

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

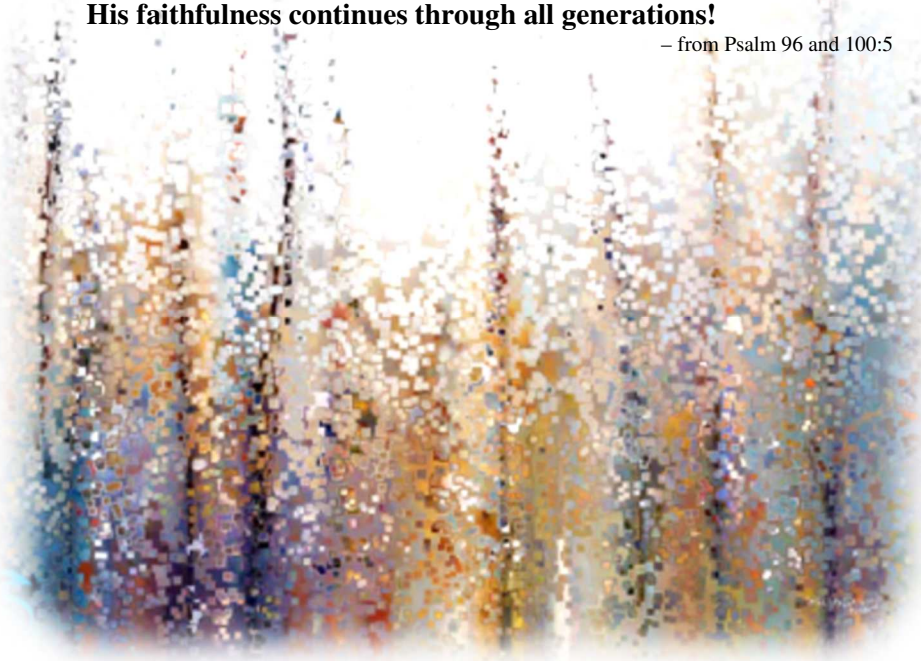
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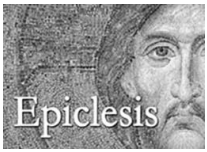
October 18, 2026 (Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among the peoples.
For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
But the LORD made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before Him;
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
Bring an offering, and come into His courts.
In the presence of the faithful we proclaim His name, for it is good.
His faithfulness continues through all generations!

– from Psalm 96 and 100:5





He is Exalted



He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted,
And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord,
Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

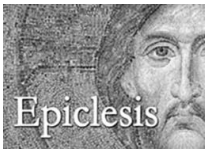
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.
Who was and is, and is to come,
Who was and is, and is to come –

Lift up His name with the sound of singing,
Lift up His name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,
For He is worthy to be praised.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

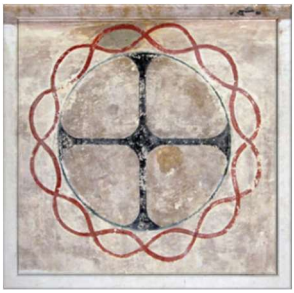
Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages
in these words from the pen of the Apostle Paul:

Since you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above,
where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God.
Set your minds on the things above,
not on the things that are on earth.

For we have died
and our life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,
then we also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Therefore, put to death whatever is earthly in you:
immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed,
which is idolatry.

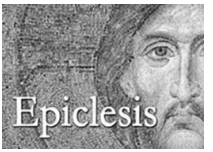
For it is because of these things that the wrath of God
is coming on the sons of disobedience.
And in them we also once walked,
when we were living in them.



But now you also are to put off all these:
anger, wrath, malice, slander,
and abusive speech from your lips.
Do not lie to one another,
since you have put off the old self
with its practices.

We have put on the new self
which is being renewed in knowledge
according to the image of our Creator,
in which there is no distinction
between Greek and Jew,
circumcised and uncircumcised,
barbarian, Scythian, slave, and free,
but Christ is all, and in all.

– from Colossians 3:1-11



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

How blessed are those who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways.
– Psalm 128:1

What does the LORD your God require of you,
but to fear the LORD your God,
to walk in all His ways, to love Him,
to serve the LORD your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and to keep the LORD'S commandments and statutes?
– Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love,
just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. – Ephesians 5:1

[Silence]

Almighty God, **You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him and our reluctance to follow Him.**
O God, forgive us. **Cleanse us, and make us daily more like Christ, that we may increase in His stature, walking in Your ways to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

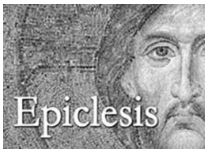
Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear God's steadfast and faithful promises:
Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
And teaches the humble His way.



Who are those who fear the LORD?
He will instruct them in the way they should choose.
Their souls shall abide in prosperity,
and their children shall inherit the land.
The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him,
and He makes His covenant known to them.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep His covenant and His decrees.

– Psalm 25: 8-10, 12-14

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Take My Life

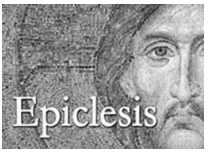
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as Your choose.

Chorus:
Here am I, all of me;
Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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THE WORD

Matthew 22:15-22

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.

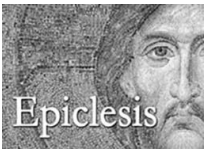
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again!

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.

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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I Will Bow to You

Lord, I will bow to You,
To no other God but You alone.
Lord, I will worship You,
Nothing hands have made, but You alone.

I will lay down my idols, thrones I have made,
All that has taken my heart.
Lord, I will bow to You, to no other God but You alone

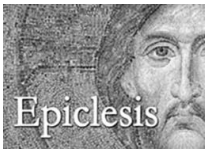
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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Benediction

Now, beloved, let us pray this together,
as we prepare to leave this place, with peace and in joy:
May the love of God enfold us.
May the grace of God uphold us.
May the power of God enable
us as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.
Now to God, who by the means of the power working in us
is able to do so much more than we can ask or even think,
to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all times,
for ever and ever.
Amen. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

"Peacefulness, humility, and the tranquility of a life well-lived is fitting for all Christians, according to the word of the Lord. He regards only those who are 'poor and of a contrite spirit, and that tremble at' His word. Therefore, it is all the more necessary that you confess Christ and be an example to those who believe, observe, and fulfill this calling. Your character should provoke everyone to imitate your life and conduct. . . . So also, God holds dear those who conform to the discipline involved in confessing and praising His name. The Lord warned us, 'Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.' And the apostle Paul says, 'Shine as lights in the world.' Similarly, Peter urges, 'As strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul, having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify the Lord.' Your good works are, indeed, the greatest part of you. They are improved by the honor of your confession itself: guard and preserve your confessions by peaceful and virtuous lives." – Cyprian

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Lectionary for next week: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:15-22

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