

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 28, 2020 (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth:

Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious!

I will sing of Your steadfast love, O LORD, forever!

With my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations!

We declare that Your steadfast love is established forever.

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

All Your works praise you, O LORD,

and Your faithful servants bless you.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

Your dominion endures throughout all ages.

**For the LORD is faithful in all His works and merciful
in all His deeds. His steadfast love endures forever.**

Blessed are those who know the joyful sound!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your presence.

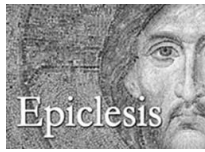
**In Your name we rejoice all day long, and celebrate Your
righteousness, for You are our glory and strength.**

The LORD has shown forth His glory.

Come, let us joyfully lift His praises.

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 66, 89, 145





Sing to the Lord

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

Chorus

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise –
Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

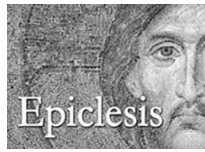
Bridge

God of compassion and
God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies
Are new every morning, and
God of compassion and
God of all gladness and
You dance around me,
You dance around me –

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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 Do Worship

I do worship, I do worship. I do worship You. (Repeat)

For Your goodness and Your glory,
For the joy inside Your story; I do worship You.

O, how excellent is Your presence, we will bless Your name.
(Repeat)

For Your goodness and Your glory; for the joy inside Your story;
For the peace You gave to me,
For the day You set me, set me free:
For Your goodness and Your glory, for the joy inside Your story —

I do worship, I do worship, I do worship You.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

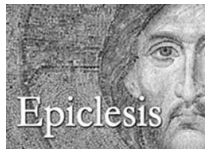
Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in these words from the Heidelberg Catechism:

**I am called Christian
because by faith I am a member of Christ,
and so I share in His anointing.**

**I am anointed
to confess His name,
to present myself to Him as a living sacrifice of thanks,
to strive with a good conscience
against sin and the devil in this life,
and afterward to reign with Christ
over all creation, for all eternity.**

**We call him “our Lord” because —
not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood —
He has set us free
from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,
and has bought us, body and soul,
to be His very own.**

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A’s 32, 34



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

The apostle Paul exhorts us to consider ourselves dead to sin,
but alive to God in Christ Jesus:

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies. ...
but present yourselves to God
as those who have been brought from death to life,
and offer every part of yourselves to Him
as an instrument of righteousness.
For sin will no longer have dominion over you,
for you are not under law but under grace.”

– from Romans 6:11-14

[Silent confessions]

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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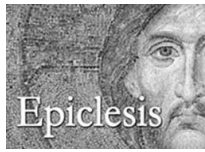
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now that you have been set free from sin
and have become slaves of God,
the benefit you reap leads to holiness,
and the result is eternal life.
For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Romans 6:22-23

**I trust in Your steadfast love, O LORD;
My heart rejoices in Your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD,
for He has dealt bountifully with me!**

– Psalm 13:5-6



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

May the Words of My Mouth

May the words of my mouth
And the thoughts of my heart
Bless Your name, bless Your name, Jesus.
And the deeds of the day,
And the truth in my way,
Speak of You, speak of You, Jesus.

Chorus

For this is what I'm glad to do;
It's time to live a life of love that pleases You.
And I will give my all to You,
Surrender everything I have and follow You,
I'll follow You.

Lord, will You be my vision,
Lord, will You be my Guide?
Be my hope, be my life, and the Way.
And I'll look not for riches,
Nor praises on the earth,
Only You'll be the first of my heart.

Chorus

Bridge

I will follow; I will follow You. (4x)

Chorus

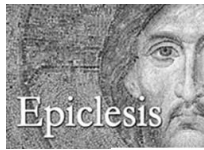


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THE WORD

Genesis 22:1-14
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Romans 6:12-23

Psalms 13
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Matthew 10:40-42



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ



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

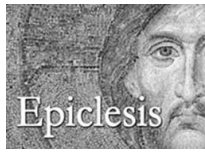
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

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

Forever. Amen



Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:
And we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: Eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,
And to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

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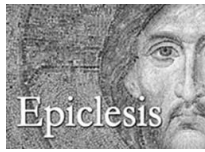
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Doxology

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Hymn tune: OLD 100th (attributed to Louis Bourgeois), 1551. Words: Thomas Ken, 1674.



Benediction:

Now, beloved, we go forth into the world
to love and serve the Lord, Christ our King,
with grateful hearts, continually proclaiming and reflecting
His faithfulness and steadfast love.

Amen.

Now to Him who 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,
be glory and honor, dominion and praise forever and ever.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Why did Christ urge His disciples to take up the cross and follow Him? . . .
With respect to the suffering He would experience and His disciples would
endure, He suggests, ‘For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it; and
whosoever will lose his life, shall find it.’ . . . He knew both those who would
suffer persecution and those who would be whipped and killed because of Him.
He didn’t speak about any other cross but of the suffering He would experience. .
. . . As a result, He gave them this encouragement: ‘Fear not them which kill the
body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to send
both soul and body into hell.’ He urged them to hold tightly to their professions
of faith in Him. For He promised to confess before His Father those who confess
His name before men. But He announced that He would deny those who deny
Him and would be ashamed of those who were ashamed to confess allegiance to
Him.”

– Irenaeus

Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 24:34-67; Psalm 45:10-17;
Song of Solomon 2:8-13;
Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-30

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