

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 28, 2026 (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth:

Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious!

I will sing of Your steadfast love, O LORD, forever!

**With my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness
to all generations!**

We declare that Your steadfast love is established forever.

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

**All Your works praise you, O LORD,
and Your faithful servants bless you.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

Your dominion endures throughout all ages.

**For the LORD is faithful in all His works and merciful
in all His deeds. His steadfast love endures forever.**

Blessed are those who know the joyful sound!

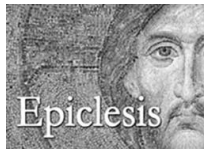
They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your presence.

**In Your name we rejoice all day long,
and celebrate Your righteousness,
for You are our glory and strength.**

The LORD has shown forth His glory.

Come, let us joyfully lift His praises.

— Scripture weaving from Psalms 66, 89, 145



Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor,
Glory and power,
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From ev'ry nation,
All of creation,
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory,
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign
over all the earth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare
to Your matchless worth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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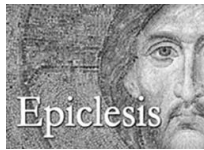
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

O Praise the Name (chorus)

O praise the Name of the Lord, our God,
O praise His Name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
O Lord, O Lord, our God.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk in Him,
firmly rooted and built up in Him
and established in your faith,
just as you were instructed,
and overflowing with gratitude.

**In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,
and He has made us complete in Him,
who is the head of all rule and authority,
principality and power.**

*In Him we also were circumcised
with a circumcision made without hands,
in the removal of the body of the flesh
by the circumcision of Christ.*

**We were buried with Him in baptism,
in which we were also raised up with Him
through faith in the working of God,
who raised Him from the dead.**

When we were dead in our sins
and in the uncircumcision of our flesh,
God made us alive together with Christ.

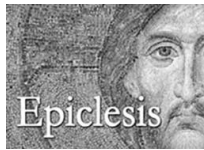
*And He forgave us all our transgressions,
having cancelled out the certificate of debt against us
with its legal demands, which was hostile to us.*

He set this aside,
having nailed it to the cross.

*When He disarmed the rulers and authorities,
He made a public display of them,
having triumphed over them through Him.*

**We hold fast to the Head, Christ Jesus the Lord,
from whom the entire body,
being supplied and held together
by the joints and ligaments,
grows with a growth which is from God.**

– from Colossians 2:6-19



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

The apostle Paul exhorts us to consider ourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus:

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies. ... but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and offer every part of yourselves to Him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin will no longer have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”
— from Romans 6:11-14

[Silence]

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;

And deliver us and forgive our sins, for Your name's sake.

— Psalm 79:9

[Silent confessions]

Kyrie Eleison

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus Christ.

Kyrie eleison, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— Romans 6:22-23

I trust in Your steadfast love, O LORD;

My heart rejoices in Your salvation.

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

— Psalm 13:5-6

Passing of the Peace



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Lord of Lords

Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for.
To worship You, Jesus, is my sole desire.
For this very heart You have shaped for Your pleasure,
Purposed to lift Your name higher.

Here in surrender, in pure adoration,
I enter Your courts with an off'ring of praise.
I am Your servant, come to bring You glory,
As is fit for the works of Your hands.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
All of creation resounds with the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords.

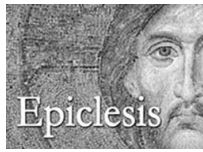
Spirit now living and dwelling within me,
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face.
Let not the things of this world ever sway me,
I'll run 'til I finish the race.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
All of creation resounds with the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
All of eternity echoes the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords.

Holy Lord, You are holy. Jesus Christ is the Lord. . . .

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
Call all the sinners to join in the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords. Lord of lords . . .



THE WORD

Matthew 10:40-42, 11:1-10

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.

Christ, Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

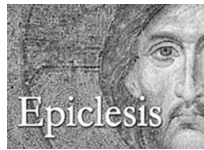
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.



Chorus

O, sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.
O, sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord;
Then sin and death will be destroyed.
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore.

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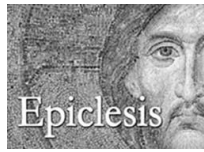
The Life of the Body

Benediction

May the Lord bless us and keep us.
May the Lord smile on us, shine His light upon us.
May the Lord lift us, turn His face towards us,
Give us His peace, give us His peace.

Blessed we came to this place today,
And blessed now, we will go.
In the name of the Father, the Spirit, and the Son.
Go now in peace; go now in peace.

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Benediction:

Now, beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
Christ our King, with grateful hearts, continually proclaiming and
reflecting His faithfulness and steadfast love.

Amen.

Now to Him who reigns 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,
King of kings and Lord of lords,
be glory and honor, dominion and praise forever and ever.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“If one of you says, ‘If I was supposed to entertain Paul as a guest, I would do it readily and eagerly,’ listen! It is in your power to entertain Paul’s Master as your guest and you won’t. For ‘he that receiveth one of these least,’ Christ said, ‘receiveth Me.’ The lower your neighbors may be, Christ comes to you through them all the more. For those that receive the great often do it out of vainglory. But those that receive the small do it purely for Christ’s sake. It is in your power to entertain even the Father of Christ as your guest and you won’t. For, ‘I was a stranger,’ He says, ‘And ye took Me in.’ And also, ‘Unto one of the least of these the brethren that believe on Me, ye have done it unto Me.’ Although they aren’t Paul, if they are even the least of believers, Christ comes to you through them. Open your house. Take Him in. ‘He that receiveth a prophet,’ He said, ‘shall receive a prophet’s reward.’ Therefore, those who also receive Christ will receive the reward of those who have Christ as their guest. Don’t doubt His words, but believe.”

– Chrysostom

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Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 24:34-67; Psalm 45:10-17;
Song of Solomon 2:8-13;
Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-30

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