


An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

August 30, 2026 (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

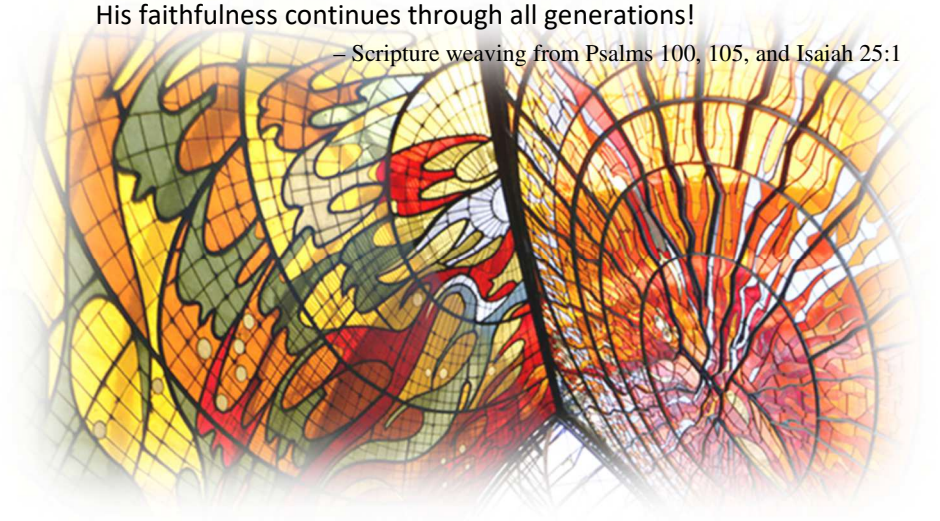
GATHERING

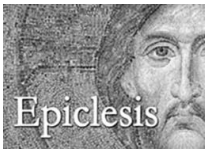
We are gathered to worship the Lord,
to exalt His name, and to proclaim His story!

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!
*Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise!*
*Be thankful to Him, and bless His name!*
O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples.
*Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works.*
Glory in His holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
*Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually.*
Remember the marvelous works He has done,
His wonders, and the judgments He has uttered.
*For He remembers His covenant forever,*
*the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.*
**O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You.**
**I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things,**
**plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

In the presence of the faithful we proclaim His name, for it is good.
His faithfulness continues through all generations!

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 100, 105, and Isaiah 25:1






*Bless God*

Blessed are those who run to Him,
Who place their hope and confidence in Jesus.
He won't forsake them.
Blessed are those who seek His face,
Who bend their knee and fix their gaze on Jesus.
They won't be shaken.

*Chorus 1*

Come on and praise the Lord with me; sing if you love His name.
Come on and lift your voice with me; He's worthy of all our praise.

Blessed are those who walk with Him,
Whose hearts are set on pilgrimage with Jesus.
They'll see His glory.
Blessed are those who die to live,
Whose joy it is to give it all for Jesus
And for Him only. Oh, Jesus, all for Your glory.

*Chorus 2*

Come on and praise the Lord with me; sing if you love His name.
Come on and lift your voice with me; He's worthy of all our praise.
Come on and bring your offering; sing if you've known His grace.
Come on and lift up your holy hands. He's worthy of all our praise.

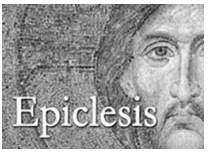
*Bridge*

Bless God in the sanctuary; bless God in the fields of plenty.
Bless God in the darkest valley. every chance I get, I bless Your name.

Bless God when my hands are empty.
Bless God with a praise that costs me.
Bless God when nobody's watching.
Every chance I get, I bless Your name.

Bless God when the weapon's forming.
Bless God when the walls are falling.
Bless God, 'cause He goes before me.
Every chance I get, I bless Your name.

Bless God for He holds the vict'ry;
Bless God for He's always with me.




