

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 1, 2026 (Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost)

All Saints Sunday

GATHERING

Listen, people of God:

Our God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ, and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. – from Ephesians 2:4-6

I looked, and behold, there was a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands. They were crying out in a loud voice, saying,

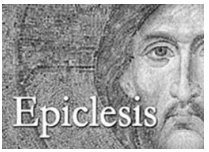
Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen. – Revelation 7:9-12

Today, we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole of creation
in this ongoing heavenly hymn of praise.
Come, let us worship the Lord, our God!





Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

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Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power,
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From ev'ry nation, all of creation,
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory,
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to Your matchless worth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

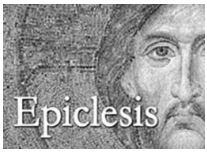
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

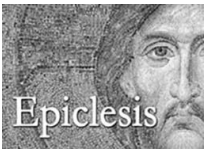
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

All saints—
who are united to Jesus Christ their head
by his Spirit and by faith—
have fellowship with him in his grace, sufferings,
death, resurrection, and glory.
And, being united to one another in love,
they participate in each other's gifts and graces
and are obligated to perform those public and private duties
that lead to their mutual good,
both inwardly and outwardly.
It is the duty of professing saints to maintain
a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God
and in performing such other spiritual services
as help them to edify one another.
It is their duty also
to come to the aid of one another in material things
according to their various abilities and necessities.
As God affords opportunity,
this communion is to be extended to all those in every place
who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.

–from Westminster Confession, XXVI.1-2



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

See what great love the Father has given to us, that we should be called the children of God; and that is what we are.
Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.
What we know is this: when He is appears, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is.
And all who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure. – from 1 John 3:1-3

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from Your love.
We confess to You and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not always loved You with our whole heart;
we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves.

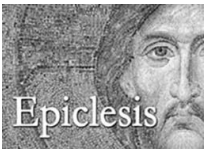
[Silence]

Grant that we may serve You faithfully here on earth,
and in heaven rejoice with all Your saints,
who ceaselessly proclaim Your glory;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.

Lamb of God

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; grant us peace; grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

– Colossians 1:12-14

Now to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Corinthians 1:2-3

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

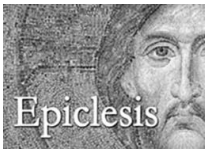
Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe,
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, "Holy." All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high: Holy, holy forever.

If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.



And the angels cry, “Holy.” All creation cries, “Holy.”
You are lifted high: Holy, holy forever.
Hear Your people sing, “Holy,” to the Kings of kings, “Holy.”
You will always be holy; holy forever.

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

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THE WORD

Revelation 7:9-17

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

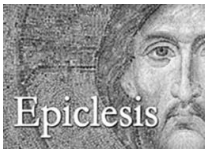


The Lord be with you!
And also with you!
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.



Glory Be To God

To You we bring our hymn of praise: Glory be to God.
Hearts and hands together raised: Glory be to God.
Who spoke before the dawn of time: Glory be to God.
Veil of darkness torn by light: Glory be to God.

And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: "Glory be to God!"
Th'anthem of the Lord's redeemed: "Glory be to God!"

You purchased captives for Your saints: Glory be to God.
And opened wide the kingdom gates: Glory be to God.
You overcame the sting of death: Glory be to God.
And clothed us in Christ's righteousness: Glory be to God.

And all Your children cry with loud acclaim: "Glory be to God!"
Sing, O Church, Your sweet refrain: "Glory be to God!"

Glory, glory, glory, glory forever and ever. (repeat)

Father, Spirit, risen Son: Glory be to God.
Who was, and is, and is to come: Glory be to God.
And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: "Glory be to God!"
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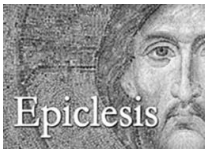
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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

For All the Saints (reprise)

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Benediction

Beloved, we – the people of God – go forth in joy and with thankful hearts, because God Himself, the God of all grace and Creator of all things, He who is from eternity to eternity, is pleased to make His dwelling among us and to call us His own.

Amen.

Now may the grace, power, and love of the God of the universe propel us out into the world to love and serve the Lord, bearing witness to His cosmic story as the center of our lives.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

"'Here is the straight and narrow way which leadeth unto life.' Here are the teachers and prophets wondering in deserts and in mountains and in 'dens and caves of the earth.' Here are apostles, evangelists, and wanderers' lives remote from cities. I have embraced this with all my heart so that I can win what was promised to Christ's martyrs and all His saints. Then I can truly say, 'Because of the words of thy lips I have kept hard ways.'. . . Our Savior was crucified for our sakes so that by His death He could give us life, train us, and motivate us to endure. I press on towards Him and to the Father and the Holy Spirit. I work hard to be found faithful and consider myself unworthy of worldly goods. . . . Think about all these things in your heart. Follow them with passion. As you have been commanded, fight for truth to the point of death. For Christ was 'obedient' even 'unto death.' The Apostle Paul says, 'Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart. . . in departing from the living God. But exhort one another. . . (and edify one another) while it is called to-day.' Today means our entire lifetime. If you live like this, beloved, you will sav e yourself. You will make me glad and you will glorify God forever." – Basil

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Lectionary for next week: Joshua 24:1-3a, 13-25; Psalm 78:1-7; Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20; Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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