

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 27, 2020 (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name!

Make His praise glorious! Say to God:

**How awesome are Your works! All the earth will worship You,
and sing praises to Your name.**

Come and see what God has done: For He is awesome in His deeds
toward the children of men. He rules forever by His power.

We extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted us up.

You have restored us, and You have given us life.

O LORD, by Your favor You have given us strength,

You are our Rock and our Salvation.

You have turned our mourning into dancing.

**You have removed our sackcloth and clothed us with joy,
so that our souls may praise You and not be silent.**

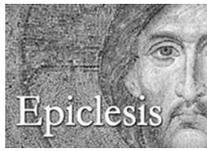
We will be glad and exult in you, O Most High.

and sing praises to Your name.

Blessed be Your glorious name forever!

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 30, 66, 9





Garments of Praise

Put on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
Let the oil of gladness flow down from Your throne.
Put on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
Your joy is my strength alone, my strength alone.

Make these broken, weary bones rise to dance again;
Wet this dry and thirsty land with a river.
Lord, our eyes are fixed on You, and we are waiting
For Your garland of grace, as we praise Your name.

Bridge:

Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;
We give all honor and praise to Your name.
Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;
We trade our sorrows for garments of praise.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

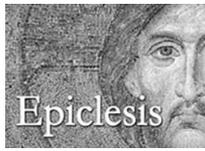
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy,
We cry holy, holy, holy,
We cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages
in these words based on the epistles of the Apostle Paul:

Christ Jesus existed in the form of God –
for in Him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell.

*Although He existed in the form of God,
He did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped.*

But He emptied Himself,
taking the form of a bond-servant,
being born in human likeness.

*And being found in human form,
He humbled Himself,
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.*

**For this reason God also highly exalted Him,
and bestowed on Him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee will bow,
in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue will confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

– from Colossians 1:19, 2:9; Philippians 2:5-11





PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral Call to Confession:

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;
teach me Your paths.

*Lead me in Your truth, and teach me,
for You are the God of my salvation;
for You I wait all day long.*

Be mindful of Your mercy, O LORD,
and of Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to Your steadfast love remember me,
for Your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

*For Your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.*

Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

– Psalm 25:4-7, 11, 18

[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

Brothers and sisters, hear God's steadfast and faithful promises:



Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
*He leads the humble in what is right,
And teaches the humble His way.*
Who are those who fear the LORD?
He will instruct them in the way they should choose.
*Their souls shall abide in prosperity,
and their children shall inherit the land.*
The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him,
and He makes His covenant known to them.
**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep His covenant and His decrees.**

– Psalm 25: 8-10, 12-14

TIME OF OFFERING

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

Breathing the Breath

We have nothing to give that didn't first come from Your hands.
We have nothing to offer You which You did not provide.
Every good perfect gift comes from Your kind and gracious heart;
And all we do is give back to You what always has been Yours.

Chorus

Lord, we're breathing the breath that You gave us to breathe
To worship You, to worship You.
And we're singing these songs with the very same breath
To worship You, to worship You.

Who has given to You that it should be paid back to him?
Who has given to You as if You needed anything?
From You and to You and through You come all things, O Lord;
And all we do is give back to You what always has been Yours.

Bridge:

We are breathing the breath
That You gave us to breathe (repeat)

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THE WORD

Matthew 21:23-32

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

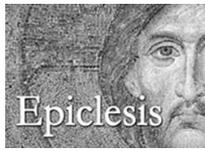
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

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

Forever. Amen



Jesus, All for Jesus

Jesus, all for Jesus;
All I am and have and ever hope to be.

All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans;
I surrender these into Your hands.

For it's only in Your will that I am free.
For it's only in Your will that I am free.

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Have Thine Own Way

Have Thine own way, Lord; have Thine own way.
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

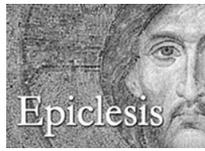
Have Thine own way, Lord; have Thine own way.
Search me and try me, Master today.
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now;
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord; have Thine own way.
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.
Power, all power, surely is Thine.
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have Thine own way, Lord; have Thine own way.
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Benediction

Almighty God, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, walking out our baptisms in joy and faithfulness, grant that we – Your people – may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth. **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.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“The Word was with God in the beginning, and the Man was subject to the pain of death. The human nature wasn't eternal, and the divine nature wasn't mortal. All His other attributes are considered in the same way. For it wasn't the human nature that raised up Lazarus, nor was it the power that can't suffer who wept for him while he lay in the grave. The tears came from the Man, but the life came from the true Life. It wasn't the human nature that fed the thousands, nor was it all powerful strength that hurried to the fig tree. Who was weary from the journey, and who made the world exist by His word? What is the brightness of the glory, and what was pierced with the nails? What body was beaten during Passion Week, and what body is externally glorified? This much is clear: that the blows belong to the servant who was the Lord, and honor belongs to the Lord who was a servant. As a result, Christ's natures are unified and their respective attributes belong to both natures. Just as the Lord received the scars of the servant, the servant is glorified with the honor of the Lord. For this is why the cross is called the cross of the Lord of glory, and why every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

– Gregory of Nyssa

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Lectionary for next week: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

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