

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 29, 2021 (Fourteenth 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.

Our hearts are overflowing with a good theme;

we address our verses to the King;

our tongues are the pens of ready writers!

O Mighty One, You are clothed in splendor and majesty!

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

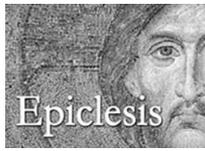
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

We will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations;

therefore the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever.

– from Psalm 45





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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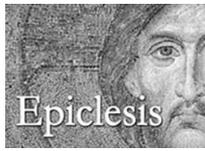
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Oh, Draw Me Lord

Oh, draw me, Lord;
Oh, draw me, Lord.
Oh, draw me, Lord,
And I'll run after You.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty –
say to the LORD:

**My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust!**

For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper,
and from the deadly pestilence.

*He will cover you with His pinions,
and under His wings you will find refuge.*

His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
*Nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the destruction that lays waste at noon.*

For He will give His angels charge concerning you,
to guard you in all your ways.

*They will bear you up in their hands,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.*

When you call on Him, He will answer.

*He will be with you in trouble;
He will rescue you and honor you
and you will see His salvation.*

“Because you have loved Me,”
declares the LORD,
“I will deliver you.
I will set you securely on high,
because you have known My name.”



– from Psalm 91:1-6, 11-16



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

The words of the psalmist:

Come, children, and listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Who among you desires life and loves many days,
that you may see good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit;
Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

[Silence]

*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.*

– from Psalm 34:11-18

[Silent confessions]

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin: We confess before You our own sinfulness.

We have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will, 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

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. He is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves those who 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, 18, 22



There is now no condemnation for those
who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life
in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death.

– Romans 8:1-2

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Dwell

Though a thousand may fall at my side,
Though the enemy war against me;
I will not fear the terror by night,
I will hide in the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus

I will dwell in the shelter of the Most High God,
I will rest in the beauty of Your presence;
Your faithfulness is a shield and my great reward.
I will not be afraid; I will trust in the Lord.

You have set me securely on high; You deliver me out of darkness;
And when evil surrounds my life,
You commanded Your angels to guard me.

Chorus 2

I will dwell in the shelter of the Most High God,
I will rest in the beauty of Your presence;
Your faithfulness is a shield and my great reward.
I will not be afraid; I will trust in the Lord.
Oh, I will trust in the Lord. Whom shall I fear?

Bridge

“No weapon formed against me will prosper;
No weapon formed against me will prosper;
No weapon formed against me will prosper;”
Says the Lord.



THE WORD

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

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.

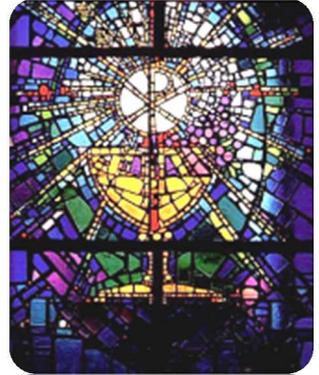
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!



The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

On earth as in heav'n.

Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours.

Now and forever, Amen.

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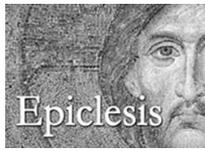
Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,

What a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.



Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, for the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Behold the Lord (reprise)

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.

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!



Benediction:

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. **Amen.**

And as we go forth, in faith and joy, to love and serve the Lord, may He grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“We must not pursue foolish and vain things or yield to fear in the midst of trouble. We are, no doubt, flattered by deception and weighed down by troubles, but because ‘the earth is full of the mercy of the Lord,’ Christ's victory is ours. He fulfills what He said: ‘Fear not, for I have overcome the world.’ So then, whether we fight against the world's ambition, the lusts of the flesh, or against the darts of heresy, we must always arm ourselves with the Lord's cross. . . . We should remember the Apostle Paul's instruction, ‘Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God counted it not robbery to be equal with God, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, being made in the likeness of men and found in fashion as a man. Wherefore God also exalted Him, and gave Him a name which is above every name, that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things in heaven, of things on earth, and of things below, and that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.’”

– Leo I

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Lectionary for next week: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

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