

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 15, 2019 (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Bow Down

Bow down before the Lord; worship Him, O worship Him.
Bow down before our God; enter in, O enter in.
Consuming fire and sweet perfume,
His awesome presence fills this room.
This is holy ground, this is holy ground,
This is holy ground, so come and bow down.

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(As sung by Paul Morton)

Give thanks to the LORD with a whole heart;
tell of all His wonderful works.

**We will be glad and exult in Him;
and sing praises to the name of the Most High.**

Bow down toward His holy temple in worship, and give thanks
to His name for His steadfast love and faithfulness.

For He has exalted His name and His word above all things.

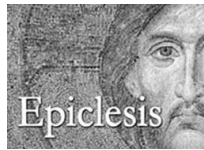
**On the day I called, He answered me;
He increased the strength of my soul.**

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for us;
He will not forsake the work of His hands;
His lovingkindness endures forever.

**O give thanks to the LORD and sing of His ways,
for great is the glory of the LORD!**

— from Psalm 138





Immortal Invisible (Your Great Name We Praise)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light;
Nor wanting, nor wasting, You rule us in might.
Your justice, like mountains, high soaring above;
Your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Chorus

Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true Life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Chorus

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight.
All praise we will render, oh Father of Grace;
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

Chorus

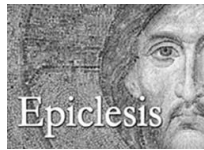
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love.



Hitherto Thy love has blest me, Thou hast brought me to this place.
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger bought me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

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John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813. Setting: Ellen Koehler. ©2003.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

This is the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance
in the saints, and the surpassing greatness of His power toward us
who believe:

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we would be holy and blameless before Him;

*In love, He predestined us to adoption as His children,
in accordance with His pleasure and His will;*

In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our sins, according to His grace;

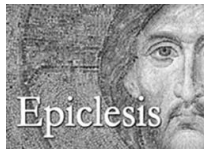
*He has made known to us the mystery of His will,
to bring all things in heaven and on earth into unity in Christ;*

Having believed in Him, we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of
promise, the guarantee of our inheritance in Him, to the praise of
His glory.

*In the exceeding greatness of His power, He raised Christ from the
dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,
far above all principality and power and might and dominion,
and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in
the age to come.*

**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. To Him be glory forever!**

– from Romans 11:33, 36 and Ephesians 1:3-21



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

The Psalmist attests:

Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

*The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of men
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.*

– Psalm 14:1a, 2

Though the LORD is exalted,

Yet He regards the lowly, but the proud He knows from afar.

– Psalm 138:6

[Silence]

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against You, You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil
in Your sight; and so You are justified in Your sentence
and upright in Your judgment.**

[Silent confessions]

Surely, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and a sinner from my mother’s womb.

**Yet behold, You desire truth in my inward being;
therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

**Make me to hear joy and gladness,
that the bones You have broken may rejoice.
Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

– Psalm 51:1-10

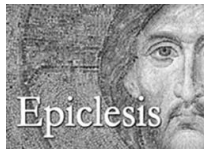
Kyrie Eleison

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. (Repeat)

Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus Christ.

Kyrie eleison, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Have mercy on me, a sinner.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Therefore, beloved, we hold fast to these sure promises of our God:

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

“If you repent,” says the LORD, “I will restore you that you may serve
Me and stand before Me.”

**Thanks be to God, from whom we have received mercy and
overflowing grace, along with the faith and love that are in
Christ Jesus.**

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

– from 1 Timothy 1:12-17, 1 John 1:9, Jeremiah 15:19

TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

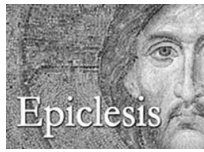
Oh God of Mine

Oh God of mine, I'll have no idols;
Oh God of mine, come lead the way;
Oh God of mine, I'm greatly humbled,
This sinner's heart, You came to save.

Oh God of mine, through storm and trial;
Oh God of mine, through death and grave;
Oh God of mine, in resurrection.
Your scars display my soul's refrain.

Oh God of mine, Who holds all nations;
Oh God of mine, Who saves the day;
Oh God of mine, Your grace sufficient,
Your tender mercies new by morn.

Oh God of mine, forever faithful; oh God of mine, forever stay;
Oh God of mine, forever after,
These eyes upon Your face will gaze. (3x)



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THE WORD

Exodus 32:7-14

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ



Passing of the Peace

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.

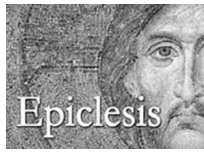
Give us this day our daily bread,

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.



Lord, Have Mercy

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken,
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom;
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

Chorus:

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on me.

Verse 2:

I have built an altar where I've worshipped things of man;
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing;
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.

Verse 3:

I have longed to know You, and all Your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

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I Will Bow to You

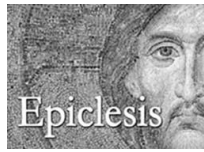
Lord, I will bow to You, to no other God but You alone.
Lord, I will worship You,
Nothing hands have made, but You alone.

I will lay down my idols, thrones I have made,
All that has taken my heart.
Lord, I will bow to You, to no other God but You alone

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



Immortal Invisible (reprise)

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight.
All praise we will render, oh Father of Grace;
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Beloved, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord – walking out our baptisms in faithfulness – may we have such an awareness of His steadfast love and transforming power, that with truly thankful hearts we may faithfully show forth His praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to His service and walking in the Spirit, in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Amen.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Observe whether or not change occurs in those who listen honestly to the principles of our faith, harmonized with our inborn understanding. For much instruction on perverted things has the same effect—it has implanted minds with the belief that images are gods and that things made of gold, silver, ivory, and stone deserve worship. Yet common sense tells us that God is not a piece of corruptible matter. Neither is He honored when people try to form Him from dead matter or make some image or symbol of His appearance. Therefore, we say that images are not gods and such creations are not to be compared with the Creator. They are small in contrast to God. He is over all, and He created, upholds, and governs the universe. When the rational soul recognizes its relationship (to the Divine), it at once rejects what it once considered to be gods and resumes its natural love for its Creator. Because of its affection toward Him, the soul receives Him.” – Origen

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 8:16-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113;
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

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