

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 2, 2026 (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
and let your soul delight itself in abundance.
Incline your ear and come to Me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
My steadfast, sure love promised to David.

Seek the LORD while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near.

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You.

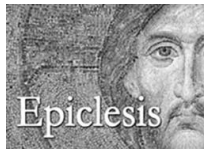
**I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.**

So we have looked upon You in the sanctuary,
beholding Your power and Your glory.
We shall behold Your face in righteousness;
and be satisfied with Your likeness.

**Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips shall praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live:
I will lift up my hands in Your name.**

— from Isaiah 55:1-3, 6; Psalms 63:1-4 and 17:15





Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts,
You traced the mountain peaks,
You paint the evening skies with wonders.
The earth, it is Your throne
From desert to the sea;
All nature testifies Your splendor.

Chorus 1

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
Sing His greatness, all creation.
Praise the Lord, raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths, from furthest east to west,
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

You reached into the dust, in love Your Spirit breathed;
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds,
To join the everlasting chorus.

Chorus 1

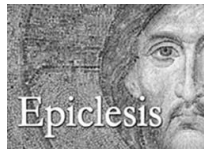
Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out,
All heaven hear the sound of worship.
Let every nation bring its honors to the King,
A roar of harmonies eternal.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; sing His greatness, all creation.
Praise the Lord, raise your voice:
You heights and all you depths, from furthest east to west,
You distant burning stars, all creatures near and far,
From sky to sea to shore, sing out forevermore,
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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



I See the Lord

I see the Lord, seated on the throne, exalted;
And the train of His robe fills the temple with glory.
And the whole earth is filled,
And the whole earth is filled,
And the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy; holy is the Lord.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in these words from the pen of the Apostle Paul:

God is able to make all grace abound to you,
so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,
you may abound in every good work.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
From whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name:

I pray that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with might
by His Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

*And I pray that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,
what is the breadth and length
and height and depth,*

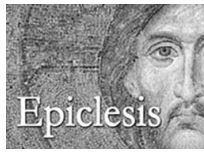
And to know the love of Christ
which surpasses knowledge,

That you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly,
abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,
according to the power that works within us,
to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever.**

Amen.

– 2 Corinthians 9:8, Ephesians 3:14-21



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

We call upon You, O God, for You will answer.

**Incline Your ear, and hear our prayers,
and show us the wonders of Your steadfast love.** — from Psalm 17:6-7

[Silence]

**Most merciful God, We confess to You and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
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.**

[Silent confessions]

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.**

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

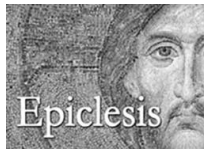
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
(repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

The LORD is good to all,
and His mercies are over all He has made.

*The LORD is righteous in all His ways,
and faithful in all His works.*

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

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

**All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
and all Your saints shall bless You!**

— from Psalm 145:8-19

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

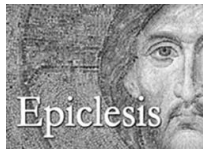
You Have Been Good

O Lord, You have been good;
You have been faithful to all generations.
O Lord, Your steadfast love
And tender mercy have been our salvation.

For by Your hand we have been fed,
And by Your Spirit we have been led.
O Lord, You have been good;
You have been faithful to all generations.

For by Your hand we have been fed,
And by Your Spirit we have been led.
O Lord, Almighty God,
Father unchanging, upright and holy.

O Lord, You have been good;
You have been faithful, You have been good.



THE WORD

Matthew 14:13-21

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,

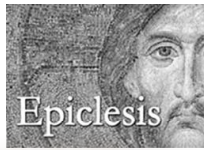
But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory,

Forever. Amen.





More Like Jesus

You came to the world You created,
Trading Your crown for a cross.
You willingly died, Your innocent life paid the cost.
Counting Your status as nothing,
The King of all kings came to serve;
Washing my feet, covering me with Your love.

Chorus:

If more of You means less of me, take everything.
Yes, all of You, is all I need; take everything.

You are my life and my treasure,
The One that I can't live without.
Here at Your feet, my desires and dreams I lay down.
Here at Your feet, my desires and dreams I lay down.

Bridge:

O, Lord, change me like only You can.
Here with my heart in Your hands,
Father, I pray: Make me more like Jesus.
This world is dying to know who You are.
You've shown us the way to Your heart.
So, Father, I pray: Make me more like Jesus.

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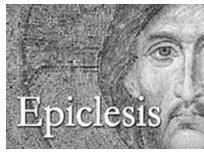
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Doxology

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Doxology text from *Fourscore and Seven Psalms of David* (Geneva, 1561),
All People That On Earth Do Dwell, vs. 4, attributed to William Kethe.
Hymn tune: OLD 100th, attrib. to Louis Bourgeois.



Benediction:

Beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
ever mindful that He has called us to Himself,
and there gives to us abundant life through His grace.

Amen.

Now to Him who, by the power at work within us,
is able to accomplish abundantly far more
than all we can ask or imagine—

**To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations,
forever and ever.**

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Foolish people too often dare to complain against their Creator, not only when they lack something, but also when they have plenty. When something isn't given to them, they complain. And when they have certain things in abundance, they are ungrateful. . . . Let us rejoice in whatever gifts He gives. Those who have used great possessions well should also use small ones well. For plenty and scarcity may be equally good for us. Even in spiritual progress we won't be discouraged by small results if our minds aren't dry and barren. For what the earth doesn't give must spring from the soil of our heart. Those who don't stop giving will always be supplied with the means to give. We must use what each year gives us in godly works. Difficult seasons must not hinder our Christian generosity. For the Lord knows how to replenish the widow's jars, which her holy hospitality emptied. He knows how to turn water into wine. He knows how to satisfy 5,000 hungry persons with a few loaves. And the One we feed through His poor people can multiply what He takes of what He gave us.” – Leo I

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Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 37:1-4,12-29; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

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