

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

July 19, 2020 (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Who is like You, O LORD –

majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

**The LORD is my strength and song; He has become my salvation.**

Who is like You, O LORD –

majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

**Your faithfulness surrounds You, O God;**

**Your steadfast love is established forever!**

**You are our Rock and our salvation.**

There is none like You, O LORD,

nor are there any works like Yours.

**All the nations You have made shall come and bow down**

**before You, O LORD, and shall glorify Your name.**

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

**O LORD, how manifold are Your works!**

**In wisdom You have made them all.**

We will give thanks to You, O LORD, with our whole heart,

and tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

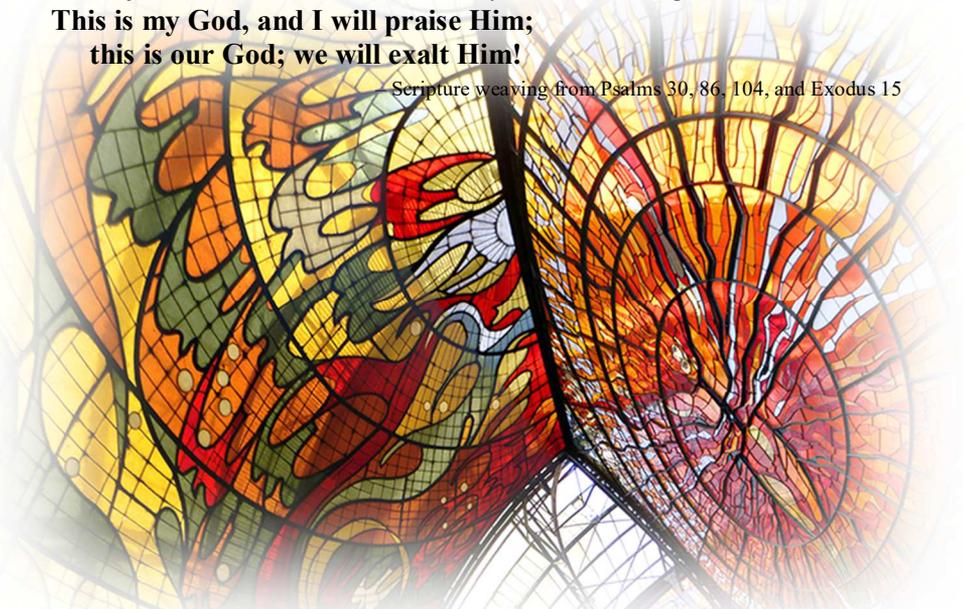
Who is like You, O LORD –

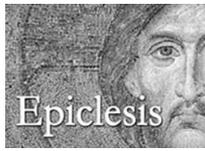
majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

**This is my God, and I will praise Him;**

**this is our God; we will exalt Him!**

Scripture weaving from Psalms 30, 86, 104, and Exodus 15





*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 –

©2005 Julie Meyer/Forerunner Music

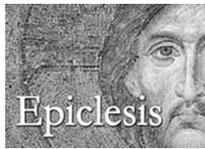
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

*Doxology (Come, Thou Almighty King)*

To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be. Hence evermore:  
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see;  
And to eternity love and adore.

Setting Ellen Koehler ©2013. Text: Author unknown.  
Hymn tune: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1769.



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are His judgments  
and unfathomable His ways!  
For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.**

This is the hope of His calling,  
the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,  
and the surpassing greatness of His power  
toward us who believe:

*He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.*

In love He predestined us to adoption as His children,  
in accordance with His pleasure and His will;

*In Him we have redemption through His blood,  
the forgiveness of our sins,  
according to the riches of His grace  
which He lavished upon us.*

He has made known to us the mystery of His will,  
that in the fullness of the times,  
He might gather together in one all things in Christ,  
things in the heavens and things on the earth.

*In Him also we have obtained an inheritance,  
having been predestined according to His purpose,  
who works all things after the counsel of His will,  
to the end that we should be to the praise of His glory.*

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly places in Christ.  
To Him be glory forever!**

– from Romans 11:33, 36 and Ephesians 1:3-14, 18





PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;**

**You discern my thoughts from afar.**

You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue,**

**O LORD, You know it completely.**

You hem me in – behind and before;

You have laid Your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

– Psalm 139:1-6

[Silence]

We pray together:

**Search me, O God, and know my heart;**

**test me and know my thoughts.**

**See if there is any wicked way in me,**

**and lead me in the way everlasting.**

– Psalm 139:23-24

[Silent confessions]

**Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth.**

**Give me an undivided heart to fear Your name.**

– Psalm 86:11

*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.



