Lord! I will thank Him with my whole heart.
Bless His Name! I will delight in His great works.
Honor and majesty, righteous forever;
Holy and awesome is He!

(spoken)

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD;
Praise the name of the LORD.

**Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!**

*From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the LORD is to be praised.*

**The LORD is high above all nations,
His glory is above the heavens.**

– Psalm 113:1-4

Refrain

Who is like the LORD our God, who is enthroned on high,
Who humbles Himself to behold

the things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash
heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home, as a joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

– Psalm 113:5-9

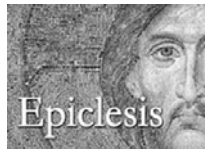
Refrain

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD:

**Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!**

– Psalm 113:1-2

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

O For A Thousand Tongues

O, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease:
'Tis music in the sinner's ears;
'Tis life and health and peace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim;
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is a trustworthy statement
and worthy of full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*God, our Savior, desires all people to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

**For there is one God,
and one Mediator between God and humankind,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.**

By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness:

**He was revealed in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.**

– based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 2:4-6, 3:16



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral call to confession

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

**We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what
we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

[Silence]

**We do not always love you with a pure heart.
We do not always love our neighbor as ourselves.
We do not always do justice and love kindness.**

[Silence]

**We desire to walk humbly with You. For the sake of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may
delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the praise and
glory of Your Name. Amen.**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

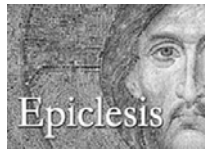
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
God, the well-spring of life.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great
in mercy. He is righteous in all His ways, and faithful in all He does.
*The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in
truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will hear
their cry and save them. The LORD keeps all who love Him.*



**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.**

– Psalm 145:8, 17-21

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

God Is Alive

Sing to the Lord, sing out a song;
Tell of His wonders and glory,
For God is alive. And God is at work in the earth;
God is alive. And God is at work in the earth.

So praise Him, you heavens, all heavens above;
Let creation sing out a song.
For God is alive. And God is at work in the earth. (repeat)
God is alive. And God is at work in the earth.

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah. (repeat)
Oh, and I must praise God,
And I must praise God, and I must praise God.

God, as I listen and hear of Your fame, I see Your works today,
For God is alive. And God is at work in the earth;
God is alive. God is at work in the earth.

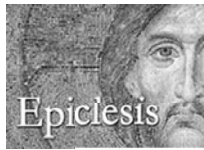
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah. (repeat)
Oh, and I must praise God,
And I must praise God, and I must praise God. Praise God.

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All Creatures of Our God and King

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness: O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1225; transl. William H. Draper, 1919. Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623; hymn tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN.



THE WORD

Psalm 113

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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Yet I Will Praise You

Verse 1

I will praise You, Lord, my God;
Even in my brokenness I will praise You, Lord.
I will praise You, Lord. my God;
Even in my desperation I will praise You, Lord.
And I can't understand all that You allow,
I just can't see the reason.
But my life is in Your hands,
And though I cannot see You, I choose to trust You.



Chorus 1

Even when my heart is torn, I will praise You, Lord.
Even when I feel deserted, I will praise You, Lord.
Even in the darkest valley, I will praise You, Lord.
And when my world is shatter'd,
And it seems all hope is gone
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

Verse 2

I will trust You, Lord, my God;
Even in my loneliness I will trust You, Lord.
I will trust You, Lord, my God;
Even when I cannot hear You I will trust You, Lord.
And I will not forget that You hung on a cross,
Lord, You bled and died for me.
And if I have to suffer I know that You've been there,
And I know that You're here now.

Chorus 2

Even when my heart is torn I will trust You, Lord.
Even when I feel deserted I will trust You, Lord.
Even in the darkest valley I will trust You, Lord.
And when my world is shatter'd, and it seems all hope is gone,
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

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Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place;
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



O For A Thousand Tongues

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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Benediction:

Beloved, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord – walking out our baptisms in faithfulness – may we with truly thankful hearts show forth His praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to His service and walking in the Spirit, in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Knowing that the Lord loves thankful people, His faithful servants never stop praising Him. They always give thanks to the Lord. Whether they are in times of ease or of suffering, they offer praise to God with thanksgiving. . . . Therefore, Job, who had more courage than anyone, thought of these things when he prospered. But when he suffered, he patiently endured the pain and gave thanks. David also sang praises during times of pain and sorrow. He said, ‘I will bless the Lord at all times.’ And Paul, in all of his epistles, never stopped thanking God. In times of ease he didn’t falter, and he gloried in times of suffering. For Paul knew that ‘tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, and that hope maketh not ashamed.’ As followers of such men, we must not let any season pass without thanksgiving. . . For the Apostle Paul, who gave thanks always, urges us to draw near to God in the same way. He said, ‘Let your requests, with thanksgiving, be made known unto God.’ Desiring that we would always continue doing this, he says, ‘At all times give thanks; pray without ceasing.’ For he knew that believers are strong while they give thanks. And, while rejoicing, they pass over the enemy’s walls. These people are like the saints who said, ‘Through Thee will we pierce through our enemies, and by my God I will leap over a wall.’” – Athanasius

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 1-16;
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Luke 16:10-31

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