

An Ancient-Future Faith Community Liturgy June 23, 2019 (Second Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Gloria Patri

Cantor (solo):

Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

All:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Forever. Amen, amen, amen.

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As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for You, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence.

When my soul is cast down within me, then I will remember Him and His awesome works on behalf of His people.

Day by day the LORD commands His steadfast love, and at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause. For You are my refuge and strength.

O send out Your light and Your truth;
They will lead me and bring me to Your dwelling places,
And I will praise You, O God, my God.

- from Psalms 42 and 43



Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown; Your boundless love, unfailing, grace and mercy shown. Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne; They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm. Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms. Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm. Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Chorus

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird, Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth; Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word.

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

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; It fills the soul's deep longings as nothing else can do.



Chorus:

I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems Than all the golden fancies, of all our golden dreams. And when in scenes of glory I sing the new new song, 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

LORD, send out Your light and Your truth. Let them lead us; let them bring us to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle. Then we will go to the altar of God, to God our exceeding joy.

— from Psalm 43:4-5a

God of mercy and steadfast love, You welcome all who come to You with repentant and contrite hearts.

We confess to You, and before one another, that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have offended Your holiness. [Silence]

We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. [Silence]

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. [Silence]

We have followed the devices of our own hearts, and have spurned the promptings of Your Spirit. [Silence]

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.

Send Out Your Light

Send out Your light, Lord, send out Your truth; Send them that they may guide us. Lord, may they bring us into Your courts, To the heart of Your dwelling places.

Send out Your light, Lord, send out Your truth; Send them that they may guide us. Come, and restore us, Lord God of Hosts; Make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord, faithful and true:

Let those who fear the LORD say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

Out of my distress I called upon the LORD;

I sought the LORD and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

The LORD is our strength and our song; He has become our salvation.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and declare the deeds of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

- from Psalms 118:4-5, 14, 17

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Oh God of Mine

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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. (Repeat twice)

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. (Repeat twice)



THE WORD

I Kings 19:1-15a

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.



<u>Prophet Elijah in the Wilderness</u>, Daniele da Volterra, c. 1545

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

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)

Chorus

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SENDING FORTH The Life of the Body

Psalm 62 (Chorus)

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

Benediction:

Now as you go forth into the world, walking out your baptisms, to love and serve the Lord –

May you be made strong

with all the strength that comes from His glorious power,

filled with the knowledge of His will

in all spiritual wisdom and understanding;

that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him,

bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- from Colossians 1:9-11

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers -

"Fear the Lord and keep His commandments. For if you keep the commandments of God, you will be powerful in everything you do. . . . This is the fear that is necessary to be saved. But do not fear the devil. By fearing the Lord, you will have dominion over him, for he has no power. Satan shouldn't be an object of fear for any reason, but He in whom there is glorious power is truly to be feared. . . . As you fear the Lord, you will not do the wicked deeds of the devil, but will refrain from them. Fears are of two kinds. If you do not wish to do that which is evil, fear the Lord, and you will not do it. But if you wish to do that which is good, fear the Lord, and you will do it. Thus, the fear of God is strong, great, and glorious. Fear God and you will live to Him. For as many as fear Him and keep His commandments, they will live to God."

Lectionary for next week: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 7:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

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