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**I give thanks to You, O LORD my God,  
with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify Your name forever.  
For great is Your steadfast love toward me;  
You have delivered my soul from the depths  
of the realm of the dead.**

Truly You are great, O LORD; You alone are God!

– from Psalm 86:5, 10-13

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

*My Lips Will Praise You*

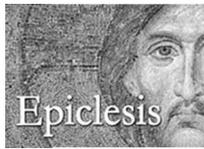
My lips will praise You,  
For You are holy.  
My voice will ever rise before Your throne.  
My heart will love You,  
For You are lovely,  
And You have called me  
To become Your own.

I am Your own, and I will worship You alone.  
I am Your own, I am Your child.  
I am Your own, and I will worship at Your throne.  
I am Your own, and I will love You.

CCLI Song #2552912 ©1998 Ariose Music/Mountain Spring Music. Twila Paris.  
CCLI License #3097801

## THE WORD

Isaiah 44:6-8



### *In Times Like These*

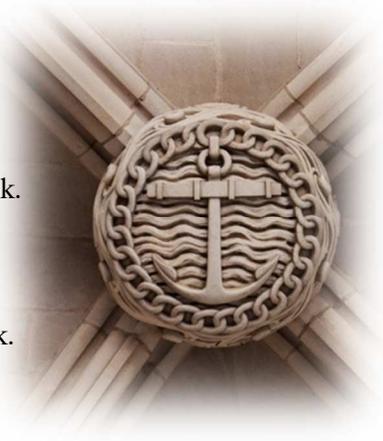
In times like these you need a Savior;  
In times like these you need an anchor.  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds, and grips the solid Rock.

This Rock is Jesus; yes, He's the One.  
This Rock is Jesus, the only One!  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the solid Rock.

In times like these I have a Savior;  
In times like these I have an anchor.  
I'm very sure, I'm very sure  
My anchor holds, and grips the solid Rock.

This Rock is Jesus; yes, He's the One.  
This Rock is Jesus, the only One!  
I'm very sure, I'm very sure  
My anchor holds, and grips the solid Rock.

CCLI Song #11940 ©1944 New Spring. Ruth Caye Jones.



### THE TABLE

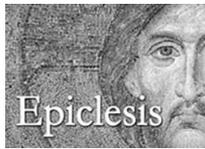
Remembering the Body of Christ

#### *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.**

*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 . . .

Donnie McClurkin. ©2003 Seven Summits Music and Don Mac Music.

SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

*In Times Like These (chorus)*

This Rock is Jesus; yes, He's the One.  
This Rock is Jesus, the only One!  
I'm very sure, I'm very sure  
My anchor holds, and grips the solid Rock.



**Benediction:**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ  
is the light of the world and the Rock of our salvation:  
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 –*

“Fear of and faith in God should prepare you for everything — the loss of your property, the constant pain of agonizing disorders, the deadly pain of separation from wife, children, or dying dear ones. Don't let these things cause you to sin, but battle them. Don't let them weaken or break your faith, but show your strength in the struggle. All the injuries inflicted by present troubles are considered worthless in light of sure future blessings. Unless the battle comes first, there can't be victory. The crown is given to the victor. For the helmsman is recognized in a storm. In warfare, the quality of a soldier is demonstrated without danger; such behavior is merely an extravagant display, for struggle in adversity is the test of the truth. The tree that is deeply rooted isn't moved by gusts of wind. When the ship made of solid timbers is beaten by the waves, it isn't shattered. On the threshing floor, the strong and robust grains disregard the winds, while the empty chaff is carried away by the blasts against it.”

– Cyprian

*Image credits.* p.1: Leopoldo Flores, “Cosmovitrail” (1978-1980). Stained glass, Toluca Mexico. Kimako Studio. Creative Commons; p. 3: Alpha and Omega, Sarcophagus of Drausin, c. 4<sup>th</sup> century. The Louvre, Paris. Wikimedia Commons; p. 6: Anchor and Cross. Washington Cathedral. Creative Commons.

**Lectionary readings for next week:** Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;  
1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136;  
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**Epiclesis: An Ancient-Future Faith Community**

[www.Epiclesis.org](http://www.Epiclesis.org) | Info line: (916)572-9113

Text the word **Epiclesis** to 22828 to sign up for our weekly eNewsletter

Text the word **Connect** to (916)347-5038 to join our text alert list.

Sunday mornings at The Carmichael Chapel, 4600 Winding Way  
(Corner of Winding Way and Pasadena), Sacramento, CA 95841.

Informal gathering: 10:00 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM.

©2020 E.K.