

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

November 13, 2016 (Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

Sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things,  
His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

**We will give thanks to the LORD, and call upon His name;  
We will declare His deeds among the peoples,  
and exalt His name.**

*For the LORD has made known His salvation;*

*He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

**He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the  
house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation  
of our God.**

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises!

*Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.*

*Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,  
the world and those who dwell in it.*

Let the rivers clap their hands and the mountains sing together for joy  
before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

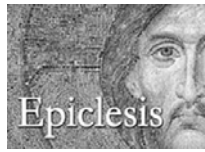
*Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things;*

*Let this be known throughout the earth.*

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O people of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy of Israel.**

— from Psalm 98 and Isaiah 12





### *Behold the Lord*

Great and marvelous are Your works,  
Oh Lord Almighty.  
True and righteous are all Your ways,  
King of the ages.  
Who will not fear You, oh Lord,  
And glorify Your Name?

### *Chorus*

Behold the Lord; God is my salvation;  
In Him I trust, and will not be afraid.  
And I will give thanks,  
And sing among the nations forever;  
Behold the Lord, behold the Lord, behold the Lord.

So rejoice and be glad in this:  
Our God is with us:  
Messiah, Emmanuel, Lion of Judah!  
Lift up your voice and declare the glory of our King.

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### PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

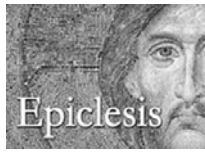
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

### *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God, and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man:  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Isaiah 65:17-25

*Refrain: The Lord Is My Light*

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;  
In God I trust, in God I trust.

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Thus says the LORD –

Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;  
and the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.  
*But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for behold, I  
create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people a gladness.*  
And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in My people. No more  
shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.  
*No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, nor an  
old person who does not live out a lifetime;*  
For the one who dies at a hundred years shall be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred shall be considered accursed.

*Refrain*

*They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards  
and eat their fruit.*

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and  
another eat.

*For like the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My  
chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

They shall not labor in vain, nor bear children for calamity; for they  
shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their  
descendants with them.

*It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer;  
and while they are still speaking, I will hear.*

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like  
the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or  
destroy in all My holy mountain, says the LORD.

*Refrain*



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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, whose walk is blameless, who do what is righteous;*

Those who do no wrong to a neighbor; who honor those who fear the LORD.

*They shall receive a blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.*

— from Psalms 15 and 24

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

[Silence]

**We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

[Silence]

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. 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 glory of Your Name. Amen.**

### *Lamb of God*

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

In the day of His favor, you will say:

I will give thanks to You, O LORD. For although You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away and You comfort me.

**Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.**

**For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, \**  
**and He has become my salvation.**

Therefore you joyously draw water from the springs of salvation!

– Isaiah 12:1-3

**Thanks be to God, the God of our salvation and our King!**

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

##### *Take My Life*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

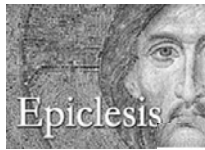
Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as Your choose.

##### *Chorus:*

Here am I, all of me;  
Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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## THE WORD

1 Peter 2:1-17

## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you!

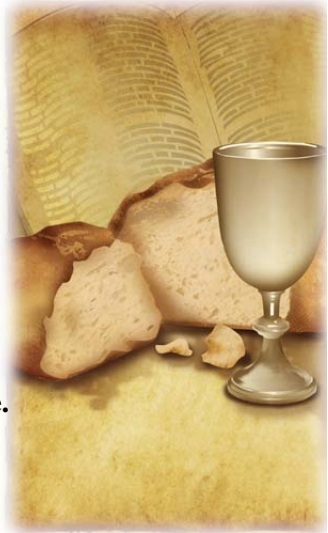
**And also with you!**

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**

*Behold the Lamb*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:

And we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross.

So, we share in this Bread of Life,

And we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King.



The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you:  
Eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:  
Drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,  
And to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

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## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

#### *All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 5)*

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, transl. William H. Draper.  
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.



**Benediction:**

Beloved, we go forth into the world, remembering our baptisms with joy, to love and serve the Lord, our sovereign and holy King, and to walk in His footsteps, to the glory of His name.

**Amen!**

Now may our God make you worthy of His call and fulfill by His power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you. And may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father – who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope – comfort your hearts, strengthen them in every good work and word, and give you peace.

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

– Scripture weaving from 2 Thessalonians

**Lectionary for next week:** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

***A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –***

“Let us allow Christ to speak through us. He desires it more than we do. For He made this instrument and wouldn't want it to be useless and idle. He always wants to keep it in His hands. Why, then, don't you make it useful for the Maker's hand? Why do you allow your soul to be unstrung, relaxed through luxury, and allow the whole harp to be useless to Him? You should keep all its parts completely stretched, well strung, and reinforced with spiritual salt. For if Christ sees your soul tuned this way, He will make His music through it. When this has taken place, you will see angels leaping for joy (archangels and the cherubim too). So then, let us become worthy of His spotless hands. Let us invite Him to strike our hearts. Rather, He doesn't need inviting. If you make it worthy of His touch, He will be the first to run to you. Considering that He runs to those who haven't become their best yet, when He sees one completely equipped, what won't He do? If Christ makes music and the Spirit rests on us, we will be better than heaven. Although we won't have the sun and the moon adorning our body, the Lord of the sun, moon, and angels will be dwelling and walking in us.”

– Chrysostom

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