

An Ancient-Future Faith Community Liturgy June 21, 2020 (Third Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Hear O Israel

Hear, O Israel,
The people of the Lord:
Be still and know that He is God.
Love the Lord your God
With the fullness of your heart.
With all your mind, your strength, and soul.

We draw near through Christ, Who saves us; We draw near to the throne of grace.

Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord: Come, lift your voice and praise your King.

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We are gathered to worship the LORD, the God of all creation, maker of heaven and earth;

We are gathered to declare the glory, majesty, and steadfast love of our God.

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

There is none like You, O LORD, nor are there any works like Yours. For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

All the nations You have made shall come and bow down before You, O LORD, and shall glorify Your name.

O LORD, You are my God; I will extol You; I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

We will give thanks to You, O LORD, with our whole heart, and sing of Your ways; for great is the glory of the LORD!

- Scripture weaving from Psalms 86 and 138, Isaiah 25:1

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.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again; He ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen. - the Apostles' Creed



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to You; You are my God; save Your servant, who trusts in You.

[Silence]

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry all the day.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You will answer me.

[Silent confessions]

You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth;
unite my heart to fear Your name.

- Psalm 86:3-7

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have mercy on me, a sinner. Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is good news indeed:

All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death.

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. — from Romans 6:3-4

I will praise You, O LORD my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever. For great is Your steadfast love.

- Psalm 86:12-13a



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Sovereign Lord, in worship, with joy and thanksgiving, we offer to You what You have first given to us — our moments and days, our hands and feet, our voices, our lips, our minds, our silver and gold, our wills, our hearts, our love, our whole selves.

May we be always, only, all for Thee.

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always only for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect and use Ev'ry power as Your choose.

Chorus:

Here am I, all of me; take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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THE WORD

Psalm 69

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.



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



More Like Jesus

You came to the world You created, Trading Your crown for a cross. You willingly died, Your innocent life paid the cost.

Counting Your status as nothing, The King of all kings came to serve; Washing my feet, covering me with Your love.

Chorus:

If more of You means less of me, take everything. Yes, all of You, is all I need; take everything.

You are my life and my treasure, The One that I can't live without. Here at Your feet, my desires and dreams I lay down. Here at Your feet, my desires and dreams I lay down.

Bridge:

O, Lord, change me like only You can. Here with my heart in Your hands, Father, I pray: Make me more like Jesus. This world is dying to know who You are. You've shown us the way to Your heart. So, Father, I pray: Make me more like Jesus.

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SENDING FORTH The Life of the Body

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Benediction:

And now, as we go forth, in faith and hope, to love and serve the Lord, our sovereign and holy King, may He grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. —

To Him be glory and honor, dominion and praise forever and ever! **Amen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

"The fear of the Lord is our cross. Those who are crucified no longer have the power to move or turn their limbs in any direction they please. Similarly, we shouldn't fix our wishes and desires on what pleases and delights us now, but according to how the Law of the Lord constrains us. Those who are fastened to the wood of the cross no longer consider present things or think about their preferences. They aren't distracted by anxiety and care for tomorrow and aren't disturbed by the desire for any possession. They aren't inflamed by pride, strife, or rivalry. They don't grieve during present pain and don't remember past injuries. For while they are still breathing in the body, they consider themselves dead to every earthly thing. Instead, they send the thoughts of their heart ahead to where they know they will shortly follow. So when we are crucified by fear of the Lord, we should definitely be dead to all these things. That is, we shouldn't only die to wickedness, but also to every earthly thing. We should fix the eye of our minds onto the place we constantly hope to reach. For in this way we can destroy all our desires and fleshly affections."

John Cassian

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Lectionary for next week: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

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