

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 10, 2021 (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

You who seek the LORD, praise Him.

All you, His people, glorify Him and stand in awe.

**In the midst of the assembly we will praise You;
we will fulfill our vows before those who fear You.**

How blessed are those who dwell in Your house!

They are ever praising You.

**How blessed are those whose strength is in You,
in whose hearts are the highways to Zion!**

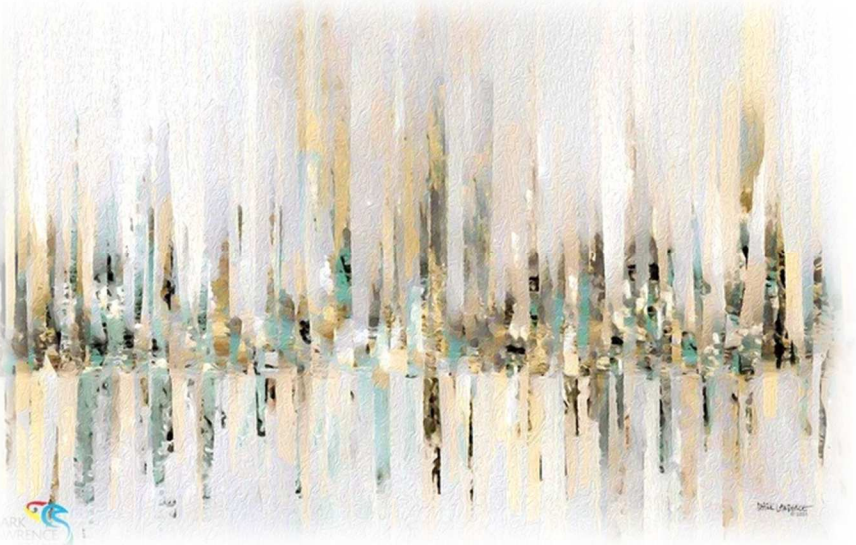
How blessed are those whom You choose and bring near to You,
to dwell in Your courts.

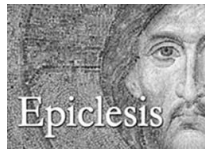
**We will abide in Your tabernacle forever;
we will trust in the shelter of Your wings.**

For You, O God, have heard our vows;

You have given us the heritage of those who fear Your name.

— from Psalms 90, 22, 84, 65, 61





Immortal Invisible (Your Great Name We Praise)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light;
Nor wanting, nor wasting, You rule us in might.
Your justice, like mountains, high soaring above;
Your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Chorus

Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true Life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Chorus

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight.
All praise we will render, oh Father of Grace;
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

Chorus

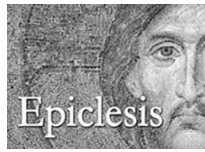
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved,
and in which we stand:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day,
and appeared to many faithful witnesses.

*Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through Him and for Him,
and in Him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church;

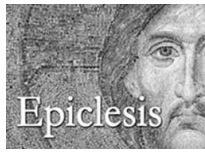
*He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that He might come to have first place in everything.*

And God has 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,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of His cross.*

**This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might,
which He brought about in Christ,
when He raised Him from the dead,
and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,
far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,
and every name that is named, not only in this age,
but also in the age to come.**

— from 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-23



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are,
yet without sin.*

Let us therefore come boldly before the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

– Hebrews 4:14-16

[Silence]

Almighty God,
You have raised Jesus from death to life,
and have seated Him at Your right hand in the heavenly places
that He might fill all things.

**Yet, we confess that we have not always bowed before Him,
and have not always acknowledged His rule in our lives.**

**We have not always followed His leading,
and have failed to glorify Him as Lord in our lives.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**In Your grace, raise us from sin
that we may walk faithfully in Your ways
and delight in Your will,
to the glory of Your Name.**

Amen.

