

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 10, 2019 (Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

We will extol You, our God and King;

Every day we will bless You,

and we will praise Your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

There is no end to His greatness!

One generation shall praise Your works to another,

and shall declare Your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty

and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.

They will speak of the power of Your awesome works,

And I will tell of Your greatness.

All Your works shall praise You, O LORD,

and Your saints shall bless You.

We will speak of Your glory and Your power,

to make known Your acts and the glory of Your kingdom.

The LORD has made known His salvation

and revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

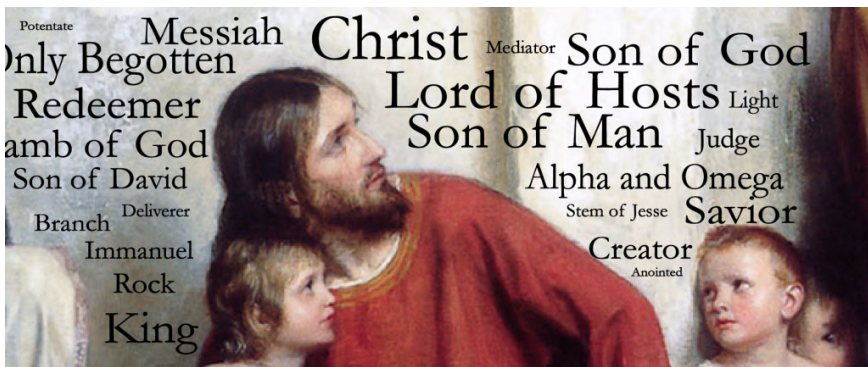
Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth;

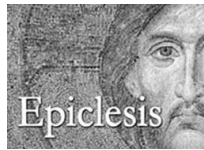
Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

The LORD has done marvelous things!

We will bless His name forever and ever.

— from Psalms 145 and 98





Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, rejoice!
The Lord is King!

Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love.
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, rejoice!
The Lord is King!

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, rejoice!
The Lord is King! The Lord is King!
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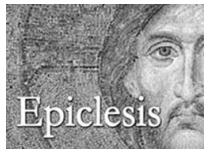
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Christ, to Thee with God the Fa*ther,
And, O Holy Ghost*, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiv*ing,
And unwearied prais*es be:
Honor, glory, and domin*ion
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore*.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore* Him;
Angel hosts, His prais*es sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before* Him
And extol our God* and King;



Let no tongue on earth be si*lent;
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore*. A*men.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

With all God's people throughout time and space,
let us together profess our faith in these words from the epistles:

This is the gospel, which we received,
by which we were saved, and in which we stand:

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

He was buried, and was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and He appeared to many faithful witnesses.

In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness
of our sins in accordance with the riches of His grace.

Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,

**He endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

There He reigns 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 – King of kings, and Lord of lords.

**Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice
will be the scepter of Your kingdom.**

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
let us give thanks by which we offer to God an acceptable worship
with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

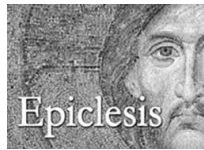
– based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Ephesians 1:7, 20-21, Hebrews 1:9, 12:2, 28-29

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Thus says the LORD God, “In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength.” But you were not willing.
*Yet, the LORD longs to be gracious to you; He waits on high to have
compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice.*

Blessed are all those who long for Him.

– Isaiah 30:15, 18



[Silence]

Merciful God, we confess

that we have done things we regret . . .

that we have failed to do what we ought . . .

that we have acted without love . . .

that we have reacted without thought . . .

that we have failed to forgive . . .

that we have not fully walked in Your ways . . .

Be gracious to us, and hear our prayer.

**Accomplish in us the work of Your salvation,
that we may walk as Your people in holiness
and show forth Your ways, to the glory of Your name.**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
God, the well-spring of life.

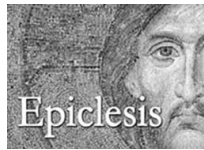
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, this is the reason for our assurance and hope:

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and great in mercy.

He is righteous in all His ways, and faithful in all He does.



The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.

*He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He hears their cry, and
saves them. The LORD preserves all who love Him.*

– Psalm 145:8, 17-20a

The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

**All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your
saints shall bless You!**

– Psalm 145:9-10

TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and testimonies of God's faithfulness

He's Always Been Faithful

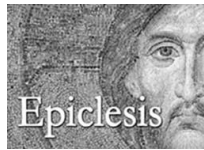
Morning by morning I wake up to find
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine.
Season by season I watch Him amazed,
In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways.
All I have need of His hand will provide;
He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain
He did not recycle to bring me gain.
I can't remember one single regret
In serving God only and trusting His hand.
All I have need of His hand will provide;
He's always been faithful to me.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.



This is my anthem, this is my song,
The theme of the story I've heard for so long:
God has been faithful, He will be again;
His loving compassion, it knows no end.
All I have need of His hand will provide.
He's always been faithful, He's always been faithful,
He's always been faithful to me.

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THE WORD

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Job 19:23-27a

2 Thessalonians 2:1-6, 13-17

Psalms 98, 145:1-5, 17-21

Psalms 17:1-9

Luke 20:27-38

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

Passing of the Peace

The Lord be with you!

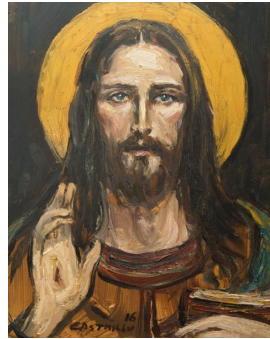
And also with you!

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,

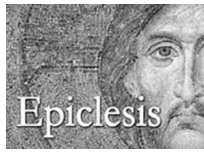
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Christ Pantocrator, Castrillo, Contemp



Take My Life

Holiness, holiness is what I long for; holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Chorus:

So take my heart and form it; take my mind, transform it;
Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

Faithfulness, faithfulness...

Righteousness, righteousness...

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There Is A Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

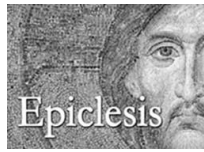
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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Rejoice, the Lord Is King (verse 4)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, rejoice! The Lord is King! . . .



Benediction:

Hear these words of benediction and blessing from the Apostle Paul:

God chose you from the beginning for salvation and that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord is faithful, who will establish and keep you in the safety and security of His kingdom.

Thanks be to God!

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, encourage and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word, as you go forth into the world to walk out your baptisms, loving and serving the Lord.

– from 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Courage and confidence are our weapons to deflect the enemy's surprise attacks. Hope and patience are the staffs to lean on when we are worn out by worldly trials. And we must stock up on sorrow and be ready to apply it, if need be, when we repent of our sins. At the same time, we must believe that it is only useful for serving our repentance. Righteousness will be our straightedge ruler, guarding us from stumbling in word or action, guiding us how to use our spiritual abilities, and teaching us to be considerate towards everyone we meet.... But someone who doesn't properly use the spiritual abilities, but uses them for opposite reasons... is inexpressibly strange and unnatural. Imagine someone putting on his armor the wrong way: reversing the helmet so that it covers his face, putting his feet into the breastplate, fitting the shin guards onto his chest, putting everything on the right side that belongs to the left and vice versa. How would such a soldier be likely to fare in battle? So then, this gives us an idea of the fate awaiting those who use their spiritual abilities contrary to their proper use.’

– Gregory of Nyssa

Lectionary for next week: Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98;
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-9

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