

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

June 20, 2021 (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

We are gathered to praise and give thanks to the LORD with a whole heart, and to tell of all His wonders! So let us be glad and exult in Him, and sing praises to the name of the Most High!

**The name of the LORD is a strong tower;  
the righteous run into it and are saved!**

Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war,  
and my fingers for battle.

*He is my steadfast love and my fortress,  
my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield in whom I take refuge.*

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me. But You have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us.

*Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear;  
though war arise against me, even then I will be confident.*

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned as king forever;  
Declare His deeds among the peoples!

I will sing of Your strength;

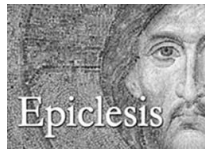
I will sing aloud of Your steadfast love in the morning.

*For You have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of distress.*

**O my Strength, I will sing praises to You, for You, O God, are my  
fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.**

— Scripture weaving from Psalms 9, 44, 59, 144; Prov. 18:10





### *Behold the Lord*

Great and marvelous are Your works,  
Oh Lord Almighty.  
True and righteous are all Your ways,  
King of the ages.  
Who will not fear You, oh Lord,  
And glorify Your Name?

#### *Chorus*

Behold the Lord; God is my salvation;  
In Him I trust, and will not be afraid.  
And I will give thanks,  
And sing among the nations forever:  
Behold the Lord, behold the Lord,  
Behold the Lord.

So rejoice and be glad in this: our God is with us:  
Messiah, Emmanuel, Lion of Judah!  
Lift up your voice and declare the glory of our King.

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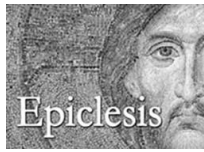
### PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord,  
so walk in Him, firmly rooted and built up in Him  
and established in your faith, just as you were instructed,  
and overflowing with gratitude.

**In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,  
and He has made us complete in Him,  
who is the head of all rule and authority,  
principality and power.**

*In Him we also were circumcised  
with a circumcision made without hands,  
in the removal of the body of the flesh  
by the circumcision of Christ.*

**We were buried with Him in baptism,  
in which we were also raised up with Him  
through faith in the working of God,  
who raised Him from the dead.**

When we were dead in our sins  
and in the uncircumcision of our flesh,  
God made us alive together with Christ.

*And He forgave us all our transgressions,  
having cancelled out the certificate of debt against us  
with its legal demands, which was hostile to us.*

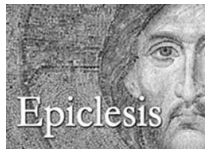
He set this aside,  
having nailed it to the cross.

*When He disarmed the rulers and authorities,  
He made a public display of them,  
having triumphed over them through Him.*

**We hold fast to the Head, Christ Jesus the Lord,  
from whom the entire body,  
being supplied and held together  
by the joints and ligaments,  
grows with a growth which is from God.**

– from Colossians 2:6-19





## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

In You, LORD, we have taken refuge;  
let us never be put to shame; deliver us in Your righteousness.

**Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;  
be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.  
Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,  
for You are my refuge.**

You are indeed our rock and fortress;  
for Your name's sake, lead us and guide us.

– from Psalm 31:1-5

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. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

[Silent confessions]

**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.**

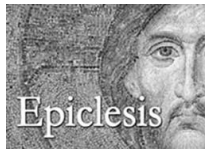
## *The Lord Is My Light*

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;  
In God I trust, in God I trust.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the word of the Lord from Psalm 118.  
God's promise of pardon and love:



Let those who fear the LORD say:

His steadfast love endures forever.

*Out of my distress I called upon the LORD;  
I sought the LORD and He answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.*

**The LORD is my strength and my song;**

**He has become my salvation.**

**I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and declare the deeds of the LORD.**

– from Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17

**Thanks be to God!**

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

#### *Who You Say I Am*

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost, but He brought me in; Oh, His love for me.  
Oh, His love for me.

#### *Chorus*

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed;  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.  
In my Father's house there's a place for me;  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

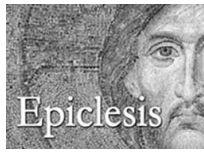
Free at last, He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.  
Yes, He died for me.

#### *Chorus*

#### *Bridge:*

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am.

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## THE WORD

### 2 Corinthians 6

## THE TABLE

### Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

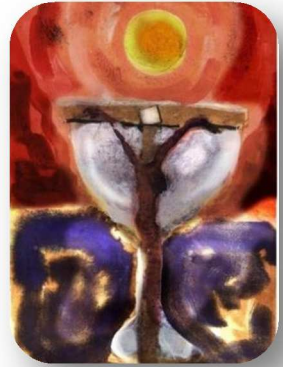
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**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.**

### *Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)*

My soul finds rest in God alone,

My rock and my salvation;

A fortress strong against my foes,

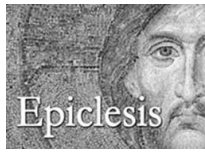
And I will not be shaken.

Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse,

And lies, like arrows, pierce me,

I'll fix my heart on righteousness;

I'll look to Him who hears me.



*Chorus*

O praise Him, hallelujah,  
My Delight and my Reward.  
Everlasting, never failing;  
My Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone  
Amid the world's temptations.  
When evil seeks to take a hold,  
I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come, and riches go,  
Don't set your heart upon them.  
The fields of hope in which I sow  
Are harvested in heaven.

*Chorus*

I'll set my gaze on God alone,  
And trust in Him completely;  
With ev'ry day pour out my soul,  
And He will prove His mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath,  
A sigh too brief to measure,  
My King has crushed the curse of death,  
And I am His forever.

*Chorus*

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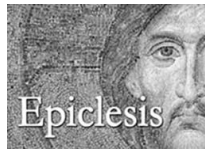
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

*Psalms 62 (Chorus)*

*Chorus*

O praise Him, hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward.  
Everlasting, never failing: my Redeemer, my God.



**Benediction:**

Now as you go forth into the world, walking out your baptisms,  
to love and serve the Lord –

May you be made strong

with all the strength that comes from His glorious power,  
filled with the knowledge of His will  
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding;  
that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord,  
fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work  
and growing in the knowledge of God.

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

– from Colossians 1:9-11

***A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –***

“Let us dwell on the fact that while the Lord is with us, our enemies can't hurt us. When they approach us, they conform to the state they find us in. They adapt their delusions to the condition of our minds. Therefore, if they find us timid and confused, they will attack us like robbers, finding our minds unguarded. . . . But if they see us rejoicing in the Lord, contemplating future bliss, mindful of the Lord, regarding all things to be in His hand, and knowing that no evil spirit has any strength against Christians, . . . our enemies are defeated and turned backwards by the strength of these thoughts. Seeing Job fortified in this way, the enemy withdrew from him. But finding Judas unguarded, the enemy took him captive. Therefore, if we want to look down on the enemy, we must always think about the things of the Lord. Our souls must always rejoice in hope. Then we will see that the devil's snares are like smoke and the evil ones will flee rather than pursue us.”

– Athanasius

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***Lectionary for next week:*** 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130;  
Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30;  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

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