

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 9, 2020 (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Come, let us give thanks to the LORD, and call on His name;
Let us sing praises to Him, and tell of all His wonderful works.

**The LORD is my rock and my salvation,
my shield and fortress, my deliverer.**

I will call upon the LORD, who alone is worthy to be praised.

*Glory in His holy name; remember His wonders,
His miracles, and the judgments He has uttered.*

In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God.

**He heard my voice from His temple,
and my cry to Him reached His ears.**

He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.

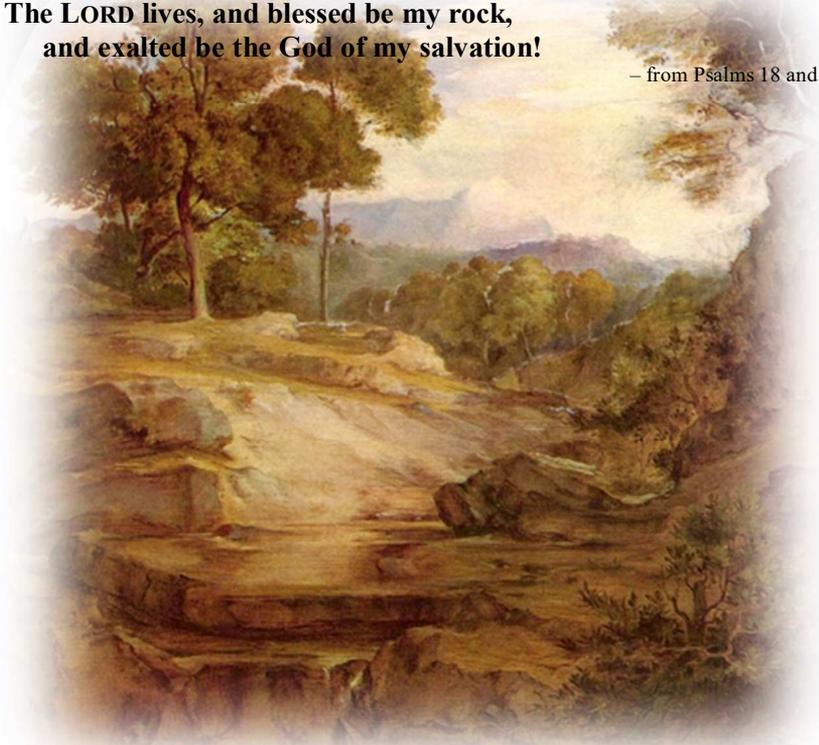
He brought me out into a broad place;

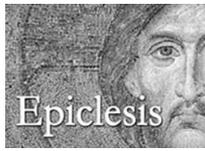
He rescued me, because He delighted in me.

For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

**The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation!**

– from Psalms 18 and 105





Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach,
To gather children in.

Chorus:

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

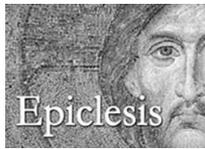
Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age,
“Our God is all in all.”

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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 prai*-ses be:
Honor, glory, and domin*-ion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore*. A*-men.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The word of the Lord,

from the epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Romans:

What does the righteousness that comes from faith say?

**“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” –
that is, the word of faith that we proclaim:**

If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord
and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead,
we will be saved.

*For one believes with the heart and so is justified,
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.*

The scripture says,

“No one who believes in Him will be put to shame.”

*For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
the same Lord is Lord of all
and is generous to all who call on Him.*

**For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”**

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

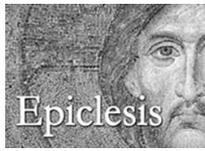
And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim Him?

And how are they to proclaim Him unless they are sent?

As it is written,

“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

– from Romans 10:6-15



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)

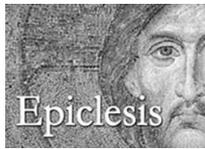
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

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

The word of the LORD, who speaks peace to His faithful people,
to those who turn to Him in their hearts:



*Those who love Me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know My name.
When they call to Me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them My salvation.*

**Surely God's salvation is near to those who fear Him,
that His glory may dwell among us.**

– from Psalm 85:8-9 and 91:14-16

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Jesus, Be Near to Me

Jesus, be near to me;
Let me know You are here.
How I need You, how I need You
To reveal Yourself to me.

Jesus, unveil Your pow'r;
Lord, let me sense Your love.
How I need You, how I need You
To reveal Yourself to me.

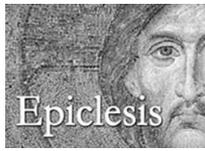
Chorus

Through the thunderous storm,
Or the still of the morning;
Through a wonderous sign,
Or a word in the nighttime;
Through Your unchanging truth,
Through the breath of Your Spirit;
In my questions and pain,
Whisper words of Your love
Always the same.

Bridge

Be near, be near to me;
Reveal, reveal Yourself to me.





THE WORD

1 Kings 19:9-18

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

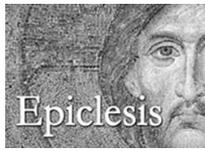
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

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

Forever. Amen



O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure of my longing soul,
My God, like You there is no other.
True delight is found in You alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom,
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach;
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,
My highest good, and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
And my shield against his hateful darts;
My song when enemies surround me,
My hope when tides of sorrow rise,
My joy when trials are abounding,
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Savior of my ruined life,
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders,
In my place, You suffered, bled, and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered.
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Benediction:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ
is the light of the world and our steadfast hope:
Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table,
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.

Amen.

And as we go forth, in faith and joy, to love and serve the Lord,
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, forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“As with the faith of the disciples, we should speak frequently with our Master. For the world is like the sea to us, beloved. We sail on this sea, with our own free will acting like the wind. For we all navigate according to our will. If the Word is our pilot, we enter into rest. But if pleasure takes hold of us, we face the danger of storms and are shipwrecked. For just as the ocean has storms and waves, there are many afflictions and trials in the world. ‘When affliction or persecution ariseth, the unbeliever is offended,’ the Lord said. Because unbelievers aren't strengthened by the faith and because they favor temporal things, they can't stand up against difficulties. Like the foolish man's house built on sand, those without understanding fall under storms of temptation. The saints, however, have exercised their senses to be self-controlled. Because they are strong in faith and understand the Word, they don't faint under trials. From time to time, ever more powerful trials work against them, yet they continue to be faithful. They wake up the Lord who is with them and are delivered. Because they find relief as they pass through water and fire, they celebrate by offering up thankful prayers to God who has rescued them.”

– Athanasius

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Lectionary for next week: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8;
Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

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