

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

August 26, 2018 (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

*Better Is One Day*

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence;  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

*Chorus*

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

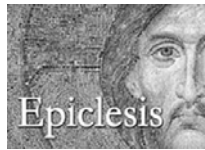
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

*Bridge*

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God;  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen, Your gift of love to me;  
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.

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God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and cause His face to shine upon us –  
**So that Your ways may be known on the earth,  
Your salvation among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
let all the peoples praise You.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!**

For the LORD has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**O LORD, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth  
beneath, keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your  
servants who walk before You with all their heart.**

Glory in His holy name:

Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.  
Come, let us praise and worship our great and mighty God!

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 67, 86, 98; 105; 1 Kings 8:23

*Oh, the Lord, Our Strength and Song*

Oh, the Lord, our strength and song; highest praise to Him belongs.  
Christ, the Lord, the conquering King;  
Your name we raise, Your triumphs sing.

*Chorus:*

Praise the Lord, our mighty warrior;  
Praise the Lord, the glorious One;  
By His hand we stand in victory, by His name we overcome.

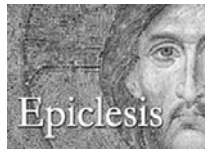
Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest night we worship You.  
You divide the raging sea; from death to life You safely lead.

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven crying out:  
“Glory, glory to the King. You reign for all eternity.”

*Bridge:*

The Lord shall reign forever and ever. (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

### *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee!  
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in Heaven above adore Thee;  
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;  
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim Thee;  
And adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

Words: Attrib. to Ignaz Franz, 1774; transl. Clarence A. Walworth. Hymn tune: TE DEUM

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in these words of the Apostle Paul from his letter to the Colossians, chapter 2:

As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,  
firmly rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith,  
just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

**In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,  
and we have been made complete in Him, who is the head  
of all rule and authority, and principality and power.**

In Him we also were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ.

**We were buried with Him in baptism, in which we also were raised  
with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him  
from the dead.**

When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our flesh,  
God made us alive together with Christ.

**He forgave us all our transgressions, having cancelled out the  
certificate of debt against us with its legal demands, which was  
hostile to us. He set this aside, having nailed it to the cross.**

When He disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

**We hold fast to the Head, Christ Jesus the Lord, from whom the  
entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and  
ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.**



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

*For though the Lord is exalted, yet He regards the lowly, but the proud He knows from afar.*  
— Psalm 138:6

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.  
— Psalm 51:17

[Silence]

Most holy and merciful God: **We confess to You and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved others as You have loved us. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

Have mercy on us, Lord. **Accept our repentance, and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world; through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### *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 eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,  
and His ears are open to their cry.

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

How blessed are those who trust in You. They go from strength to  
strength. Every one of them appears before God in Zion.

— from Psalms 34:15-22, 84:7 12'

**Blessed be the LORD, because He has heard the voice of my  
supplications and my cry for mercy!**

**The LORD is my strength and my shield;**

**My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped.**

**Therefore my heart exults, and with my song I shall thank Him.**

— Psalm 28:6-7

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

##### *Be Thou My Vision*

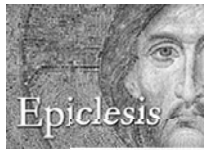
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.  
Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight,  
Thou my whole armor, and Thou my true might.  
Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower.  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance now and always.  
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Ancient Irish Hymn (SLANE); trans. Mary Byrne, 1905; versified by Eleanor Hull, 1912.



## THE WORD

Ephesians 6:10-20

## 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.**

*O Church Arise*

O church arise and put your armour on;

Hear the call of Christ our Captain.

For now the weak can say that they are strong

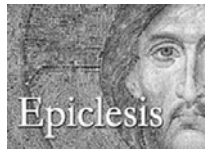
In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth,

We'll stand against the devil's lies;

An army bold whose battle cry is Love,

Reaching out to those in darkness.



Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side,  
We know the outcome is secure;  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:  
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride;  
Give grace for every hurdle.  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.

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## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

#### *Be Thou My Vision (verse 5)*

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun;  
Grant me its joys e'er the victory is won.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.



Benediction:

O God, as You send us forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, remind us continually that Christus Victor reigns! He has triumphed over death, disarmed the powers and principalities, and is seated at the right hand of God, 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.

**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 –***

“Behold a great and noble battle with the glorious reward of a heavenly crown. In so far as God observes us as we struggle and watches over those He has stooped to make His sons, He enjoys the spectacle of our contest. God watches us fight for our faith. His angels watch us, and Christ watches us. How great is the dignity, joy, and glory of competing and being crowned in the presence of God with Christ as the Judge! Beloved, let us be armed with our whole strength and let us be prepared for the struggle with uncorrupted minds, solid faith, and devoted courage. Let the army of God march forward to the appointed battle field. Let the stable ones be armed, lest they be defeated. Let the backsliders also be armed, so that even they might regain what they lost. Let honor motivate all.”  
– Cyprian

***Lectionary for next week:*** -Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9;  
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27;  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

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