

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 5, 2021 (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**How blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.**

He made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

He keeps faith forever.

The LORD executes justice for the oppressed,

He gives food to the hungry, and sets the prisoners free.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind,

He lifts up those who are bowed down, and loves the righteous.

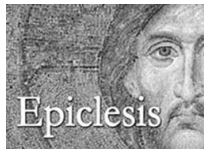
He watches over the stranger, and upholds the orphan and widow.

The LORD will reign forever, our God, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

— Psalm 146





Our Great God

Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love
Unfailing grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God
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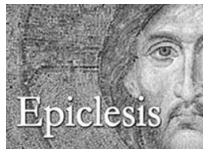
Lord we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God

Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word

CCLI Song #3493094. Fernando Ortega, Mac Powell

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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



Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song:
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1873. Hymn tune: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873.



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.

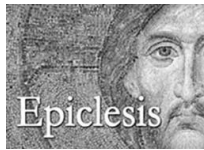
Although He existed in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped.

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

Truly my soul finds rest in God;
from Him comes my salvation.
*He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be greatly shaken.*
Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
for my hope is in Him.
*On God rests my salvation and my glory;
He is the rock of my strength, and my refuge.*

Trust in Him at all times, O His people;
pour out your heart before Him, for He is our refuge.

- from Psalm 62:1-8

Almighty and merciful God,
**We confess to You and to one another 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.**

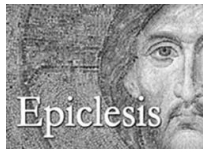
[Silent confessions]

**In Your mercy, forgive us and accomplish in us the work of Your
salvation. 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 as You will, that we
may show forth Your glory in the world; through Christ, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. 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

I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart rejoices in Your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid.

For the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,

and He has become my salvation.

Therefore, with joy we draw water from the wells of salvation.

Thanks be to the LORD! His name is exalted!

– from Psalm 13:5-6, Isaiah 12:2-4

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

He's Always Been Faithful

Morning by morning I wake up to find
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine

Season by season I watch Him amazed
In awe of the myst'ry of His perfect ways

Refrain:

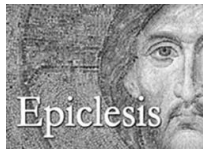
All I have need of His hand will provide:
He's always been faithful to me

I can't remember a trial or a pain
He did not recycle to bring me gain
I can't remember one single regret
In serving God only and trusting His hand (refrain)

This is my anthem this is my song
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long
God has been faithful He will be again
His loving compassion it knows no end

All I have need of His hand will provide: He's always been faithful...
He's always been faithful. He's always been faithful to me





THE WORD

Genesis 3:8-11

Isaiah 35:4-7

John 14:15-27

Rev 22:1-3; 6-7; 12-13

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)

Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)

My soul finds rest in God alone,

My rock and my salvation;

A fortress strong against my foes,

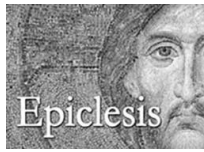
And I will not be shaken.

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

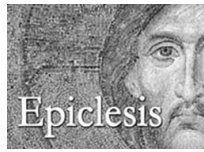
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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Benediction:

Now beloved, go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord –
walking out your baptisms in trust and fearlessness – remembering
that He who is trustworthy and true is coming soon, and His reward is
with Him! **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**



Now to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations who fear Him, forever and ever.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“How can someone doubt God's presence and help who has experienced various dangers and has been saved from them by His simple nod, who has passed through the sea that the Savior calmed and that supplied a solid road for the people? I believe that finding miracles like these performed and perfected at God's command is the foundation of faith and the basis for confidence. Therefore, even in the midst of trials there is no reason to turn from our faith. But we have an unshaken hope in God. When this habit of confidence is firmly rooted in the soul, God Himself will dwell in our deepest thoughts. His power can't be overcome. Therefore, the soul in which He dwells won't be overcome by dangers surrounding it. We see this truth demonstrated in God's own victory. While He intended to bless humanity, He was severely insulted by malicious, ungodly people. However, He suffered through His passion unharmed and gained a mighty victory over sin and an everlasting crown of triumph. Therefore, He accomplished His providential purpose, loved the righteous, and destroyed the cruelty of the unrighteous.”

– Eusebius

Lectionary for next week: Proverbs 1:22-30; Psalm 19;
Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1;
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9;
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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