

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

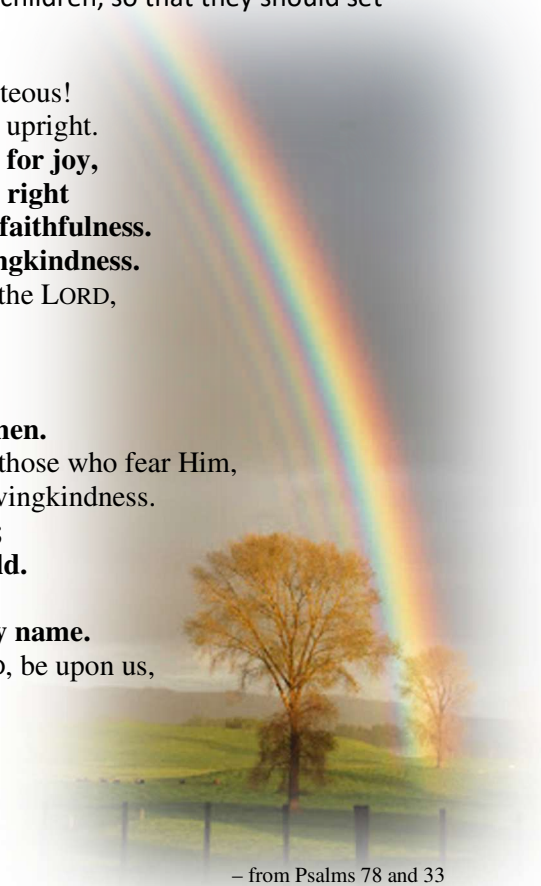
Liturgy

November 8, 2026 (Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

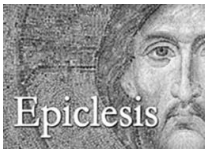
GATHERING

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done. For He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!
For praise is becoming to the upright.
Sing to Him a new song; shout for joy,
for the word of the LORD is right
and all His work is done in faithfulness.
The earth is full of His lovingkindness.
Blessed are those whose God is the LORD,
the people He has chosen
for His own inheritance.
The LORD looks from heaven;
He sees all the children of men.
Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope in His lovingkindness.
We wait in hope for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.
In Him our hearts rejoice,
because we trust in His holy name.
Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
Even as we hope in You.



– from Psalms 78 and 33



O, Worship the King

O, worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. O, girded with praise.

O, tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is the path on the wings of the storm. O, sing of His grace.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain. O, worship the King;
Worship the King.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,
O, worship the King.

Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,
O, worship the King. Worship the King.

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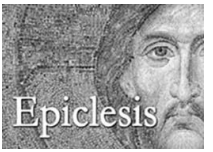
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

I Will Exalt You

I will exalt You, I will exalt You,
I will exalt You; You are my God.

Because You're with me, because You're with me,
Because You're with me, I will not fear.



My hiding place, my safe refuge, my treasure, Lord, You are.
My friend and King, Anointed One, most holy.

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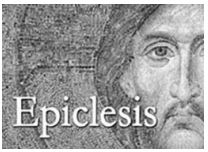
PROFESSION OF FAITH

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

**By faith we understand that the worlds were framed
by the word of God, so that what is seen
was not made of things which are visible.**
**By faith, the ancients gained approval from God,
for without faith it is impossible to please Him.**
All these died in faith, without receiving the promises.
*But having seen them, they believed
and welcomed them from a distance.*
They considered Him faithful who had promised.
By faith they esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches
than the treasures of Egypt.
*Through faith they worked righteousness;
Out of weakness they were made strong;*
They persevered through adversity and opposition;
They became valiant in battle;
And they endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.
*All these, although they gained approval through their faith,
did not receive what was promised,*
Because God had provided something better for us,
so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.
**Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin
which so easily entangles us. And let us run with endurance
the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus,
the author and perfecter of our faith, who, for the joy set
before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and
has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of Your kingdom.

– from Hebrews 11:1 – 12:2; 1:8



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

The Lord looks down from heaven;
He sees all the children of men.
From His dwelling place He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth;
He who fashions the hearts of them all, who considers all they do.
– Psalm 33:13-15

[Silence]

Father in heaven, we are not our own, but Yours.
Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by You or laid aside for You, exalted for You or brought low for You. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.

