

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 23, 2020 (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

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

**We will be glad and exult in Him,
and sing praises to the name of the Most High.**

Bow down toward His holy temple in worship,
and give thanks to His name
for His steadfast love and faithfulness.

For He has exalted His name and His word above all things.

**On the day I called, He answered me;
He increased the strength of my soul.**

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for us;

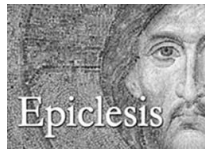
He will not forsake the work of His hands;

His steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the LORD and sing of His ways,
for great is the glory of the LORD!

— from Psalm 138





Oh, the Lord, Our Strength and Song (Song of Moses)

Oh, the Lord, our strength and song;
Highest praise to Him belongs.
Christ, the Lord, our conquering King;
Your name we raise, Your triumphs sing.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, our mighty warrior;
Praise the Lord, the glorious One;
By His hand we stand in victory,
By His name we overcome.

Verse 2:

Though the storms of hell pursue
In darkest night we worship You.
You divide the raging sea;
From death to life You safely lead.

Verse 3:

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven crying out,
“Glory, glory to the King; You reign for all eternity.”

Bridge:

The Lord shall reign forever and ever. (repeat)

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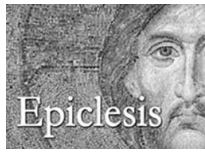
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man:
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine.

Anonymous German hymn *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; Transl. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873. Hymn
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The word of the Lord, from Matthew 16:13-18:

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,

He asked His disciples,

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

And they said,

**“Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah,
and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”**

He said to them,

“But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered,

“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him,

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!

*For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,
but my Father who is in heaven.*

*And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build My church,
and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”*

To whom shall we go?

You, Lord, have the words of eternal life.

**And we have believed, and have come to know,
that You are the Holy One of God.**

— the words of Peter, in John 6:68-69

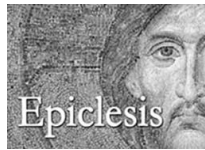
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your true and proper, reasonable and spiritual service of
worship.

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the
renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is,
that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

— Romans 12:1-2



Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to You, and before one another,
 that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed.
We have offended Your holiness.
We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.
We have followed the devices of our own hearts,
 and have spurned the promptings of Your Spirit.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

[Silence]

Have mercy on us, Lord.

Accept our repentance, and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world; through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
(Repeat)

Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus Christ.

Kyrie eleison, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

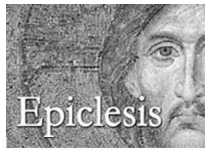
This is God's assurance of His love and forgiveness:

Though the LORD is high and exalted, yet He regards the lowly;
 but the proud and haughty He sees only from afar. – Psalm 138:6

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous,
 and His ears are open to their cry. He is near to the brokenhearted,
 and saves those who have a contrite spirit. – Psalm 34:15, 18

For thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place, and with the contrite and lowly of spirit, in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite." – Isaiah 57:15

Thanks be to God for His salvation!



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Jesus. Only Jesus

Who has the pow'r to raise the dead?
Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness:
Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see?
Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace:
Jesus, only Jesus.

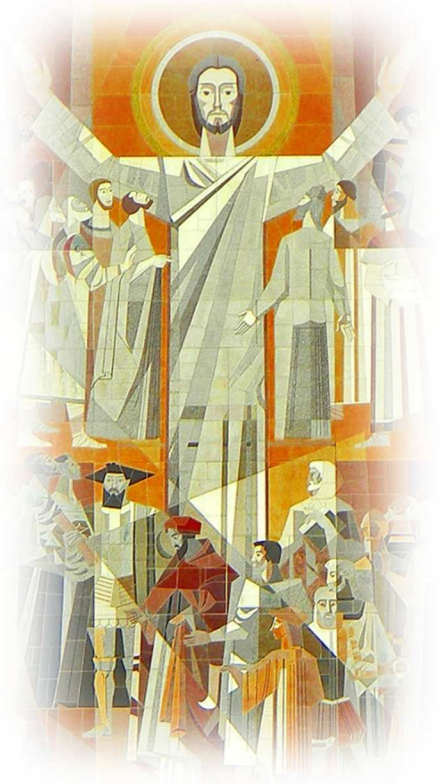
Chorus

Holy King, Almighty Lord;
Saints and angels all adore.
I join with them and bow before
Jesus, only Jesus.

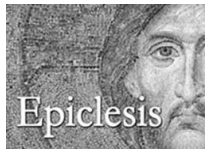
Who can command the highest praise?
Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone; I stand amazed,
Jesus, only Jesus.

Chorus

You will command the highest praise,
Yours is the name above all names.
You stand alone; I stand amazed,
Jesus, only Jesus.



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THE WORD

Matthew 16:13-20

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!

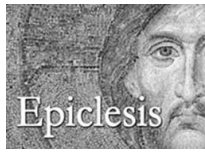
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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.**

There Is A Redeemer

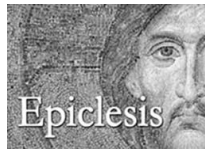
There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

Chorus

Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till
The work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory
I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.



SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Benediction

Beloved, Jesus Christ is Messiah, the Son of the living God. Our all-powerful Father in heaven has, in His unlimited grace, revealed Him to us and sealed us through His Spirit. As He reigns as King and Messiah in our hearts, may we rejoice in His peace and justice, and live in His love, as we go forth into the world to love and serve Him.

Glory to God in the church!

Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!

Glory to God throughout all generations!

Glory to God forever and ever! Amen!

(Eph. 3:21)

Thanks be to God! **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Confess Christ, we will become like Peter. We are considered blessed as he was. Flesh and blood haven't revealed to us that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of the living God, but the Father in heaven has, so that we can be citizens of heaven. This revelation carries to heaven those who unveil their hearts and receive ‘the spirit of the wisdom and revelation’ of God. And if we say like Peter, ‘Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God,’ not because flesh and blood revealed it to us, but because our heavenly Father's light has shone in our hearts, we become a rock, or a Peter... Christ is the spiritual Rock from whom His people drank and every disciple of Christ is a rock. Every word of the church and its government is built upon every such rock. For the church is built by God through each of the perfect ones who provide blessing through their words, deeds, and thoughts.”

– Origen

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Lectionary for next week: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8;

Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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