

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 23, 2026 (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Give thanks to the LORD with a whole heart;
tell of all His wonderful works.

**We will be glad and exult in Him,
and sing praises to the name of the Most High.**

Bow down toward His holy temple in worship,
and give thanks to His name
for His steadfast love and faithfulness.

For He has exalted His name and His word above all things.

**On the day I called, He answered me;
He increased the strength of my soul.**

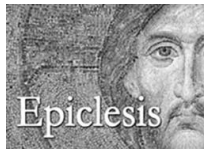
The LORD will fulfill His purpose for us;

**He will not forsake the work of His hands;
His steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the LORD and sing of His ways,
for great is the glory of the LORD!

– from Psalm 138





Behold the Lord

Great and marvelous are Your works,
Oh Lord Almighty.
True and righteous are all Your ways,
King of the ages.
Who will not fear You, oh Lord,
And glorify Your Name?

Chorus

Behold the Lord; God is my salvation;
In Him I trust, and will not be afraid.
And I will give thanks,
And sing among the nations forever;
Behold the Lord, behold the Lord,
Behold the Lord.



So rejoice and be glad in this:
Our God is with us:
Messiah, Emmanuel,
Lion of Judah!
Lift up your voice and declare
The glory of our King.

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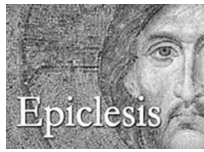
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us;
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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Fairest Lord Jesus

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man:
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine.

Anonymous German hymn *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; Transl. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873.
Hymn tune: CRUSADER'S HYMN, Silesian folk tune, *Schleische Volkslieder*, 1842.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The word of the Lord, from Matthew 16:13-18:
Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,
He asked His disciples,
“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”
And they said,

**“Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah,
and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”**

He said to them,
“But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered,
“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

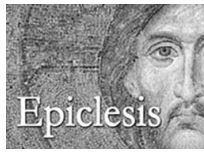
And Jesus answered him,
“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,
but my Father who is in heaven.
And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build My church,
and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

To whom shall we go?

You, Lord, have the words of eternal life.
**And we have believed, and have come to know,
that You are the Holy One of God.**

– the words of Peter, in John 6:68-69

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your true and proper, reasonable and spiritual service of worship.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

– Romans 12:1-2

[Silence]

Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to You, and before one another,
that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed.
We have offended Your holiness.
We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.
We have followed the devices of our own hearts,
and have spurned the promptings of Your Spirit.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

[Silence]

Have mercy on us, Lord.

Accept our repentance, and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world; through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
(Repeat)

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's assurance of His love and forgiveness:

Though the LORD is high and exalted, yet He regards the lowly;
but the proud and haughty He sees only from afar. – Psalm 138:6

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous,
and His ears are open to their cry. He is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves those who have a contrite spirit. – Psalm 34:15, 18

For thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place, and with the contrite and lowly of spirit, in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite." – Isaiah 57:15

Thanks be to God for His salvation!

Passing of the Peace

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

None But Jesus

In the quiet, in the stillness I know that You are God.
In the secret of Your presence I know there I am restored.
When You call I won't refuse,
Each new day again I'll choose.

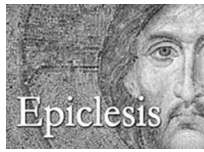
Chorus

There is no one else for me; None but Jesus.
Crucified to set me free, now I live to bring Him praise.

In the chaos, in confusion, I know You're sovereign still;
In the moment of my weakness, You give me grace to do Your will.
When You call I won't delay;
This my song through all my days.

Bridge

All my delight is in You, Lord;
All of my hope, all of my strength;
All my delight is in You, Lord – Forevermore.



THE WORD

Matthew 16:13-20

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.

There Is A Redeemer

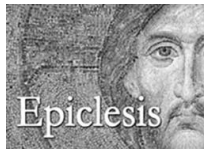
There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus

Thank You, O my Father for giving us Your Son,

And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.



Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

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Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul;
All consuming fire is in Your gaze.
Jesus, I want You to know
I will follow You all my days.
For no one else in history is like You,
And history itself belongs to You;
Alpha and Omega, You have loved me,
And I will share eternity with You.

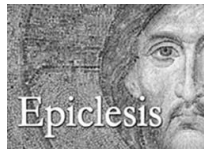
It's all about You, Jesus.
And all this is for You,
For Your glory and Your fame.
It's not about me,
As if You should do things my way;
You alone are God
And I surrender to Your ways.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Behold the Lord (chorus)

Behold the Lord; God is my salvation;
In Him I trust, and will not be afraid.
And I will give thanks,
And sing among the nations forever;
Behold the Lord, behold the Lord,
Behold the Lord.



Benediction

Beloved, Jesus Christ is Messiah, the Son of the living God.
Our all-powerful Father in heaven has, in His unlimited grace,
revealed Him to us and sealed us through His Spirit.
As He reigns as King and Messiah in our hearts,
may we rejoice in His peace and justice, and live in His love,
as we go forth into the world to love and serve Him.

Glory to God in the church!

Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!

Glory to God throughout all generations!

Glory to God forever and ever! Amen!

(Eph. 3:21)

Thanks be to God! **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Confess Christ, we will become like Peter. We are considered blessed as he was. Flesh and blood haven’t revealed to us that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of the living God, but the Father in heaven has, so that we can be citizens of heaven. This revelation carries to heaven those who unveil their hearts and receive ‘the spirit of the wisdom and revelation’ of God. And if we say like Peter, ‘Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God,’ not because flesh and blood revealed it to us, but because our heavenly Father’s light has shone in our hearts, we become a rock, or a Peter. . . Christ is the spiritual Rock from whom His people drank and every disciple of Christ is a rock. Every word of the church and its government is built upon every such rock. For the church is built by God through each of the perfect ones who provide blessing through their words, deeds, and thoughts.”

– Origen

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Lectionary for next week: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;
Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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