

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

September 25, 2022 (Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples.

*Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonders.*

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually.

*Glory in His holy name;*

*let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised.**

**Splendor and majesty are before Him;**

**Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

Your praise, like Your name, reaches to the ends of the earth;

You are righteous in all Your ways.

**In Your temple, O God, we meditate on Your steadfast love.**

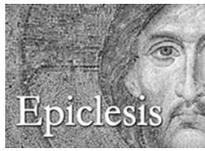
*How blessed are those You choose and bring near*

*to dwell in Your courts!*

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your  
holy temple. By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, the hope of all the earth.**

— from Psalms 105, 96, 48, 65





*In the Beauty of Holiness*

In the beauty of holiness  
We see You, Son of righteousness,  
So we bring all that we possess  
To lay at Your feet.  
In the place where Your glory shines,  
Jesus, lover of all mankind,  
You have drawn us with love divine  
To make us complete.

*Chorus*

So I pause at Your gates once more,  
As my heart and my spirit soar,  
And I wish I could love You more:  
My God and my King!

Is there tribute that I could bring,  
Was there ever a song to sing,  
That could ever express, my King,  
The work that You've done?  
Could I ever conceive of this,  
All the depths and the heights and breadth,  
Of the riches I now possess  
Because of Your love?

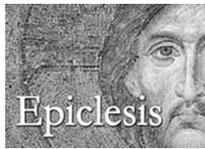
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

*Beautiful Savior*

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.



Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine.

Anonymous German hymn *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677;  
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#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

We give thanks with joy to the Father,  
who has qualified us to share in the inheritance  
of the saints in the light.

**For He has rescued us from the domain of darkness,  
and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

The Son is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.

**In Him all things in the heavens and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities –  
all things were created through Him and for Him.**

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

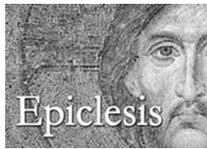
**For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through Him God was pleased  
to reconcile all things to Himself,  
whether things on earth or things in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of His cross.**

God has made known to us the riches  
of the glory of this mystery:

**Christ in us, the hope of glory.**

**Thanks be to God!**

– from Colossians 1:12-27



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and with the contrite and lowly of spirit, in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."  
– Isaiah 57:15

*"These are the ones I look on with favor," says the LORD, "those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at My word."*

– Isaiah 66:2

God of mercy and steadfast love, You welcome all who come to You with repentant and contrite hearts.

**We confess to You, and before one another, that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

[Silence]

**We have offended Your holiness. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, and have spurned the promptings of Your Spirit.**

[Silence]

**We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.**

[Silence]

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

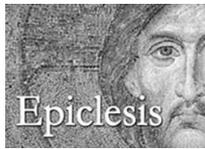
**Be gracious to us, and hear our prayer. Cleanse us from sin and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may walk as Your people in holiness, to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

*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.



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of our pardon in His grace:  
*God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love for us,  
even when we were dead in our sins and transgressions,  
made us alive together with Christ –*

**By grace we have been saved –**

And He raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

**Thanks be to God!**

– Ephesians 2:4-7

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

*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.

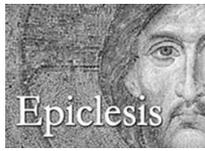
Lord, will You be my vision? Lord, will You be my Guide?  
Be my hope, be my life, and the Way.  
And I'll look not for riches, nor praises on the earth,  
Only You'll be the first of my heart.

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

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

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## THE WORD

1 Timothy 6:6-19

## 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.**

*Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)*

My soul finds rest in God alone,

My rock and my salvation;

A fortress strong against my foes,

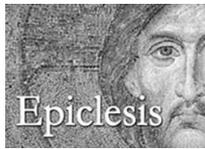
And I will not be shaken.

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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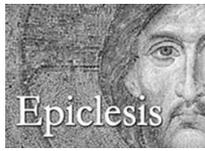
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

*Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest) – chorus*

O praise Him, hallelujah,  
My Delight and my Reward.  
Everlasting, never failing;  
My Redeemer, my God.





**Benediction:**

Brothers and sisters, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, do so with this calling ever in your hearts and on your lives: Pursue righteousness; fight the good fight of faith; take hold of eternal life; hold fast the testimony of Him who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

**Amen.**

Now, to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

– from 1 Timothy 6:11-15 and Jude 24-25

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

“Solomon says, ‘Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not upon thine own understanding: in all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.’ Understand what He says: we must not trust in our wisdom, but in the Lord alone. For He directs a person's steps. We are also called to show Him our ways, to reveal our plans to Him. For they aren't made straight by our own work, but by His assistance and mercy. It is written, ‘Make my way right before Thy face.’ Then what is right to You will also seem also right to me. Solomon says the same thing: ‘Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.’ Therefore, thoughts are carried out when we commit everything we do to the Lord our Helper, resting our works on the firm and solid rock, and attributing everything to Him.”

– Jerome

***Lectionary for next week:*** Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26; Psalm 137;  
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9;  
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

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