Bless God for He's always worthy.
Every chance I get, I bless Your name. (repeat)

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## PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

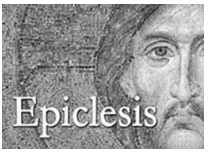
Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
**creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**
**born of the virgin Mary,**
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, died, and was buried;**
**He descended to the dead.**
**On the third day He rose again;**
**He ascended to heaven,**
**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**
**From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy catholic church,**
**the communion of saints,**
**the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body,**
**and the life everlasting.**
**Amen.**

- the Apostles' Creed




PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house,
and the place where Your glory dwells.
*Examine me, O LORD, and try me;*
*test my mind and my heart.*
*For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes.* – Psalm 26:2, 3, 8

[Silence]

Most loving and merciful God, we pray together:
**Teach us to know You,**
**and enable us to do Your will as we ought to do.**

**Give us hearts to love You,**
**to trust and delight in You,**
**and to adhere and cleave in faithfulness unto You —**

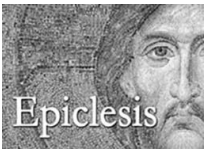
**that no temptations may draw us,**
**nor any tribulations drive us, from You;**
**but that all Your dispensations to us,**
**and all Your dealings with us,**
**may be the messengers of Your love to our souls,**
**to bring us still nearer to Your blessed self,**
**and to make us still fitter for Your heavenly kingdom.**
**Amen.**

(from a prayer by Benjamin Jenks,
English churchman, 1646-1724)

*Purify My Heart*

Purify my heart,
Touch me with Your cleansing fire;
Take me to the cross,
Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love
That flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart,
Purify my heart.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's covenant promise to His people:

If they repent, I will restore them
that they may serve Me and stand before Me.
*I will put my laws in their hearts,*
*and I will write them on their minds.*
*I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*
And they shall all know Me,
for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sins no more.

– from Jeremiah 15:19 and 31:33-34

**Thanks be to God!**

*Passing of the Peace*

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

*My Life Is An Offering*

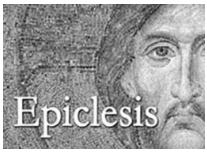
This life is an altar where I want to offer
My soul, and my mind and strength.
Cleansed by Your mercy to live a life worthy
Of the One who called my name.

*Chorus*
Jesus, be glorified; Jesus, be magnified.
Let me be a pleasing sacrifice.
Jesus, be glorified; Jesus, be magnified.
Here at the altar, my life is an offering.

How could I not love You? You authored my rescue,
Raised me up from death to life.
Your Spirit is in me, revealing Your glory;
Oh, what joy as I give my life!

*Bridge*
I choose to lose my life, Lord, and find it in You.

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THE WORD

Psalm 105

Psalm 26

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

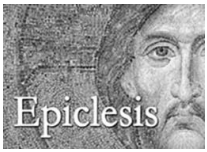


The Lord be with you!
**And also with you!**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**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.**




*May the Words of My Mouth*

May the words of my mouth
And the thoughts of my heart
Bless Your name, bless Your name, Jesus.
And the deeds of the day,
And the truth in my way,
Speak of You, speak of You, Jesus.

*Chorus*
For this is what I'm glad to do;
It's time to live a life of love that pleases You.
And I will give my all to You,
Surrender everything I have and follow You,
I'll follow You.

Lord, will You be my vision;
Lord, will You be my Guide?
Be my hope, be my life, and the Way.
And I'll look not for riches,
Nor praises on the earth,
Only You'll be the first of my heart.



*Bridge*
I will follow; I will follow You. (4x)

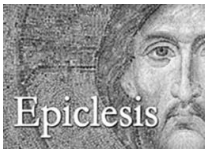
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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

*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:

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 –***

"Courage and confidence are our weapons to deflect the enemy's surprise attacks. Hope and patience are the staffs to lean on when we are worn out by worldly trials. And we must stock up on sorrow and be ready to apply it, if need be, when we repent of our sins. At the same time, we must believe that it is only useful for serving our repentance. Righteousness will be our straightedge ruler, guarding us from stumbling in word or action, guiding us how to use our spiritual abilities, and teaching us to be considerate towards everyone we meet…. But someone who doesn't properly use the spiritual abilities, but uses them for opposite reasons… is inexpressibly strange and unnatural. Imagine someone putting on his armor the wrong way: reversing the helmet so that it covers his face, putting his feet into the breastplate, fitting the shin guards onto his chest, putting everything on the right side belongs to the left and vice versa. How would such a soldier be likely to fare in battle? So then, this gives us an idea of the fate awaiting those who use their spiritual abilities contrary to their proper use." – Gregory of Nyssa

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***Lectionary for next week:*** Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

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