

An Ancient-Future Faith Community  
*Liturgy*  
May 21, 2017 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

*Let the Peoples Praise*

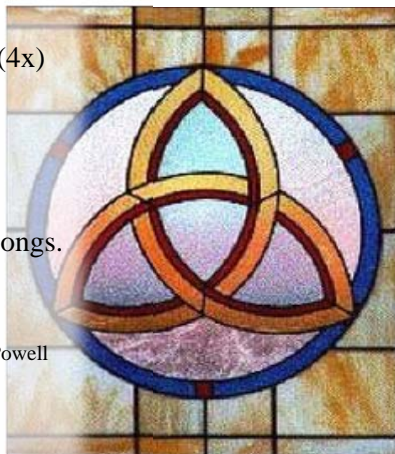
Let the peoples praise You, O God. (4x)

Only One, only One worthy (3x)  
Worthy is the Lamb.

Glory to the Righteous One (3x)  
From the ends of the earth we hear songs.  
(Hallelujah! The Lamb has won).

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GATHERING

*Reading: Acts 17:24-25, 28a*

“The God who made the world and everything in it, He who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. . . . Indeed, He is not far from each one of us, for ‘in Him we live and move and have our being.’”

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name!

Make His praise glorious. Say to God:

**How awesome are Your works! All the earth will worship You, and will sing praises to Your name.**

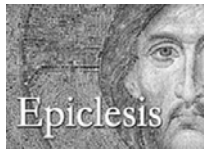
Come and see the works of God, who is awesome in His deeds toward the children of men.

**He has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

**We have been tested and tried. He has refined us as silver is refined, and He has brought us out into a place of abundance.**

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard!

– from Psalm 66



*Sung:*

Glory to the Righteous One (3x)  
From the ends of the earth we hear songs.

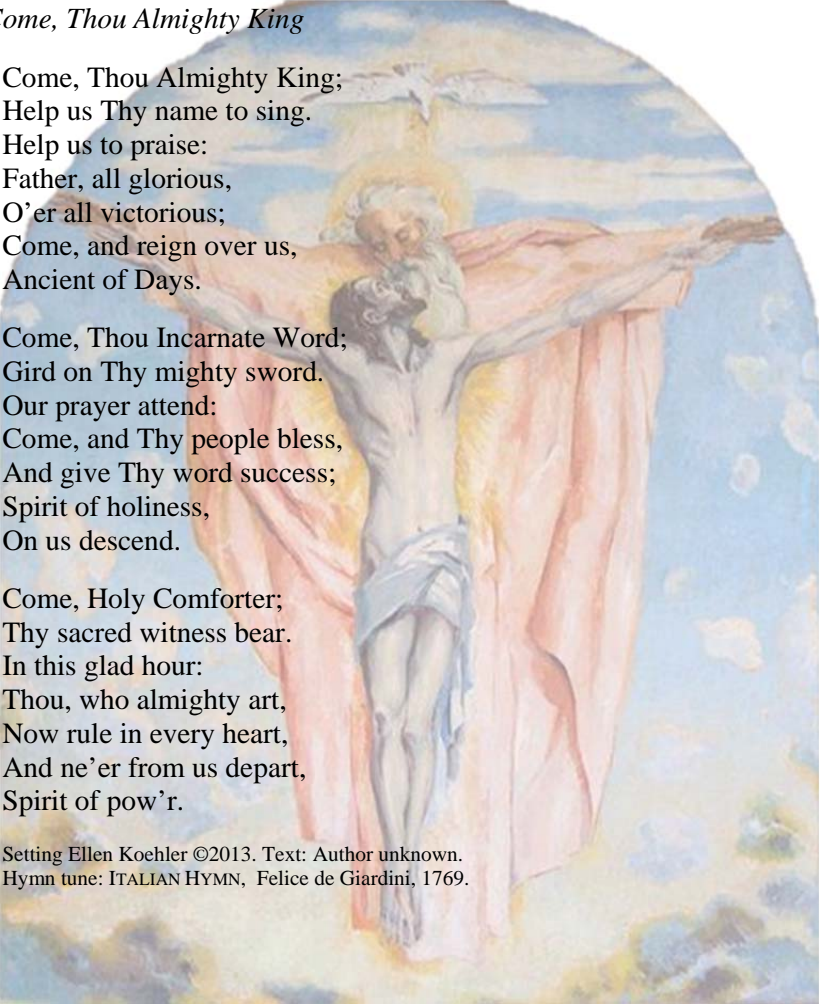
*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Come, Thou Almighty King;  
Help us Thy name to sing.  
Help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious;  
Come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word;  
Gird on Thy mighty sword.  
Our prayer attend:  
Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.

