

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 18, 2020 (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever.

We give You thanks, O LORD God, with our whole hearts.

We bow down toward Your holy temple

And give thanks to Your name

for Your lovingkindness and Your truth.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

those He has redeemed from trouble and gathered to Himself.

Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

Let them remember His covenant forever,

the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

We will remember the wonderful deeds which He has done;

His marvels and His judgments are in all the earth,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

The LORD will fulfill His plans and purpose for His people;

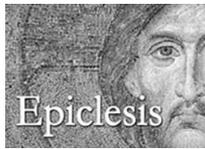
His steadfast love endures forever.

Come, let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!

For the LORD is good and His mercy endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations!

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 105, 107, 138, and Isaiah 25:2



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!

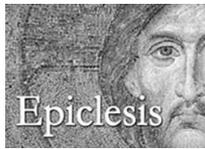
Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace.

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



O For A Thousand Tongues

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim;
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

We give thanks with joy to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. For He has rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. *In Him all things in the heavens and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him.*

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

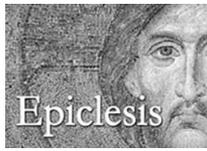
He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything.

God put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.

**God has made known to us the riches of the glory of this mystery:
Christ in us, the hope of glory.
Thanks be to God!**

– from Colossians 1:12-27. Ephesians 1:22-23



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession:

Reading: Colossians 3:12-15

*“ . . . as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. . . .
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed
you were called in one body. And be thankful.”*

[Silence]

Lord, You have called us to be Your own – fellow citizens with the saints, members of Your household, and together Your dwelling place in the Spirit. We were bought with a price, the price of Your life and blood. We love You, and we want to live for You.

[Silence]

Almighty and eternal God,

So draw our hearts to You, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly Yours, utterly dedicated unto You. And then use us, we pray, as You will, and always to Your glory and the blessing and welfare of Your people; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is the head of the church, His body. Amen.

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

Hear what God the Lord speaks, for He speaks peace to His people,
to His faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts:

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

The LORD will indeed give what is good; righteousness will go before
Him and prepare the way for His steps.

— from Psalm 85:8-13

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

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

Sharing with one another and encouraging the Body of Christ

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:

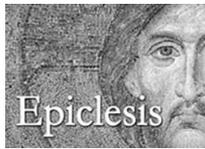
I will praise the Lamb of God
Who sits upon the throne.
I will worship Him,
And give the praise to Him alone.
He who was and is and is to come:
I will sing before His throne forever, forever.

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 . . .

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THE WORD

The Body of Christ

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

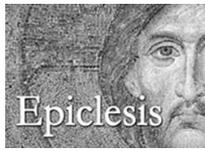
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

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

Forever. Amen.



Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:
And we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you:
Eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,
And to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Come, People of the Risen King (chorus)

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

Benediction

Now, beloved, you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it: Go forth in joy, to be the Body of Christ in a broken world. And as you depart, to love and serve the Lord, may you lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called – with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“What is the ‘unity of Spirit’? In the human body there is a spirit that holds all the different parts together. It is the same here. The Spirit was given to unite those separated by race and manners. For young and old, rich and poor, children and youth, women and men, and every soul becomes more completely one than in the human body. This spiritual relationship is far greater than the other natural one and the perfection of the union is even more complete in its simplicity. How is this unity maintained? ‘In the bond of peace.’ . . . This is a glorious bond. Let us bind ourselves to one another and to God with it. For this bond won’t bruise us or cramp the hands it binds. It leaves them free and gives them more room to play and greater courage than those who aren’t restrained have. The strong will support the weak if they are bound to them. They won’t allow the weak to perish. Also, if they are tied to the lazy, the strong will arouse and animate them. For it is said, ‘Brother helped by brother is as a strong city.’”
– Chrysostom

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Lectionary for next week: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:15-22

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