

Liturgy

Second Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 5A)

GATHERING

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

For praise is becoming to the upright.

Sing to Him a new song, and shout for joy!

**For the word of the LORD is upright
and all His work is done in faithfulness.**

The earth is full of His lovingkindness.

How blessed are those whose God is the LORD,
the people He has chosen for His own inheritance.

**The LORD looks from heaven;
from where He sits enthroned
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 Psalm 33

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.

Chorus

*LECTIONARY for the second Sunday
after Pentecost, Year A (2026):*

*Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Hosea 5:15 - 6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

This is the second Sunday of the longest season of the liturgical year. Lasting for months, this season between the Day of Pentecost and Advent is often called ordinary (or Proper) time. In contrast to the more focused seasons from Advent through Easter-tide, in which the Church commemorates and celebrates specific acts of God in earthly history as He personally intervenes to bring about the salvation of creatures and all of the created order, in the season after Pentecost we settle into an extended period of study and reflection on the ways in which our faith is worked out in our individual lives and together in community. We use the term “ordinary” not because this season is in some way less important, but to highlight the contrast between these weeks and the other, “extraordinary” liturgical seasons and because we count these weeks in an ordinal way. That’s why you’ll see the designation “Proper” followed by a number to designate its place within this long season.

The second Sunday after Pentecost is traditionally known as Credo (“I believe”) Sunday. On this Sunday we place particular focus on the mystery of the Person and Work of Christ, on our walk of faith in Him, and on the unfathomable blessings of our relationship with God and with each other within the community of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The lectionary today invites us to consider what we believe through a close look at several expressions and experiences of faith—in particular how we respond to a word, instruction, or command from the Lord. In Genesis, we read of God’s calling of Abram, and of the patriarch’s obedient response to His direction and promise. In the epistle

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.

\Chorus

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INVOCATION

Prayers of adoration, praise, and thanksgiving for God's presence

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

This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved,
and in which we stand:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day,
and appeared to many faithful witnesses.**

Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.**

**All things have been created through Him and for Him.
and in Him all things consist and hold together.**

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that He may have first place in everything.

**And God has put all things in subjection under His feet,
and gave Him as head over all things to the church,
which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of His cross.

**This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might,
which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead,
and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,
far above all principality and power and might and dominion,
and every name that is named, not only in this age,
but also in the age to come.**

– from 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-23

lection, we read Paul's meditation and exhortation from that Old Testament passage: That Abram's faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness" was written "not for his sake alone, but for ours also"! Psalm 33 relates in poetic form the blessings of those who believe the word of the Lord and live in His ways. And in his gospel, Matthew writes of his response to Jesus' call to follow Him, of Jesus' teaching on faith and righteousness, and of healings because of faith in His word.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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,
and considers all they do.*

– Psalm 33:13-15

Almighty and loving God, all hearts are open to You.

**We confess with sadness that we do not always love You
with a whole heart. We too often let fears overwhelm us.
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns,
and have not been mindful of the needs of those around us.**

[Silent confessions]

Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.

**Make us ready, we pray,
always to follow Your will and direction in all things,
that we may walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

The Jesus Prayer

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

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Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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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 lovingkindness,
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

Great Are You, Lord

You give life; You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope; You restore
Every heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs;
So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs;
So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
"Great are You, Lord!"

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THE WORD

Genesis 12:1-9 Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalms 33:1-12 Psalm 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heav'n.
Provide each day our daily needs;
Forgive our sins
As we forgive others' wrongs;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
Forever and ever;
And Thine is the power,
Forever and ever;
And Thine is the glory,
Now and forever,
Amen, amen, amen.

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Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment,
You are forever,
Lord of the ages,
God before time.
We are a vapor,
You are eternal,
Love everlasting,
Reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken,
You are the healer,
Jesus Redeemer,
Mighty to save.
You are the love song
We'll sing forever,
Bowing before You,
Blessing Your name.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Our Great God (chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Benediction:

Beloved, as you go forth into the world,
in joy, to love and serve the Lord,
do so remembering that He who calls you is faithful.

Amen!

And now, Almighty God,
whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table,
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,
that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

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

A thought about worship from the ancient Fathers –

“If rulers don't terrify those who do good works, how will God, who is by nature good, terrify those who don't sin? Paul says, ‘If thou doest evil, be afraid,’ always using strict words with the churches after the Lord's example. Conscious of his own boldness and the hearers' weakness, he says to the Galatians, ‘Am I your enemy, because I tell you the truth?’ Healthy people don't need doctors when they are strong, but those who are sick need a doctor's skill. In the same way, we who are sick from shameful lusts, excesses, and other flames of the passions need the Savior. And He administers not only mild but also stringent medicines. The bitter roots of fear then disintegrate the sores of our sins that eat us. Therefore, fear is beneficial if bitter. Being sick, we stand in need of the Savior; wanderers, of one to guide us; blind, of one to lead us to the light; thirsty, ‘of the fountain of life, of which whosoever partakes shall no longer thirst.’ Dead, we need life; sheep, we need a shepherd; children, we need a tutor. All of humanity stands in need of Jesus so that we may not remain as obstinate sinners to the end and be condemned.”

– Clement of Alexandria

Lectionary for next week: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100;
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35 - 10:23

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The Life of the Body is a time of sharing, announcements, any additional presented material, introduction of guests, etc. Followed by a closing song that reflects the themes of the worship service and a benediction, we—the people of God—are sent forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, giving witness to what we have seen and heard in our encounter with the risen Christ.

The closing words of prayer and blessing are adapted as a benediction from the traditional prayer for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany (the Book of Common Prayer). A useful and user-friendly resource is The (Online) Book of Common Prayer [www.bcponline.org].