

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

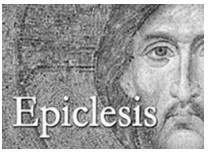
October 11, 2026 (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
His steadfast love and mercy endure forever.
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those whom He has redeemed
from the hand of the enemy and gathered to Himself.
They cried out to the LORD, and He delivered them;
He led them forth and guided them in the wilderness.
Let us give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
and for His wonderful works to the children of men!
For He satisfies the longing soul,
and fills the hungry soul with goodness.
Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
His steadfast love is everlasting,
and His faithfulness continues through all 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.
Come, let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!

– from Psalms 107:1-9, 106:1,
Isaiah 25:1, 9





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.

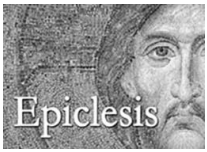
You reached into the dust, in love Your Spirit breathed;
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds,
To join the everlasting chorus.

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.

Chorus 2
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

O Praise the Name (chorus)

O praise the Name of the Lord, our God,
O praise His Name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.

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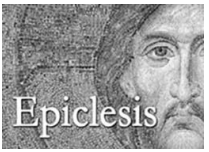
PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

Hear our prayer, O LORD, give ear to our supplications.
Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!
Teach us the way in which we should walk,
for to You we lift up our souls.
Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth.
Give me an undivided heart to fear Your name.

– Psalm 143:1, 8b; 86:11

[Silence]

O God, from whom we have received life and all earthly blessings:
Vouchsafe to give unto us each day what we need;
give to all of us strength to perform faithfully our appointed tasks; bless the work of our hands and of our minds.
Grant that we may ever serve You, in sickness and in health, in necessity and in abundance; sanctify our joys and our trials; and give us grace to seek first Your kingdom and its righteousness, in the sure and certain faith that all else You have promised shall be added unto us. Amen.

(from a prayer by Eugène Bersier, 1831-1889)

[Silence]

Kyrie Eleison

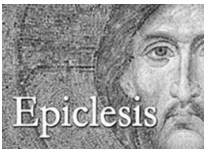
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
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Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus Christ.
Kyrie eleison, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and great in mercy.
He is righteous in all His ways, and faithful in all He does.



The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.
He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He will hear their cry and save them.
The LORD keeps all who love Him. – Psalm 145:8, 17-20

I will 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. Your lovingkindness is everlasting; Your faithfulness is to all generations! – Psalms 86:12-13, 100:5

Passing of the Peace

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Lord of Lords

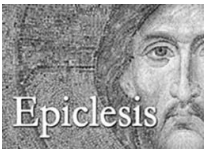
Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for.
To worship You, Jesus, is my sole desire.
For this very heart You have shaped for Your pleasure,
Purposed to lift Your name higher.

Here in surrender, in pure adoration,
I enter Your courts with an off'ring of praise.
I am Your servant, come to bring You glory,
As is fit for the works of Your hands.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
All of creation resounds with the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords.

Spirit now living and dwelling within me,
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face.
Let not the things of this world ever sway me,
I'll run 'til I finish the race.

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
All of creation resounds with the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord.



Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
All of eternity echoes the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords.

Holy Lord, You are holy. Jesus Christ is the Lord. . . .

Now unto the Lamb who sits on the throne,
Be glory and honour and praise.
Call all the sinners to join in the song:
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords. Lord of lords . . .

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THE WORD

Philippians 4:1-9



THE TABLE

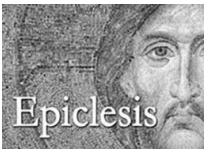
Remembering the Body of Christ

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 (*sung*)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done
On earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.



For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours.
Now and forever, Amen.

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Worthy of Worship

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,
Worthy of honor and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
Worthy of all of the off'rings we bring.

Chorus
You are worthy, Father, Creator.
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship and praise.

Worthy of rev'rence, worthy of fear,
Worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,
Worthy of all this and added to these…

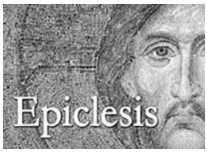
Almighty Father, Master and Lord,
King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,
Savior and Source of our life without end;

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

Chorus
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.



Benediction

Beloved, we go forth with thankful hearts, and with joy, to love and serve the Lord. And as we daily walk out our baptisms in the world, as God's beloved children, may He guide us ever closer to Him and to one another, in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace, confirming us in His ways, for His glory alone.

Amen.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

"Suppose someone gradually became acquainted with an art or science, such as geometry or medicine, until he reached perfection. Having trained himself in its principles and practice for a long time, he attained complete mastery over the subject. Such a person could never go to sleep with such mastery only to wake up ignorant of his subject. So then, as long as that mathematician or physician continues to study his art and to practice its principles, the knowledge of his profession remains with him. But if he stops practicing it and neglects his diligent habits, a few things will gradually escape him. By and by he will forget more and more until everything is forgotten and completely erased from memory. Of course, it is possible that when he first began to fall away and to give in to negligence, he could be aroused and return quickly to his senses. He could recover recent losses and regain the knowledge that had only been slightly erased from his mind. Now let us apply this example to those who have devoted themselves to the knowledge and wisdom of God and whose learning and diligence incomparably surpass all other training. For those who are perfect will see the glory of the Lord face to face as He reveals His mysteries to them." – Origen

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Lectionary for next week: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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