

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 5, 2026 (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

We will exalt You, our God and King,

And we will bless Your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless You,

and I will praise Your name forever and ever.

One generation shall praise Your works to another,

and shall declare Your mighty acts.

They shall celebrate the fame of Your abundant goodness,

and sing aloud of Your righteousness.

All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,

and all Your faithful shall bless You.

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your

power; to make known to the children of men Your mighty acts

and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

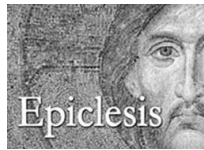
and Your dominion endures throughout all ages.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;

let every creature praise His holy name forever and ever.

— from Psalm 145





Creation Sings the Father's Song

Creation sings the Father's song;
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day,
Till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow;
His breath upon this spinning globe;
He charts the eagle's flight,
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

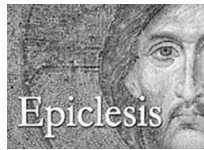
Refrain:

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing:
Hallelujah!
Fill the earth with songs of worship,
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;
The ageless One in time's embrace,
Unveiled the Father's plan
Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth,
Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free
To live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for His return,
When Christ shall reign upon the earth.
The bitter wars that rage
Are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky,
All heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme:
The glory of our God and King!

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm the testimony of the apostle Peter:

God shows no partiality:

**But in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right
is accepted by Him.**

This is the message God sent,

announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of all.

**This message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee
after the baptism that John announced:**

**that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power;**

He went about doing good

**and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,
for God was with Him.**

And yet they put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree.

**But God raised Him to life on the third day, and revealed Him
to those who were chosen by God as witnesses,**

and who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead.

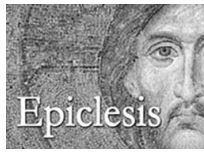
He is the One ordained by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

Of Him all the prophets bear witness

that everyone who believes in Him

receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

– from Acts 10:34-43



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

You are great and do wondrous things;

You alone are God.

Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth.

Give me an undivided heart to fear Your name.

– Psalm 86:11

[Silence]

Most merciful God,

we confess 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.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in Your will,

and walk in Your ways,

to the glory of Your Name.

Amen.



Bless the Lord

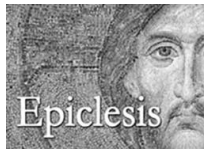
Bless the Lord, my soul,

And bless God's holy name;

Bless the Lord, my soul,

Who leads me into life.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Be encouraged in these words of pardon from the Psalmist:

*The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

The LORD is good to all,
and His compassion is over all that He has made.

*The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.*

He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;
He hears their cry, and saves them.

The LORD watches over all who love Him.

— Psalm 145:8-9, 18-20a

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

TIME OF OFFERING

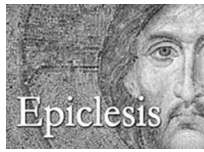
Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

My Lips Will Praise You

My lips will praise You,
For You are holy.
My voice will ever rise before Your throne.
My heart will love You,
For You are lovely,
And You have called me
To become Your own.

I am Your own,
And I will worship You alone.
I am Your own,
I am Your child.
I am Your own,
And I will worship at Your throne.
I am Your own,
And I will love You.

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THE WORD

Matthew 11:1-19

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.



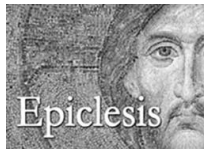
Flow Like a River

Flow like a river, fall like the rain;

Streams of compassion flow from His throne.

Wide as the ocean, deep as the sea;

Life-giving fountain, is God's love for me.



Feast at the table of mercy,
Drink from the cup of His grace.
Dwell in His infinite goodness,
Live in His healing embrace.

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Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

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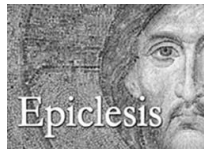
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Hymn tune: OLD 100TH (attributed to Louis Bourgeois), 1551.
Words: Thomas Ken, 1674.



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 –

“Live in a way that won't blaspheme the name of God. On the one hand, don't care about human reputation. On the other hand, don't give reason for others to speak poorly of you. But be moderate on both issues. As Scripture says, ‘Among whom ye shine as lights in the world.’ For Christ left us here to be lights. We are here to teach others and be like leaven in dough. We should go about as angels among people, as adults among children, as spiritual people among those who are natural. In this way they can profit as we become seeds bearing copious fruit. There is no need to speak if we shine through our lives. There is no need for teachers if we only demonstrate through our works. There would be no unbelievers if we were the Christians we should be. Everyone would convert to godliness if we generally kept the commandments of Christ, suffered through insults, allowed others to take advantage of us, blessed when we were cursed and did good when treated poorly. For example, Paul was only one man, yet how many followed him? If we were all like him, how many worlds could we have following us?”

– Chrysostom

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Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;
Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13;
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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