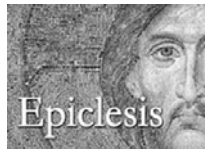
Come, Holy Comforter;  
Thy sacred witness bear.  
In this glad hour:  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

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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 (Come, Thou Almighty King)*

To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be: hence evermore:  
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see;  
And to eternity love and adore.

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible;**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
*God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.*

**Through Him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;  
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried.*

**The third day he rose again,  
according to the Scriptures.**

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
*He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.*

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.**

He proceeds from the Father,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come.**

**Amen.**

– Nicene Creed



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

**If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the LORD would not have listened.**

But truly God has listened; He has given heed  
to the words of our prayer.

**Blessed be God, because He has not rejected our prayers  
or removed His steadfast love from us.**

— from Psalm 66:16-20

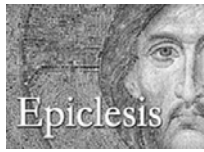
[Silence]

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Purify My Heart*

Purify my heart,  
Touch me with Your cleansing fire;  
Take me to the cross,  
Your holiness is my desire.  
Breathe Your life in me,  
Kindle a love  
That flows from Your throne.  
Oh, purify my heart,  
Purify my heart.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus promised:

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

*“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, that He may be with you forever.*

“This is the Spirit of truth, who abides with you and will be in you.

He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

*“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”*

– from John 14:15-17; 26-27

**Thanks be to God!**

## TIME OF OFFERING

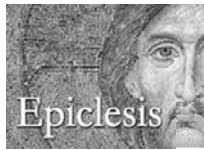
Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

*My Lips Will Praise You*

My lips will praise You,  
For You are holy.  
My voice will ever rise before Your throne.  
My heart will love You,  
For You are lovely,  
And You have called me  
To become Your own.

I am Your own,  
And I will worship You alone.  
I am Your own,  
I am Your child.  
I am Your own,  
And I will worship at Your throne.  
I am Your own,  
And I will love You.

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## THE WORD

John 14:15-21

## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you!

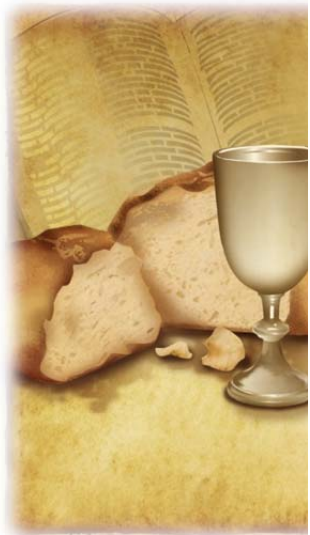
**And also with you!**

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.**



### *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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### *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art.

Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe, Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be.

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.



Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

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### *Dwell*

Dwell in the midst of us; come and dwell in this place.  
Dwell in the midst of us; come and have Your way.

Dwell in the midst of us; wipe all the tears from our faces.  
Dwell in the midst of us; You can have Your way

Not our will but Yours be done; Come and change us.  
Not our will but Yours be done; Come sustain us.

You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way.  
You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way

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### SENDING FORTH

#### The Life of the Body

#### *With Burning Hearts*

With yearning hearts, we came today to worship;  
With yearning hearts, we've seen Him in His pow'r.  
We've heard His voice, we've broken bread;  
Our eyes are opened wide.  
With burning hearts, we now go forth in joy. (Repeat)

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## Benediction

Beloved, the glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of Jesus Christ overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him.

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

Now, may the grace of Christ, which daily renews us,  
and the love of God, which enables us to love as He has loved us,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body,  
compel us to go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord -  
giving witness to what we have seen and believed,  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

### **Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

(text based in part on 2 Corinthians 13:13)

### *A thought about worship from the ancient Fathers –*

“It is no wonder that Jesus is named after many good things in the Gospel. If we look at the names by which the Son of God is called, we will understand how many of these good things He is. The feet of those who preach His name are beautiful. One good thing is life. Jesus is the Life. Another good thing is the light of the world (when it is true light that enlightens people). And the Son of God is said to be all these things. Another good thing, in addition to life and light, is the truth. A fourth is the way that leads to truth. Our Savior teaches us that He is all these things. He says: ‘I am the Way and the Truth and the Life.’ Ah, isn’t it good that the Lord shook off earth and mortality to rise again? And we have obtained this benefit from the Lord: that He is the Resurrection. He says, ‘I am the Resurrection.’ The door through which one enters into the greatest joy is also good. And Christ says, ‘I am the door.’ . . . We must not neglect mentioning the Word, who is God after the Father of all. For this another good, no less than the others. Happy, then, are those who accept these goods and receive them from those who announce their blessings, those whose feet are beautiful.”

– *Origen*

**Lectionary for next week:** Acts 1:1-11; Psalms 47 and 93; Ephesians 1:15-23;  
Luke 24:44-53

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