An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 25, 2026 (Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Hear O Israel



Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord:
Be still and know that He is God.
Love the Lord your God
With the fullness of your heart.
With all your mind,
Your strength, and soul.

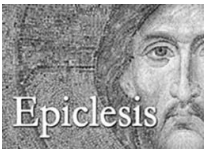
We draw near through Christ, who saves us;
We draw near to the throne of grace.

Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord:
Come, lift your voice and praise your King.

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O LORD, You have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**
You who seek the LORD, praise Him.
All you, His people, glorify Him and stand in awe.
**In the midst of the assembly we will praise You;
we will fulfill our vows before those who fear You.**
How blessed are those who dwell in Your house!
They are ever praising You.
**How blessed are those whose strength is in You,
in whose hearts are the highways to Zion!**
How blessed are those whom You choose and bring near to You,
to dwell in Your courts.
**We will abide in Your tabernacle forever;
we will trust in the shelter of Your wings.
For You, O God, have heard our vows;
You have given us the heritage of those who fear Your name.**

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 90, 22, 84, 65, 61



Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging,
Mysterious and unknown;
Your boundless love, unfailing,
Grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone.

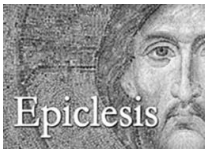
Chorus:
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail,
Helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels,
Hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy,
His pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God.

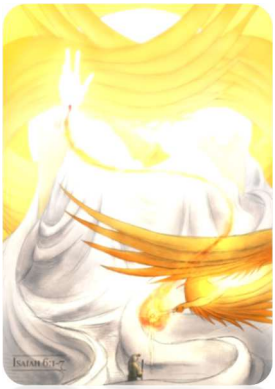
Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird,
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field,
And valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word.

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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.

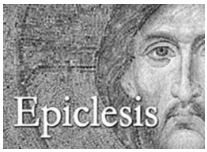
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

With all God's people throughout time and space,
let us together profess our faith in the triune God:

God, who at various times and in various ways
spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,
has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,
whom He appointed heir of all things,
through whom also He made the world,
and who is the radiance of His glory
and the exact representation of His nature.
When the fullness of time had come,
God sent forth His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
born a descendant of David according to the flesh;
born of a woman, born under the Law;
in the likeness of sinful flesh, to be an offering for our sin;
so that He might redeem us,
that we might receive adoption as His children.
God also highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him
the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

– from Hebrews 1:1-3; Romans 1:3, 8:3-4;
Galatians 4:3-4, Philippians 2:9-1



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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?

So owe nothing to anyone except to love one another;
for those who love their neighbors have fulfilled the law.
For all of the commandments are summed up in this word:
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.
– Deuteronomy 10:12-13, Romans 13:8-10

[Silence]

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.

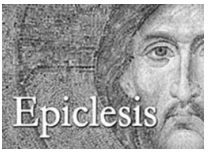
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
And we know that nothing shall ever separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 5:8, 8:1,39

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is; nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us,
So, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great; Your love was greater.
What could separate us now?

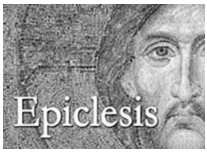
What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is; nothing compares to this:
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You; the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal;
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory;
Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is; nothing can stand against;
What a powerful Name it is: the Name of Jesus.

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THE WORD

Matthew 22:34-46

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!



Our Father in Heaven (sung)

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,
Your name is holy, our Father.
Your kingdom come, and Your will be done
Here on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us, we pray, our bread for today,
Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,
Forgiving of what others owe.
Keep us from trials; save us from our ancient foe!

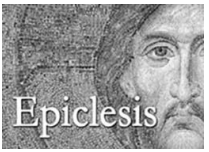
As we sing the kingdom, we sing the power,
We sing the glory be Yours – Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

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Holy

I will lift my voice, and I will sing; I will sing holy, holy.
To my Lord and Savior, my God and King: I will sing holy, holy.

Chorus:
I will praise the Lamb of God who sits upon the throne.
I will worship Him, and give the praise to Him alone.
He who was and is and is to come,
I will sing before His throne forever, forever.



All the angels sing, and they bow down; and they sing holy, holy.
We, Your sons and daughters, we praise You now:
And we cry holy, holy.

Holy, holy; holy, holy . . .

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Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain; Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power
Be to You, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery.

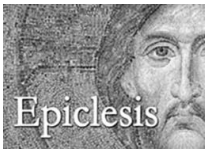
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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

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),
Hymn tune: OLD 100th, attrib. to Louis Bourgeois.



Benediction:

Beloved, we go forth into the world with joy, to love and serve the Lord – each of us with our whole heart, soul, strength and mind. **Amen!**

Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

– Jude 24-25

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

"Since you should not even love yourself for your own sake, but for God who is most worthy of your love, others have no right to be angry at you if you love them for God's sake. For this is the law of love, laid down by Divine authority: 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,' and 'Thou shalt love God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.' So, you must offer all your thoughts, your whole life, and your whole intelligence to Him who gives you everything. When He says, 'With all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,' He means that no part of our life should be unoccupied, allowing room for other wishes. But anything else that appears to be worthy of love must be directed into the same channel through which the whole current of our affections flows. Therefore those who love their neighbors should urge them to love God with their whole heart, soul, and mind. For by loving their neighbors as themselves, they turn the whole current of their love for others into the channel of the love of God." – Augustine

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Lectionary for next week: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Lectionary for All Saints Day (Nov. 1): Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

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