

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

August 8, 2021 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Lord, open our lips;

And our mouths shall proclaim Your praise:

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be ages unto ages.**

**Amen.**

Bless the LORD at all times!

Let His praise continually be in our mouths!

**My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;**

**let the humble hear and be glad!**

O taste and see that the LORD is good:

**How blessed are those who trust in Him!**

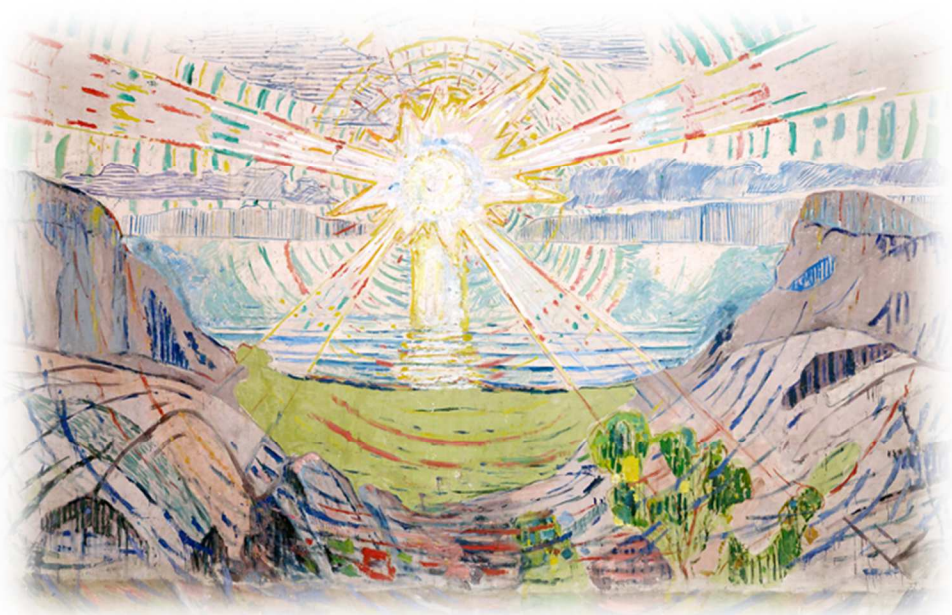
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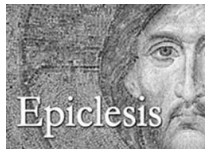
and let us exalt His name together!

**Blessed be the LORD from everlasting to everlasting.**

**Amen. Praise the LORD!**

— from Psalm 34, 106:48





*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord,  
The Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,  
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
How all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly, for aye we adore Him.



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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

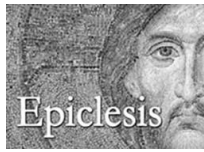
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

*Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty. (repeat)  
Who was and is, and is to come. (repeat)

Lift up His name with the sound of singing,  
Lift up His name in all the earth.  
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,  
For He is worthy to be praised.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.**

**He was in the beginning with God.**

All things came into being through Him,  
and apart from Him nothing came into being  
that has come into being.

*In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.  
The Light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

He was in the world,  
and the world was made through Him,  
and yet the world did not know Him.

*He came to His own,  
and those who were His own did not receive Him.*

But as many as received Him,  
to them He gave the right to become children of God,  
even to those who believe in His name,  
who were born, not of blood.  
nor of the will of the flesh.  
nor of the will of man, but of God.

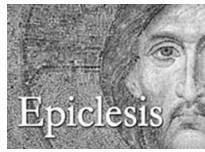
**And the Word became flesh,  
and dwelt among us,  
and we beheld His glory,  
glory as of the only begotten from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

*From His fullness we have all received,  
grace upon grace.  
For the law was given through Moses,  
but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

**No one has seen God at any time;  
the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father,  
He has made Him known.**

– from John 1:1-18





## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Be imitators of God, as beloved children,  
and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us,  
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Put away falsehood, and let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors,  
for we are members one of another.*

Be angry, but do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger,  
and do not make room for the devil.

*Thieves must give up stealing. Rather, they must labor and work  
honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share  
with the needy.*

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for  
building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to  
those who hear.

*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were marked  
with a seal for the day of redemption.*

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and  
slander, together with all malice.

*And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ has forgiven you.*

— Ephesians 4:25-5:2

[Silence]

### *We Confess*

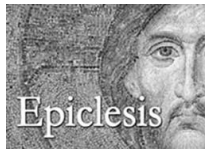
Almighty God, we confess our sin;  
What we have done, what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with a whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Have mercy, have mercy on us. Have mercy, have mercy.

Most gracious God, we have lost our way.  
Like wand'ring sheep, we have gone astray.  
We're truly sorry, and we turn back  
Now, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Have mercy, have mercy on us. Have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Have mercy, have mercy.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

*The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.*

The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

— from Psalm 34:15, 17-18, 22

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

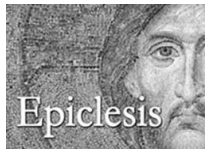
### *Open My Eyes That I May See*

Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.

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## THE WORD

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

## 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.**

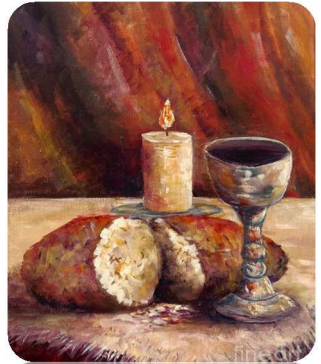
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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,**

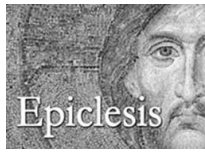
**But deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,**

**And the power, and the glory,**

**Forever. Amen**





### *May the Words of My Mouth*

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart  
Bless Your name, bless Your name, Jesus.  
And the deeds of the day, and the truth in my way,  
Speak of You, speak of You, Jesus.

#### *Chorus*

For this is what I'm glad to do;  
It's time to live a life of love that pleases You.  
And I will give my all to You,  
Surrender everything I have and follow You,  
I'll follow You.

Lord, will You be my vision, Lord, will You be my Guide?  
Be my hope, be my life, and the Way.  
And I'll look not for riches, nor praises on the earth,  
Only You'll be the first of my heart.

#### *Chorus*

#### *Bridge*

I will follow; I will follow You. (4x)

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### SENDING FORTH

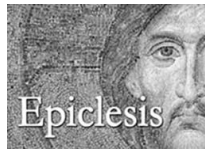
#### The Life of the Body

#### *Christ, Be our Light*

Longing for light, we were in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turned to You.  
Make us your own, Your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church sent forth today.

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### Benediction:

Beloved, we go forth in joy and with thankful hearts to love and serve the Lord. And as we daily walk out our baptisms, as God's beloved children may we always be imitators of Him, living in love just as Christ loved us – that we may be the image of His truth and holiness in the world.

### Amen.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

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

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

“Having the truth as our guide and the evidence of God set clearly before us, we should not throw away the firm and true knowledge of God by running after numerous and diverse answers to questions. It is much better for us to investigate the mystery and authority of the living God and increase in the love of Him who has done, and still does, great things for us. We never should fall from the belief that this Being alone is truly God and Father who formed this world, fashioned humans, and gave His own creation the power to increase. He called man upwards from lesser things to those greater ones which are in His own presence just as He brings an infant which has been conceived in the womb into the light of the sun and puts wheat in the barn after He has given it full strength on the stalk. It is one Creator who fashioned the womb and created the sun and one Lord who raised the stalk of corn, increased and multiplied the wheat, and prepared the barn.”

– Irenaeus

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**Lectionary for next week:** 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111;

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14;

Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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