

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 3, 2019 (Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost)

All Saints Sunday

GATHERING

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

And His praise in the assembly of saints.

Let Israel be glad in their Maker;

Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise His name with the dance;

Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;

He will beautify the humble with salvation.

Let the saints be joyful in glory;

Let them sing for joy on their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,

And a two-edged sword in their hand.

Praise the LORD!

– from Psalm 149

I looked, and behold, there was a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

They were crying out in a loud voice, saying,

Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

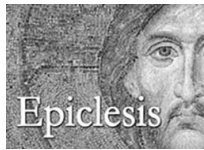
Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Amen.

– Revelation 7:9-12

Today, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole of creation in this ongoing heavenly hymn of praise.

Come, let us worship the Lord, our God!



Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height.
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail.
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, His power proclaim.
Heaven and earth and all creation,
Laud and magnify His Name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee.
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore Thee;
We would bow before Thy throne.
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.

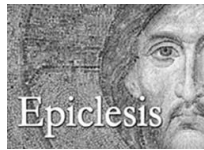
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Hymn tune: HOLY MANNA (William Moore, *The Columbian Harmony*, 1825)

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1864. Hymn tune: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughn Williams

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages
in the words of this hymn of the ancient church:

You are God; we praise You.

You are the Lord; we acclaim You.

You are the Eternal Father; all creation worships You.

To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praises you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praises you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praises you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims You:

Father of majesty unbounded,

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free

You did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

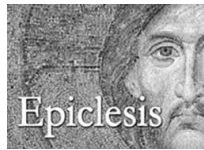
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of
Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

– from *Te Deum laudamus* (“Thee, O God, we praise”), 4th century.

Attributed to church fathers Ambrose and Augustine.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Blessed are those

whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are those

*whose sin the LORD does not count against them,
and in whose spirits is no deceit.*

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;

My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

**Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my
iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
And You forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to You. — from Psalm 32:1-6

**Most 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 against You 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; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves.**

[Silence]

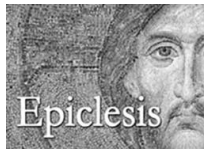
**Have mercy on us. Accept our repentance, and accomplish in us the
work of Your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the
world; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share
in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

**For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and
transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

In Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him
God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on
earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.

Thanks be to God!

— from Colossians 1:12-20

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Glory Be To God

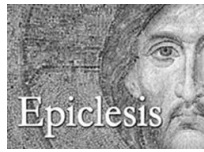
To You we bring our hymn of praise: Glory be to God.
Hearts and hands together raised: Glory be to God.
Who spoke before the dawn of time: Glory be to God.
Veil of darkness torn by light: Glory be to God.

And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: “Glory be to God!”
Th’anthem of the Lord’s redeemed: “Glory be to God!”

You purchased captives for Your saints: Glory be to God.
And opened wide the kingdom gates: Glory be to God.
You overcame the sting of death: Glory be to God.
And clothed us in Christ’s righteousness: Glory be to God.

And all Your children cry with loud acclaim: “Glory be to God!”
Sing, O Church, Your sweet refrain: “Glory be to God!”

Glory, glory, glory, glory forever and ever. (repeat)



Father, Spirit, risen Son: Glory be to God.
Who was, and is, and is to come: Glory be to God.
And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: "Glory be to God!"
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THE WORD

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Ephesians 1:11-23

Psalm 149
Luke 6:20-31

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 (sung)

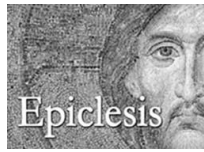
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.

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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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.

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Holy

I will lift my voice, and I will sing; I will sing holy, holy.
To my Lord and Savior, my God and King: I will sing holy, holy

Chorus:

I will praise the Lamb of God who sits upon the throne.
I will worship Him, and give the praise to Him alone.
He who was and is and is to come:
I will sing before His throne forever, forever.

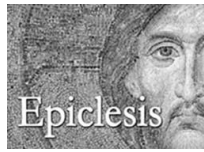
All the angels sing, and they bow down, and they sing holy, holy.
We, Your sons and daughters, we praise You now:
And we cry holy, holy.

Chorus

Holy, holy; holy, holy . . .

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



For All the Saints

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction:

And now, beloved in the Lord, we go forth into the world to love and serve Him. May He continually enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that at all times we may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe – that we may live for the praise of His glory, both now and in the ages to come.

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

– based on Ephesians 1:18-21

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“‘Here is the straight and narrow way which leadeth unto life.’ Here are the teachers and prophets wondering in deserts and in mountains and in ‘dens and caves of the earth.’ Here are apostles, evangelists, and wanderers’ lives remote from cities. I have embraced this with all my heart so that I can win what was promised to Christ’s martyrs and all His saints. Then I can truly say, ‘Because of the words of thy lips I have kept hard ways.’ . . . Our Savior was crucified for our sakes so that by His death He could give us life, train us, and motivate us to endure. I press on towards Him and to the Father and the Holy Spirit. I work hard to be found faithful and consider myself unworthy of worldly goods. . . . Think about all these things in your heart. Follow them with passion. As you have been commanded, fight for truth to the point of death. For Christ was ‘obedient’ even ‘unto death.’ The Apostle Paul says, ‘Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart. . . in departing from the living God. But exhort one another. . . (and edify one another) while it is called to-day.’ Today means our entire lifetime. If you live like this, beloved, you will save yourself. You will make me glad and you will glorify God forever.” – Basil

Lectionary for next week: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Psalm 98;
Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-6, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

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