

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 15, 2018 (Eighth 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.

Praise the LORD!

Praise Him from the heavens, praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels! Praise Him, all His host!

Praise Him, sun and moon! Praise Him, all stars of light!

Praise Him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Praise the LORD from the earth,

all creatures and all nature!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

How blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You,

who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your presence.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for His name alone is exalted;

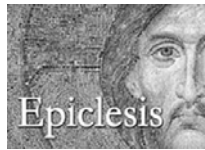
His glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His faithful.

Come, let us praise and worship the LORD!

— from Psalm 148 and 89:15





Psalm 24 (The King of Glory)

The King of glory reigns over all the world.
His mighty hand sustains the heaven and the earth.
Who may come to Him, and seek His holy face?

He calls the pure in heart, all whose hands are clean,
And those who love His name above all other things.
Humbly I will bow, and Jesus' name confess.

He reigns, He reigns; Jesus, the Lord.
He reigns, He reigns forevermore.

Swing wide, you ancient gates, let the King come in.
His glory never fades; our hearts delight in Him.
Ev'ry knee will bow. Ev'ry tongue confess:

He reigns, He reigns; Jesus, the Lord.
He reigns, He reigns forevermore.
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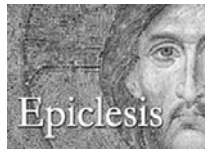
Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty.
He bore a cross of shame. Sing Hosanna!
Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty.
He rose up from the grave. Sing Hosanna!

He reigns, He reigns; Jesus, the Lord.
He reigns, He reigns forevermore.
(repeat)

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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



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!

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ.

**He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.**

*In love, He predestined us to adoption as His children through Jesus
Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the
praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in
the Beloved.*

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our
trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished
upon us.

*In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will,
according to His kind intention which He purposed in Himself:*

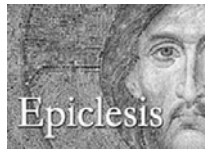
That is, in the fullness of the times, He might sum up all things in
Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth.

*In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined
according to His purpose, who works all things after the counsel of
His will, to the end that we should be to the praise of His glory.*

In Him, we also were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is
given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption
of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ.**

— from Ephesians 1:3-14



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;

[Silence]

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD,
and who may stand in His holy place?

Those who speak the truth from their hearts,
Who do no wrong to a neighbor.

[Silence]

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD,
and who may stand in His holy place?

Those who honor those who fear the LORD.

[Silence]

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD and righteousness from
the God of their salvation; they will never be shaken.

*This is the generation of those who seek Him,
of those who seek Your face, O God.*

– from Psalms 15 and 24

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

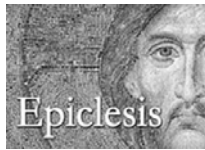
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. (repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the LORD, who speaks peace to His faithful people,
to those who turn to Him in their hearts:

*Surely God's salvation is near to those who fear Him,
that His glory may dwell among us.*

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

*The LORD will indeed give what is good;
righteousness will go before Him
and prepare the way for His steps.*

— from Psalm 85:8-13

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

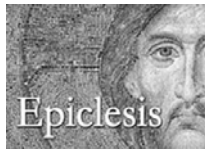
What A Beautiful Name

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.



Death could not hold You; the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal;
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory;
Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is; nothing can stand against;
What a powerful Name it is: the Name of Jesus.

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THE WORD

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

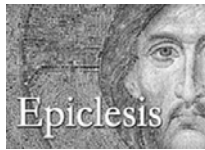
The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



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

Our Father in Heaven (sung)

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,
Your name is holy, our Father.
Your kingdom come, and Your will be done
Here on earth as it is in heaven.



Give us, we pray, our bread for today,
Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,
Forgiving of what others owe.
Keep us from trials; save us from our ancient foe!

As we sing the kingdom, we sing the power,
We sing the glory be Yours – Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

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We Behold You (Fraction Anthem)

With all of the saints and angels, we gather before You.
Our hearts filled with thankfulness,
We lift up Your holy Name.
With all who have gone before us, we feast at Your table.
We eat of Your body and drink of Your holy blood.

And we behold You, and we behold You:
Lamb of God, slain for our sins.
(Repeat)

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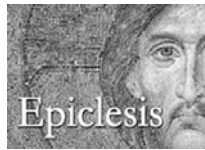
King of Wisdom and Light

Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and might:
Heaven is filled with Your glory,
King of wisdom and light.

We worship You, we praise You,
God Most High;
We worship You, we praise You,
King and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 6)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below: O, praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

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

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“All existence originates from the Father. In Christ and through Christ, God is the source of everything. In contrast to everything else, He is completely self-existent. He doesn't receive His being from the outside, but possesses it from and in Himself. He is infinite, for nothing can contain Him and He contains everything. He is eternally unrestricted by space, for He can't be limited. He is eternally prior to time, for time is His creation. Imagine what you think might be God's farthest limit, and you will find Him present there. Strain to see as far as you can, for there is always a further horizon to strain toward. He owns infinity, just as you own the power to make such efforts to comprehend Him. Words will fail you, but His being will not be restrained. Turn back the pages of history and you will always find Him present. If numbers fail to express the old ages you have penetrated, God's eternity still isn't diminished. Exercise your intellect to comprehend Him as a whole, but He will elude you. . . . Therefore, since no one knows the Father but the Son, let our thoughts of the Father be one with the thoughts of the Son. He is the only faithful Witness who reveals God to us.”

– Hilary of Poitiers

Lectionary for next week: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Jeremiah 23:1-6;
Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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