

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 11, 2018 (Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done. For He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God.

—Psalm 78:1-7

Hear O Israel (solo)

Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord:
Be still and know that He is God.
Love the Lord your God
With the fullness of your heart.
With all your mind, your strength and soul.

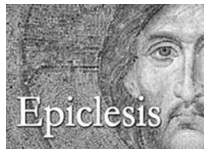
We draw near through Christ, Who saves us;
We draw near to the throne of grace.

Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord:
Come, lift your voice and praise your King.

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The Wailing Wall, Salvador Dali, 1975





Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

How blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God!

He made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

He keeps faith forever.

He executes justice for the oppressed, He gives food to the hungry,
and sets the prisoners free.

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; He lifts up those who are
bowed down; He loves the righteous.**

The LORD watches over the stranger, and upholds the orphan and
widow; but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, our God, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

– from Psalm 146

Sing to the Lord

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Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

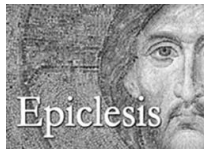
Chorus

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all, I sing praise – Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

Bridge

God of compassion and God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
You dance around me, You dance around me.



PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Hear O Israel (all)

We draw near through Christ, Who saves us;
We draw near to the throne of grace.

Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord:
Be still and know that He is God.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved,
and in which we stand:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day,
and appeared to many faithful witnesses.

*Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible. All things have been created through
Him and for Him, and in Him all things hold together.

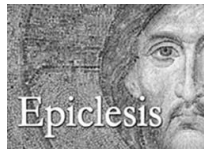
*He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
so that He might come to have first place in everything.*

And God 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.

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

**This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might,
which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from
the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly
places, 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.**

– from 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-23



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

How blessed are those who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways.

What does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the LORD'S commandments and statutes?

— Psalm 128:1; Deuteronomy 10:12-13

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 glory of
Your Name. Amen.**

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

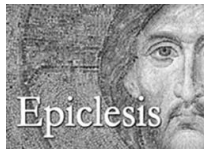
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity,
whose name is Holy:



“I dwell in the high and holy place, and with the contrite
and lowly of spirit, in order to revive the spirit of the lowly
and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

– Isaiah 57:15

*Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is steadfast love,
and with Him is abundant redemption.*

He redeems His people from all their sins.

How blessed are all those who hope in Him!

– Isaiah 30:18b

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is; nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

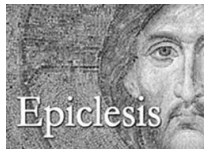
You didn't want heaven without us,
So, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great; Your love was greater.
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is; nothing compares to this:
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

(over)



All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

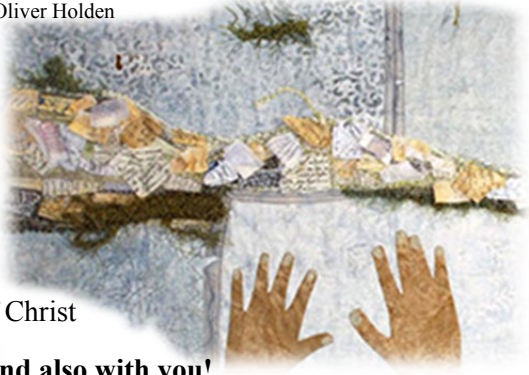
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

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THE WORD

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm 146



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

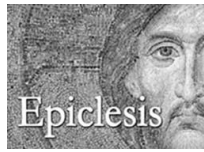
The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

The Lord's Prayer (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.**

Prayers at the Wailing Wall, Quilt, Barbara J. Mitchell, Contem



Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse,
And lies, like arrows, pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to Him who hears me.

Chorus

O praise Him, hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward.
Everlasting, never failing; my Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.

Chorus

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in Him completely;
With ev'ry day pour out my soul, and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His forever.

Chorus

O praise Him, O praise Him! Hallelujah, hallelujah! (3 times)

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SENDING FORTH

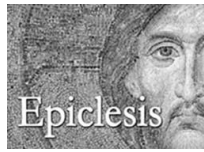
The Life of the Body

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymn tune: DIADEM

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown* Him.
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall, we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown* Him. . . .



Benediction

Beloved, we – the people of God – go forth in joy and with thankful hearts, because God Himself, the God of all grace and Creator of all things, He who is from eternity to eternity, is pleased to make His dwelling among us and to call us His own.

Amen.

Now may the grace, power, and love of the God of the universe propel us out into the world to love and serve the Lord, bearing witness to His cosmic story as the center of our lives.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“It was impossible that our lives, which were alienated from God, could return to the high and heavenly place through our own power. As a result, the Apostle Paul says He who didn't know any sin became sin for us. He freed us from the curse by taking our curse on Himself as His own. Having taken on this curse, He had ‘slain’ in Himself ‘the enmity’ that came between us and God through sin (in fact, sin was ‘the enmity’). Having become what we were, He again united humanity to God through Himself. Through purity He brought our new selves, created after God's image, into a close relationship with the Father of our nature. All of God's fullness physically dwelt in Him. He drew everything that shares in His body and is similar to Him into the same grace. And He proclaims good news. . . to everyone who became a disciple of the Word up until today. The good news is that people are no longer condemned or cast out of the kingdom of God. But they are children again and returned to the position God assigned to them. . . . ‘For behold,’ He says, ‘I and the children whom God hath given Me.’ For our sakes He took part in flesh and blood and saved us. He brought us back to the place from which we strayed, becoming mere flesh and blood by sin. And so He from whom we were formerly alienated through our revolt has become our Father and our God.”

– Gregory of Nyssa

Lectionary for next week: 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

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