[Silence]

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue for all eternity. Amen.
– based on a prayer from John Wesley's Covenant Renewal service

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

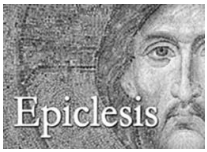
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If You kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness;
so that we can, with reverence, serve You.
Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love,
and with Him is abundant redemption.
He redeems His people from all their sins.

How blessed are all those who wait for Him!
– Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8; Isaiah 30:18

Passing of the Peace



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

I Will Listen



Hard as it seems, standing in dreams,
Where is the dreamer now?
Wonder if I wanted to try,
Would I remember how?

I don't know the way to go from here,
But I know that I have made my choice.
And this is where I stand
Until He moves me on,
And I will listen to His voice.

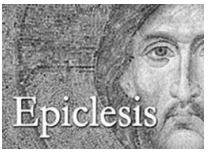
This is the faith, patience to wait,
When there is nothing clear;
Nothing to see, still we believe;
Jesus is very near.

I cannot imagine what will come,
But I've already made my choice.
And this is where I stand
Until He moves me on,
And I will listen to His voice.

Could it be that He is only waiting there to see
If I will learn to love the dreams
That He has dreamed for me?

Can't imagine what the future holds,
But I've already made my choice.
And this is where I stand
Until He moves me on.
And I will listen to His voice.

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THE WORD

Joshua 24



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)

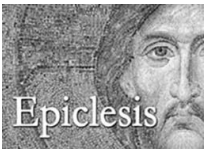
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Yet I Will Praise

I will praise You, Lord, my God;
Even in my brokenness I will praise You, Lord.
I will praise You, Lord. my God;
Even in my desperation I will praise You, Lord.

And I can't understand all that You allow, I just can't see the reason.
But my life is in Your hands, and though I cannot see You,
I choose to trust You.

Even when my heart is torn, I will praise You, Lord.
Even when I feel deserted, I will praise You, Lord.
Even in the darkest valley, I will praise You, Lord.



And when my world is shatter'd, and it seems all hope is gone,
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

I will trust You, Lord, my God;
Even in my loneliness I will trust You, Lord.
I will trust You, Lord, my God;
Even when I cannot hear You I will trust You, Lord.

And I will not forget that You hung on a cross,
Lord, You bled and died for me.
And if I have to suffer I know that You've been there,
And I know that You're here now.

Even when my heart is torn I will trust You, Lord.
Even when I feel deserted I will trust You, Lord.
Even in the darkest valley I will trust You, Lord.
And when my world is shatter'd, and it seems all hope is gone,
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

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Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place;
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

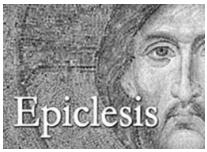
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(Yet I Will Praise)
Even when my heart is torn I will trust You, Lord. . . .

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.



Benediction:

Brothers and sisters, as we go forth into the world to walk out our baptisms, loving and serving the Lord, let us remember with thankful hearts that He has called us into the company of faithful saints who trust in Christ and who joyfully resolve to follow Him wherever and however He leads. For we are pilgrims together on the way of His kingdom.

Amen.

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, forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

"Three things are found in faith. Those who work out their faith through love must hope for what God promises. Hope, therefore, is the partner of faith. For hope is necessary as long as we don't see what we believe, or else, by not seeing we would fail. Not seeing makes us sad, but the hope of seeing comforts us. . . . Love is also the partner of faith. We long glow with desire for it, and hunger and thirst for it. So together there is faith, hope, and love. . . . Take away faith and all you believe in evaporates; take away love and all that you do evaporates. For the purpose of faith is to believe; of love, to do. For if you believe without love, you don't diligently perform good works. Or, if you do, you do so as a slave out of fear of punishment instead of as a child out of love of righteousness. Therefore, faith purifies the heart and is worked out by love."

– Augustine

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Lectionary for next week: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123;
Zephaniah 1:7,12-18; Psalm 90:1-12;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

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