

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 6, 2017 (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

The word of the LORD:

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
and let your soul delight itself in abundance.
Incline your ear and come to Me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
My steadfast, sure love promised to David.

Seek the LORD while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near.

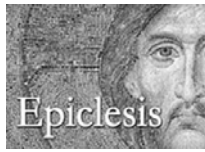
**O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You.
I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.**

So we have looked upon You in the sanctuary,
beholding Your power and Your glory.
We shall behold Your face in righteousness;
and be satisfied with Your likeness.

**Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips shall praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live:
I will lift up my hands in Your name.**

— from Isaiah 55:1-3, 6; Psalms 63:1-4 and 17:15





Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

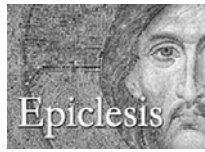
Sung:

This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

I Do Worship

I do worship, I do worship. I do worship You. (Repeat)

For Your goodness and Your glory,
For the joy inside the story; I do worship You.



O, how excellent is Your presence, we will bless Your name.
(Repeat)

For Your goodness and Your glory; for the joy inside the story;
For the peace You gave to me,
For the day You set me, set me free:
For Your goodness and Your glory, for the joy inside the story –

I do worship, I do worship, I do worship You.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in these words from the pen of the Apostle Paul:

God is able to make all grace abound to you,
so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,
you may abound in every good work.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
From whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name:

I pray that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with might
by His Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

*And I pray that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,
what is the breadth and length
and height and depth,*

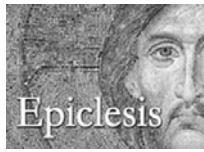
And to know the love of Christ
which surpasses knowledge,

That you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly,
abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,
according to the power that works within us,
to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever.**

Amen.

– 2 Corinthians 9:8, Ephesians 3:14-21



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

We call on You, our God, for You will answer us.
*Turn Your ear to us and hear our prayers,
and show us the wonders of Your steadfast love.*

– based on Psalm 17:6-7

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.

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[Silence]

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

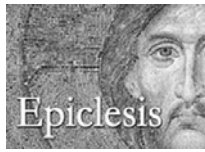
[Silent confessions]

**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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and filled with unfailing love.
*The LORD is good to all,
and His mercies are over all His works*
**All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
and all Your saints shall bless You.**

– Psalm 145:8-11



Psalm 145:14-21 (chant)

The LORD upholds all those who fall;*
He lifts up those who are bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon You, O LORD,*
and You give them their food in due season.
You open wide Your hand*
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
The LORD is righteous in all His ways*
and loving in all His works.
The LORD is near to those who call upon Him,*
to all who call upon Him faithfully.
He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;*
He hears their cry and helps them.
The LORD preserves all those who love Him,*
but He destroys all the wicked.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;*
let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.

TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and stories of God's faithfulness

You Have Been Good

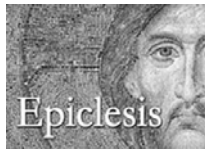
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O Lord, You have been good;
You have been faithful to all generations.
O Lord, Your steadfast love
And tender mercy have been our salvation.

For by Your hand we have been fed,
And by Your Spirit we have been led.
O Lord, You have been good;
You have been faithful to all generations.

For by Your hand we have been fed,
And by Your Spirit we have been led.
O Lord, Almighty God, Father unchanging, upright and holy.

O Lord, You have been good;
You have been faithful, You have been good.



THE WORD

Genesis 32:22-31

Isaiah 55:1-5

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21



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!

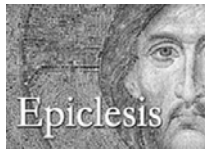
The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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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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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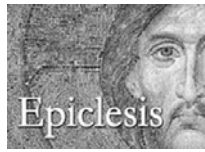
Flow Like a River

Flow like a river, fall like the rain;
Streams of compassion flow from His throne.
Wide as the ocean, deep as the sea;
Life-giving fountain, is God's love for me.

Feast at the table of mercy, drink from the cup of His grace.
Dwell in His infinite goodness, live in His healing embrace.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Blessed Assurance (verse 3)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song, . . .

Benediction

People of God, we have worshiped the Lord together in this place –
We’ve gathered. We’ve heard the word.

We’ve come to the Table, the Ancient-Future Feast of the Lord.

And now, as we go forth, in faith and joy, to love and serve the Lord,
may He grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in
our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in
our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Let those who are hungry come and be fed with heavenly food that will satisfy continual hunger. Let those who are thirsty come and with a full mouth drink the water of salvation from an ever- flowing fountain. By this divine food and drink the blind shall see, the deaf hear, and the dumb speak; the lame will walk, the foolish will be wise, the sick will be strong, and the dead will come to life again. The supreme and honest Judge will raise to life and to eternal light whoever has trampled on the corruptions of the earth by their righteousness. Let no one trust in riches, in badges of authority, or even in royal power. These things don't make a man immortal. For those who disregard the discipline of maturing by seeking present things throw themselves face first to the ground and will be punished as deserters from their Lord, Commander, and Father. Therefore, let us strain toward righteousness. . . . Let us keep our posts and watches. Let us boldly fight against the enemy, knowing that we have victory and will triumph. Then we will obtain the reward of courage which the Lord has promised.”

– Lactantius

Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 37:1-4,12-29; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

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