

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 19, 2026 (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Who is like You, O LORD –

majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

The LORD is my strength and song; He has become my salvation.

Who is like You, O LORD –

majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

Your faithfulness surrounds You, O God;

Your steadfast love is established forever!

You are our Rock and our salvation.

There is none like You, O LORD, nor are there any works like Yours.

All the nations You have made shall come and bow down before You,

O LORD, and shall glorify Your name.

For You are great and do wondrous things. You alone are God.

O LORD, how manifold are Your works!

In wisdom You have made them all.

We will give thanks to You, O LORD, with our whole heart;

and tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

Who is like You, O LORD –

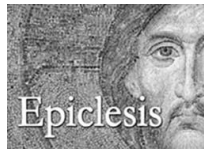
majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

This is my God, and I will praise Him;

this is our God; we will exalt Him!

– Scripture weaving from
Psalms 30, 86, 104, and Exodus 15





O, Worship the King

O, worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
O, girded with praise.

O, tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is the path on the wings of the storm.
O, sing of His grace.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
O, worship the King; worship the King.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.
Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,
O, worship the King.
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O, worship the King. Worship the King.

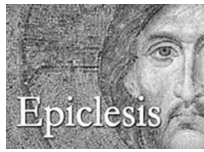
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.



Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments
and unfathomable His ways!**

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

This is the hope of His calling,
the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
and the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe:
*He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.*

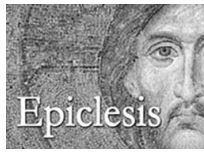
In love He predestined us to adoption as His children,
in accordance with His pleasure and His will;
*In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our sins,
according to the riches of His grace which He lavished upon us.*

He has made known to us the mystery of His will,
that in the fullness of the times, He might gather together in one
all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.
*In Him also we have obtained an inheritance,
having been predestined according to His purpose,
who works all things after the counsel of His will,
to the end that we should be to the praise of His glory.*

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ.**

To Him be glory forever!

– from Romans 11:33, 36 and Ephesians 1:3-14, 18



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

You discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O LORD, You know it completely.

You hem me in – behind and before;

You have laid Your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

– Psalm 139:1-6

[Silence]

We pray together:

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

– Psalm 139:23-24

[Silent confessions]

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

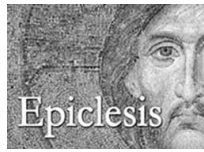
O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
God, the well-spring of life.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

**I give thanks to You, O LORD my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify Your name forever.
For great is Your steadfast love toward me;
You have delivered my soul from the depths
of the realm of the dead.**

Truly You are great, O LORD. You alone are God!

Passing of the Peace

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

You Are the Light

We are the people of God, the sons and the daughters of love.
Forgiven, restored and redeemed,
We're living our lives to the praise of our King.

We are the ones who will shine His light in the darkness of night.
The hopeless, the broken, the poor,
They will be hopeless and broken no more.

Chorus

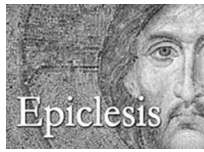
You are the light, the light of the world,
And we shine You, Lord.
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And we shine You, Lord.

Bridge

We shine like stars in the universe, proclaiming the hope of our God.
To the sons and daughters in all the earth,
We shine You, Lord.

To the lost and the broken, the hurting and hopeless,
We shine You, Lord.

To the ones who are weary, the burdened and the suffering,
We shine You, Lord.



THE WORD

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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.

How Beautiful

How beautiful the hands that served

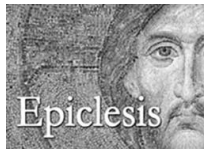
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth;

How beautiful the feet that walked

The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

How beautiful, how beautiful,

How beautiful is the body of Christ.



How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice:
That we will live just as He died,
Willing to pay the price,
Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant Bride
Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live.
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

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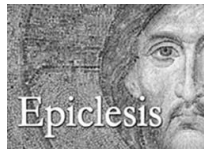
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

You Are the Light (reprise)

We are the ones who will shine His light in the darkness of night.
The hopeless, the broken, the poor,
They will be hopeless and broken no more.

You are the light, the light of the world, and we shine You, Lord ...



Benediction:

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.

Amen.

And as we go forth, in faith and joy, to love and serve the Lord,
may He grant that what has been said with our lips
we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts
we may practice in our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever.
Amen! 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 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;
1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136;
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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