

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 30, 2020 (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Hear O Israel

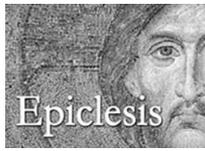
Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord:
Be still and know that He is God.
Love the Lord your God
With the fullness of your heart.
With all your mind, your strength and soul.

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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GATHERING

**We are gathered to worship the Lord, to exalt His name,
and to proclaim His story!**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

Enter His gates with thanksgiving,

and into His courts with praise!

Be thankful to Him, and bless His name!

O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples.

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

tell of all His wondrous works.

Glory in His holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and His strength;

seek His presence continually.

Remember the marvelous works He has done,

His wonders, and the judgments He has uttered.

For He remembers His covenant forever,

the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You;

I will praise Your name,

for You have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

In the presence of the faithful we proclaim His name,

for it is good.

His faithfulness continues through all generations!

— Scripture weaving from Psalms 100, 105, and Isaiah 25:1

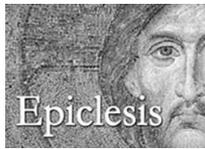
Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.

May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.

We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.

The cross has saved us, so we pray, “Your kingdom come.”



Chorus

Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done,
So that everyone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done.

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak;
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord, use us as You want whatever the test;
By grace we'll preach Your gospel till our dying breath.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

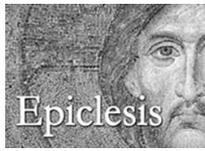
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

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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

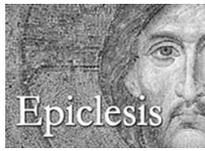
Hear the words of Jesus to His disciples:

“If any want to be My disciples, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for My sake will find it.

“For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their soul? Or what can they give in exchange for their soul?”

– Matthew 16:24-26

[Silence]



Most merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Yet too often we have strayed from your way. **We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

[Silence]

**We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

[Silent confessions]

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

[Silent confessions]

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's covenant promise to His people:

If they repent, I will restore them that they may serve Me
and stand before Me.

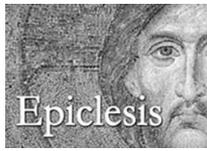
I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.

I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

And they shall all know Me, for I will forgive their iniquity,
and remember their sins no more.

– from Jeremiah 15:19 and 31:33-34

Thanks be to God!



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise of God's faithfulness

Take My Life

Holiness, holiness is what I long for;
Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Faithfulness, faithfulness...

Chorus:

So take my heart and form it;
Take my mind, transform it;
Take my will, conform it
To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

Righteousness, righteousness...

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THE WORD

Romans 12

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

Passing of the Peace

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

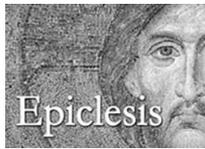
Lift up your hearts.

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.**

My Life Is An Offering

This life is an altar where I want to offer
My soul, and my mind and strength.
Cleansed by Your mercy to live a life worthy
Of the One who called my name.

Chorus

Jesus, be glorified; Jesus, be magnified.
Let me be a pleasing sacrifice.
Jesus, be glorified; Jesus, be magnified.
Here at the altar, my life is an offering.

How could I not love You? You authored my rescue,
Raised me up from death to life.
Your Spirit is in me, revealing Your glory;
Oh, what joy as I give my life!

Bridge

I choose to lose my life, Lord, and find it in You.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Benediction

Beloved, we go forth into the world in joy to love and serve the Lord, as living sacrifices that overcome in His way and in His strength, ever mindful that we are Christ's Body here on earth.

Amen.

And now, Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: 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 –

“This is true sacrifice: every work that unites us in holy fellowship to God performed for His supreme good. For He alone can bless us in the end. Therefore, even our merciful acts aren't sacrifices if they aren't done for God's sake. For sacrifice is a Divine thing even though we make or offer it. Those who have vowed themselves to God and are consecrated in His name are sacrifices in that they die to the world in order to live for God. . . . Encouraging us to make this sacrifice, the apostle says, ‘I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.’ When the soul uses the body as a servant or instrument, it is a sacrifice if used rightly for God. But the soul itself becomes much more of a sacrifice when it offers itself to God. It is inflamed by the fire of His love in order that it can receive His beauty, become pleasing to Him, lose the shape of earthly desires, and be remolded into permanent love.” – Augustine

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Lectionary for next week: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Ezekiel 33:7-11;
Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

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