

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 12, 2026 (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

**Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion;
to You our vows will be fulfilled.**

You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God,
our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth,
and of the farthest seas.

*You formed the mountains by Your power,
having armed Yourself with strength,*

You stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.

*Those living far away fear Your wonders;
where morning dawns and evening fades You call forth songs of joy.*

You care for the land and water it; You enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain, for so You have ordained it.

*You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
You soften it with showers and bless its crops.*

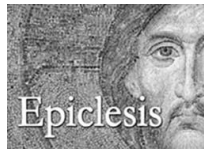
You crown the year with Your bounty,
and Your carts overflow with gladness.

*The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.*

**Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion;
to You our vows will be fulfilled.**

— from Psalm 65:1, 5-13





Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
Your boundless love, unfailing, grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

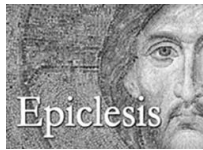
Sung:

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Of the Father's Love Begotten

Christ, to Thee with God the Fa*ther,
And, O Holy Ghost*, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiv*ing,
And unwearied prai*ses be:
Honor, glory, and domin*ion and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore*. A*men.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Together we profess the faith of the church of all ages in these words from the pen of the Apostle Paul:

There is now no condemnation

for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
has set us free from the law of sin and death.**

Sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh
and as an offering for sin,
God condemned sin in the flesh,
so that the just requirement of the law
might be fulfilled in us,
who walk not according to the flesh
but according to the Spirit.

The mind set on the flesh is death,

but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God;
it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
Those who are in the realm of the flesh
cannot please God.

However, we are not in the realm of the flesh

but in the realm of the Spirit,

because the Spirit of God lives in us and we belong to Christ.

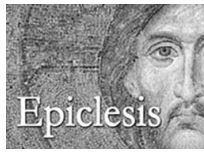
Christ is in us, and though the body is dead because of sin,
yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

**But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead
dwells in us,**

**He who raised Christ from the dead
will also give life to our mortal bodies
through His Spirit who lives in us.**

— from Romans 8:1-11





PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe Your righteous ordinances.**

Give me life, O LORD, according to Your word.

[Silence]

Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

**I incline my heart to perform Your statutes forever,
to the end,**

[Silent confessions]

Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

**Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me Your ordinances.**

– Psalm 119:105-108

A Pure Heart

A pure heart, that's what I long for,
A heart that follows hard after You.
(repeat)

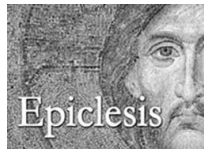


A heart that hides Your word so that sin will not come in,
A heart that's undivided, but one You rule and reign.
A heart that beats compassion, that pleases You, my Lord;
A sweet aroma of worship that rises to Your throne.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion;
and to You shall vows be performed.
O, You who hear and answer prayer!
To You shall all flesh come.



*When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
You forgive our transgressions.*

How blessed are those You choose
and bring near to live in Your courts!

*We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
the holiness of Your temple!*

**By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
You are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas!**

— from Psalm 65:1-5

Passing of the Peace

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Ancient Words

Holy words, long preserved, for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

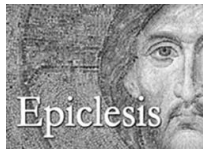
Chorus

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts; O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words, long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

Martyrs' blood stains each page; they have died for our faith.
Hear their cry down through the years,
O heed these words and hold them dear.
Countless saints, most unknown, labored long, and alone.
Pressing on they won the prize, and gave us holy words of life.

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THE WORD

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



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.

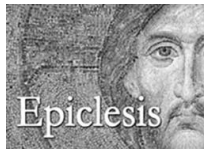
And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Forever. Amen.





Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty.

Refrain:

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life;
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life.
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life.
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify us forever.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

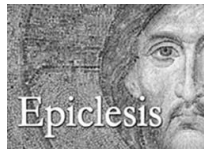
Benediction

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:

Beloved, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, walking out our baptisms in trust and faithfulness, may our ears and hearts be ever attentive, attuned, and responsive to His voice.

Amen!

And now, Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“O Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart, that I may hear your word and understand and do your will, for I am a sojourner upon the earth. Hide not your commandments from me, but open my eyes, that I may perceive the wonders of your law. Speak to me the hidden and secret things of your wisdom. On you do I set my hope, O my God, that you shall enlighten my mind and understanding with the light of your knowledge, not only to cherish those things which are written, but to do them; that in reading the lives and sayings of the saints I may not sin, but that such may serve for my restoration, enlightenment and sanctification, for the salvation of my soul, and the inheritance of life everlasting. For you are the enlightenment of those who lie in darkness, and from you comes every good deed and every gift. Amen.” – Chrysostom

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Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;
Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25;
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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