

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 19, 2018 (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Holy Spirit We Now Wait On You

Holy Spirit, we now wait on You;
There is nothing more that we can do.
Send Your power now and set the captives free.
Holy Spirit, we're waiting on Thee. (repeat)

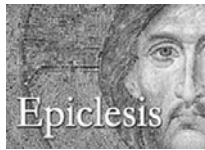
Holy Spirit, we now wait on You;
Lift our hearts, we pray, and make us new.
A present help, You said that You would always be.
Holy Spirit, we're waiting on Thee. (repeat)

Come, Holy Spirit, promise of the Father;
Come, Holy Spirit, touch me and my brother.
Let Your sweet fragrance fall; cover us, perfume us all.
Holy Spirit, we're waiting on Thee. (repeat)

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Holy and Awesome Is He (Psalm 111)

Refrain (sung):

Praise the Lord!

I will thank Him with my whole heart.

Bless His Name!

I will delight in His great works.

Honor and majesty, righteous forever;

Holy and awesome is He!

**Great are the works of the LORD;
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is His work,
and His righteousness endures forever.

*He has gained renown by His wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.*

He provides food for those who fear Him;
He is ever mindful of His covenant.

*He has shown His people the power of His works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.*

Refrain

The works of His hands are faithful and just;
all His precepts are trustworthy.

*They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*

He sent redemption to His people.

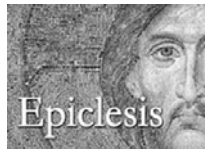
He has commanded His covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is His name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
All those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

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

All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 6, doxology)

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!

Text: St. Francis of Assisi, transl. William H. Draper

Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

Our faith rests not on human wisdom,
but on the power of God.

This is the power of God:

Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

**We declare the wisdom of God,
a mystery that was hidden and that God ordained
for our glory from before time began.**

None of the rulers of this age understood it,
for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written:

**“No eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love Him.”**

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

**For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things;
To Him be glory forever!**

– from 1 Corinthians 2:1-10 and Romans 11:33, 36



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
*Who among you desires life and loves many days,
that you may see good?*
Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit;
turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

– Psalm 34:11-14

[Silence]

Most holy and merciful God, You have shown us the way of life
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**We confess to You and before one another that we have sinned, in
thought, word and deed. We have offended Your holiness. We
have failed to love our neighbors; we have not forgiven others.
We have followed the devices of our own hearts, and have
spurned the promptings of Your Spirit.**

**O God, forgive us, and cleanse us by Your Spirit, that we may
perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's assurance of His love and deliverance:

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, and His ears are open
to their cry. He is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who
have a contrite spirit.

*The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust
in Him shall be condemned.*

He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant
forever. Holy and awesome is His name!

– from Psalms 34:15, 18, 22; 111:9



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Sweet, Sweet Sound

I am an instrument of the living God,
My life a melody to His name.
More than the songs I sing,
Worship is everything;
I live to glorify my King.

Chorus

Hear the song of my life,
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound,
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound.
I raise this anthem high:
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound,
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound.

Through all the mire and clay,
You're washing me with grace;
You carry me, O Lord, through it all.
So I will testify, even in the fire;
I live to praise my Savior!

Chorus

Bridge

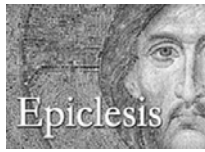
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord.
And all creation will sing, "Hallelujah!"

Chorus

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THE WORD

Ephesians 5:15-20
Psalm 137



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 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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Yet I Will Praise

I will praise You, Lord, my God;

Even in my brokenness I will praise You, Lord.

I will praise You, Lord, my God;

Even in my desperation I will praise You, Lord.

And I can't understand all that You allow,

I just can't see the reason.

But my life is in Your hands,

And though I cannot see You, I choose to trust You.

Even when my heart is torn, I will praise You, Lord.

Even when I feel deserted, I will praise You, Lord.

Even in the darkest valley, I will praise You, Lord.



And when my world is shatter'd, and it seems all hope is gone,
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

I will trust You, Lord, my God;
Even in my loneliness I will trust You, Lord.
I will trust You, Lord, my God;
Even when I cannot hear You I will trust You, Lord.
And I will not forget that You hung on a cross,
Lord, You bled and died for me.
And if I have to suffer I know that You've been there,
And I know that You're here now.

Even when my heart is torn I will trust You, Lord.
Even when I feel deserted I will trust You, Lord.
Even in the darkest valley I will trust You, Lord.
And when my world is shatter'd, and it seems all hope is gone,
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

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Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place;
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Blessed Be Your Name (reprise)

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say –

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.



Benediction:

Beloved, we go forth with thankful hearts, and with joy, to love and serve the Lord. As we daily walk out our baptisms in the world, as God's beloved children may He guide us ever closer to Him and to one another, in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace, confirming us in His ways, for His glory alone, forever.

Amen.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Knowing that the Lord loves thankful people, His faithful servants never stop praising Him. They always give thanks to the Lord. Whether they are in times of ease or of suffering, they offer praise to God with thanksgiving. . . . Therefore, Job, who had more courage than anyone, thought of these things when he prospered. But when he suffered, he patiently endured the pain and gave thanks. David also sang praises during times of pain and sorrow. He said, ‘I will bless the Lord at all times.’ And Paul, in all of his epistles, never stopped thanking God. In times of ease he didn't falter, and he gloried in times of suffering. For Paul knew that ‘tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, and that hope maketh not ashamed.’ As followers of such men, we must not let any season pass without thanksgiving. . . For the Apostle Paul, who gave thanks always, urges us to draw near to God in the same way. He said, ‘Let your requests, with thanksgiving, be made known unto God.’ Desiring that we would always continue doing this, he says, ‘At all times give thanks; pray without ceasing.’ For he knew that believers are strong while they give thanks. And, while rejoicing, they pass over the enemy's walls. These people are like the saints who said, ‘Through Thee will we pierce through our enemies, and by my God I will leap over a wall.’” – Athanasius

Lectionary for next week: 1 Kings 8:1-43; Psalm 84; Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18;
Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

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