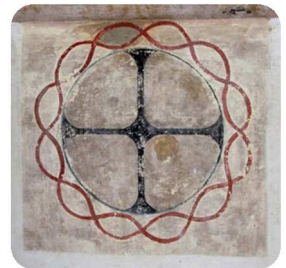
Lamb of God

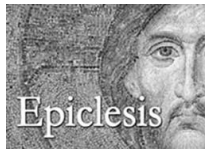
Lamb of God, You take away
The sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

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.





ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is good news indeed:

Almighty God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and has brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*And God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our
hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the
face of Jesus Christ.*

— Colossians 1:13-14, 2 Corinthians 4:6

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Speak the Word

Speak the word, speak the word, speak the word;
The eternal, infallible word.

Speak the truth to me; let it set me free.

Speak the word, speak the word, speak the word;
The eternal, divine, holy word.

Let it calm my soul, shape and make me whole – Speak the word.

Chorus:

I will hide it in my heart, cherish every part;

Let it heal, renew; cleanse me through and through.

I will make it my delight, living by its light.

My faith, I know, will rise

In these words so rich and wise. Speak the word.

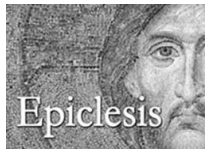
Speak the word, speak the word, speak the word;
The eternal, infallible word.

Let its power rise to dispel all lies.

Speak the word, speak the word, speak the word;
The eternal, divine, holy word.

Let it light my path, as each promise stands – Speak the word.

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THE WORD

The Ministry of the Gideons

– Richard Bethel

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,

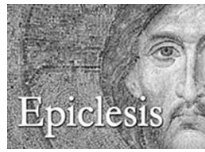
But deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever. Amen**

Jesus, There's No One Like You

There is no song we could sing
To honor the weight of Your glory.
There are no words we could speak
To capture the depth of Your beauty.





Chorus:

Jesus, there's no one like You;
Jesus, we love You, ever adore You.
There's no one like You;
Jesus, we love You, ever adore You, Lord.

There is no sinner beyond the infinite stretch of Your mercy.
How can we thank You enough
For how You have loved us completely?

Chorus

Bridge

All we have, all we need, all we want is You.

Chorus

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King of Wisdom and Light

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might:
Heaven is filled with Your glory, King of wisdom and light.

We worship You, we praise You, God Most High;
We worship You, we praise You, King and Lord, Jesus Christ.

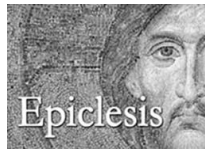
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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Immortal Invisible (reprise)

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light;
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All praise we will render, oh Father of Grace;
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.
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Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!



Benediction:

The keeping of God and the Lord on you;
the keeping of Christ always on you;
the keeping of the life-giving Spirit, everlasting, be yours.

Amen!

And may Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –
bless you, now and forever, as you go forth into the world
to love and serve the Lord, faithfully manifesting His goodness,
power, glory, and Kingdom blessing in the world around you.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“What youth don't believe, Christ helps them understand so that they can believe God's Son is not a good master, but the good God. For if whoever glorifies the ‘One God’ also fully glorifies the Son of God, how can the Only-begotten Son not have God's goodness when only God is good? . . . So then, with divinely inspired comprehension our Lord didn't say, ‘There is none good but the Father alone,’ but ‘There is none good but God alone.’ For the proper name for one who produces children is ‘Father.’ But God's unity by no means excludes the Godhead of each of the three Persons. Therefore, it is His nature that is worshiped. Goodness is from God's nature and the Son of God exists in the nature of God. Therefore, goodness doesn't express just one Person, but the complete unity of the Godhead. The Lord, then, doesn't deny His goodness, but rebukes the disciple who doubts His deity. When the scribe said, ‘Good Master,’ the Lord answered, ‘Why callest thou Me good?’ He is saying there, ‘It isn't enough to call someone good who you don't believe is God. I don't want such people to be My disciples—people who consider My manhood and see Me as a good master, rather than look to My Deity and believe that I am the good God.’”

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Lectionary for next week: Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9. 24.35c; Isaiah 53:4-12;
Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

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