

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 7, 2021 (Twenty-Fourth 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 while I have my being!

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; He sets the prisoners free.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;

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

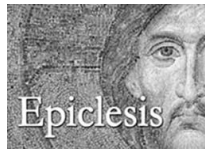
He watches over the stranger; He upholds the orphan and widow,
but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

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

Praise the LORD!

— from Psalm 146





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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Gladly, for aye we adore Him.

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Hymn tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, 1665.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

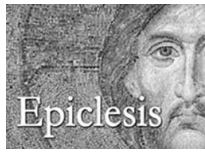
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

Sung:

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

We Bow Down

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,
And Lord of all lords You will be.



We bow down and we worship You, Lord;
We bow down and we worship You, Lord;
We bow down and we worship You, Lord:
Lord of all lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life,
King of the land and the sea.
You were King of the heavens before there was time,
And King of all kings You will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King; . . .
King of all kings You will be.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the hope of the gospel,
which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven,
the mystery which has now been manifested to us, His saints:
Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

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

All things have been created through Him and for Him.

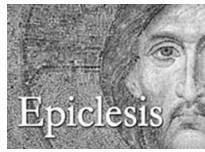
He is before all things, and in Him all things consist and hold together.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that He may have first place in everything.

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 principality and power and might and dominion, and
above every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the
age to come.

— from Colossians 1:15-28 and Ephesians 1:19-21



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
on those who hope in His steadfast love,
that He may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

*The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
in those who hope in His steadfast love.*

Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
Even as we hope in You.

— from Psalm 147:11 and 33:18-22

Everlasting and loving God, You stepped into space and time to raise
and restore fallen humanity. You did for us what we could not do for
ourselves. Yet too often we fail to live as Your redeemed people.

**We confess that we have not loved You with a whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with You, our God.**

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

[Silent confessions]

Forgive us, we pray. **Accept our repentance, and accomplish in us
the work of Your salvation, 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.**

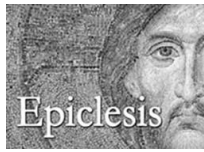
Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.
The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
to all who call upon Him in truth.
*He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry and save them.*
The LORD preserves those who love Him.
**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.**

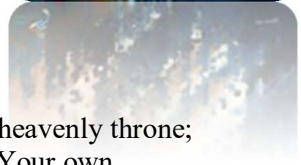
— from Psalm 145: 8-10, 17-21

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One

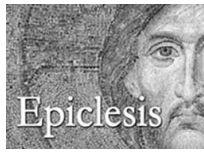
Sovereign Lord, Creator, righteous One,
Most high and holy King;
My Redeemer, Father, dearest Friend,
My praise to You I bring.
I will praise Your name forever,
Knowing that You loved me first;
For You feed my every hunger,
And quench my every thirst.
With my heart I'll ever worship You,
My voice will sing Your praise;
For Your everlasting mercy
And grace for every day.



All creation bows in humbleness before Your heavenly throne;
And I shall forever thank You for making me Your own.
You are higher than the highest, and the God of all who live;
You are worthy of all honor and praise that I can give.
All my life shall be a witness of Your majesty and grace,
And in heav'n I'll bow before You, and see You face to face.

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Hymn tune: THAXTED, Gustav Holst (*The Planets*), adapted by Mary McDonald.



THE WORD

Psalm 146

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.

All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness;

O praise Him! Alleluia!

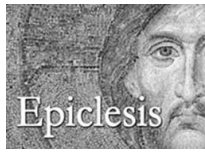
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son;

And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1225. Transl. William H. Draper, 1919.

Hymn tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.



Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power
Be to You, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power,
Breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery.

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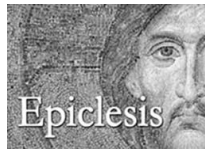
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

We Bow Down

You are King of creation and King of my life,
King of the land and the sea.
You were King of the heavens before there was time,
And King of all kings You will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King; . . .
King of all kings You will be.



Benediction:

Beloved, we – the people of God – go forth in joy and with thankful hearts, because God Himself, the God of all grace and Creator of all things, He who is from eternity to eternity, is pleased to make His dwelling among us and to call us His own.

Amen.

Now may the grace, power, and love of the God of the universe propel us out into the world to love and serve the Lord, bearing witness to His cosmic story as the center of our lives.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“It was impossible that our lives, which were alienated from God, could return to the high and heavenly place through our own power. As a result, the Apostle Paul says He who didn't know any sin became sin for us. He freed us from the curse by taking our curse on Himself as His own. Having taken on this curse, He had ‘slain’ in Himself ‘the enmity’ that came between us and God through sin (in fact, sin was ‘the enmity’). Having become what we were, He again united humanity to God through Himself. Through purity He brought our new selves, created after God's image, into a close relationship with the Father of our nature. All of God's fullness physically dwelt in Him. He drew everything that shares in His body and is similar to Him into the same grace. And He proclaims good news. . . to everyone who became a disciple of the Word up until today. The good news is that people are no longer condemned or cast out of the kingdom of God. But they are children again and returned to the position God assigned to them. . . . ‘For behold,’ He says, ‘I and the children whom God hath given Me.’ For our sakes He took part in flesh and blood and saved us. He brought us back to the place from which we strayed, becoming mere flesh and blood by sin. And so He from whom we were formerly alienated through our revolt has become our Father and our God.”

– Gregory of Nyssa

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Lectionary for next week: 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

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