

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 14, 2020 (Second Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us serve the LORD with gladness,

and come into His presence with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God, a great King above all gods!

Know that the LORD is God.

It is He who made us, and not we ourselves.

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, and bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

and His faithfulness to all generations.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

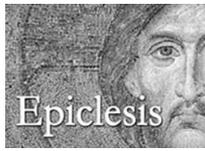
Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome;

He is a great King over all the earth.

— Scripture weaving from Psalms 47, 95 and 100





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!
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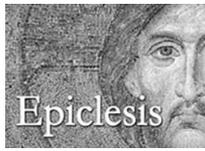
Lord, we are weak and frail,
Helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels,
Hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy,
His pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God.

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

Fourfold Amen (sung)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in these words from the epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Romans:

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Through Him we have obtained access by faith
into this grace in which we stand;
and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

*And not only that, but we also rejoice in our tribulations,
knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;*

*And perseverance brings about proven character;
And proven character brings about hope.*

*And hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

**For while we were still helpless, at the right time
Christ died for the ungodly.**

**God demonstrates His own love for us in that,
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

*Since we have been justified by His blood,
how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!
For if, while we were God's enemies,
we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son,
how much more, having been reconciled,
shall we be saved through His life!*

**Not only that, but we also rejoice in God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

– from Romans 5:1-11

Thanks be to God!



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

If I regard wickedness in my heart, the LORD will not hear.

But certainly God has heard:

He has given heed to the words of my prayer,
and has not turned away His lovingkindness from me.

– from Psalm 66:16-20

[Silence]

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against others, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

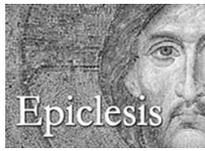
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

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

I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because He inclined His ear unto me,

therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Return to your rest, O my soul,

for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

He has delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling. We will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

– from Psalm 116:1-9

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior;
Precious Redeemer and Friend:
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

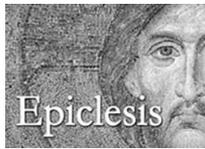
Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost our way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

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THE WORD

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Matthew 9:35 - 10:23

There Is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain;
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Traditional African-American spiritual.

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.



Daniel Bonnell, Eucharist #1, cont.

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

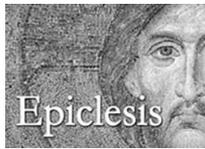
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

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.**

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

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SENDING FORTH

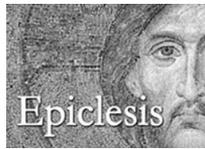
The Life of the Body

Our Great God (reprise)

Chorus:

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Benediction:

Beloved, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, walking out our baptisms in trust and faithfulness, may our ears and hearts be ever attentive, attuned, and responsive to His voice.

Amen!

And now, Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world, grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“It was impossible that our lives, which were alienated from God, could return to the high and heavenly place through our own power. As a result, the Apostle Paul says He who didn't know any sin became sin for us. He freed us from the curse by taking our curse on Himself as His own. Having taken on this curse, He had ‘slain’ in Himself ‘the enmity’ that came between us and God through sin (in fact, sin was ‘the enmity’). Having become what we were, He again united humanity to God through Himself. Through purity He brought our new selves, created after God's image, into a close relationship with the Father of our nature. All of God's fullness physically dwelt in Him. He drew everything that shares in His body and is similar to Him into the same grace. And He proclaims good news. . . to everyone who became a disciple of the Word up until today. The good news is that people are no longer condemned or cast out of the kingdom of God. But they are children again and returned to the position God assigned to them. . . . ‘For behold,’ He says, ‘I and the children whom God hath given Me.’ For our sakes He took part in flesh and blood and saved us. He brought us back to the place from which we strayed, becoming mere flesh and blood by sin. And so He from whom we were formerly alienated through our revolt has become our Father and our God.”

– Gregory of Nyssa

Lectionary for next week: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;
Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18;
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

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