

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

January 24, 2016 (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

*The Light of the world ... fulfills Scripture.*

## GATHERING

Reader 1:

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Reader 2:

*Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.*

There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard.

*Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.*

In the heavens He has set a tent for the sun:

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
*And its circuit is to the end of them.*

*And nothing is hid from its heat.*

– from Psalm 19:1-6

Leader:

Arise, bless the LORD your God forever and ever!

**O may Your glorious name be blessed**

**And exalted above all blessing and praise!**

**You alone are the LORD.**

**You have made the heavens,**

**the heaven of heavens with all their host;**

**The earth and all that is on it,**

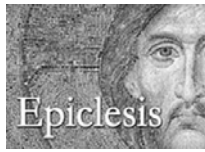
**the seas and all that is in them.**

**You give life to all of them,**

**and the heavenly host bows down before You.**

– Nehemiah 9:5b-6





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.  
Oh, 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.  
Oh, 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.  
Oh, 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,  
Oh, worship the King. Worship the King.

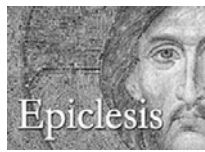
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## INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in Heaven above adore Thee;  
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.



Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;  
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim Thee;  
And adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader:

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

**For from Him and through Him and to Him**

**are all things; to Him be glory forever.**

— – Rom. 11: 33, 36

Recitation and Interpretation

— Dr. Teresa Gardner

*Psalm 19:7-11*

Leader: Together, in praise and faith, we profess:

**Your testimonies are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I have inclined my heart to keep your statutes forever, even to the end.**

— Psalm 119:111-112

## *Ancient Words*

Holy words, long preserved, for our walk in this world;

They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;

In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

## *Chorus*

Ancient words, ever true, Changing me, changing you.

We have come with open hearts;

O let the ancient words impart.

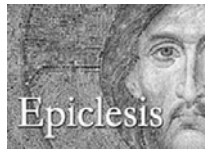
Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age,

Came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words, long preserved for our walk in this world;

They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

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## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

But who can discern their own errors?

**Cleanse me from hidden faults.**

Keep Your servants from willful sins;

**Let them not rule over me.**

**Then I will be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

[Silent confessions]

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be pleasing to You, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

– based on Psalm 19:12-14

### *The Jesus Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

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

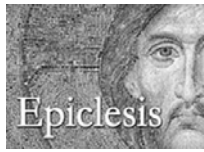
God's own word, handed down by faithful hands through the ages,  
is trustworthy and true. Listen to what these words of life say about  
our assurance of pardon:

How blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
who walk in His ways,

*How blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

How blessed are those who observe His testimonies,  
who seek Him with all their heart.

– Psalm 128:1, 119:1-2



## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Sovereign Lord, we sing of Your lovingkindness and Your faithfulness. We acknowledge that all we are, and all we have, has come from Your hand. It's all about You, Jesus. In this time of worshipful giving of Your tithes and our offerings, we offer ourselves to You anew. You alone are God, and we surrender to Your ways.

### *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

It's all about You, Jesus.  
And all this is for You,  
For Your glory and Your fame.  
It's not about me,  
As if You should do things my way;  
You alone are God  
And I surrender to Your ways.

Jesus, lover of my soul;  
All consuming fire is in Your gaze.  
Jesus, I want You to know  
I will follow You all my days.  
For no one else in history is like You,  
And history itself belongs to You;  
Alpha and Omega, You have loved me,  
And I will share eternity with You.

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## THE WORD

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

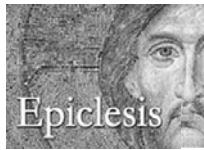
Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21



Christ Preaching in the Temple, J  
Polack, c. 1500



## 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.**



Body and Blood, Mark Jennings,  
Contemp.

### *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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### *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

O soul, are you weary and troubled?

No light in the darkness you see?

There's a light for a look at the Savior,

And life more abundant and free!

#### *Chorus:*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face.

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,

In the light of His glory and grace.



Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
Over us sin no more hath dominion –  
For more than conquerors we are!

*Chorus*

His Word shall not fail you – He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell!

*Chorus*

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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*

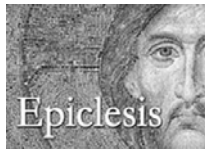
Holy, holy, Lord God, Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

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



*Christ, Be our Light*

Longing for light, we were in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turned to You.  
Make us your own, Your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church sent forth today.

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**Benediction:**

Now, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord –  
May Christ, the Light of the world and the Word made manifest,  
be so manifest in us that our lives are light to all those around us:  
To the glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“To search the Scriptures is an excellent and profitable work for souls. Just as a tree is planted by streams of waters, the soul watered by divine Scripture is enriched and gives fruit (that is, righteous belief) in its season. It is adorned with evergreen branches—actions pleasing to God. Through the Holy Scriptures, we are trained to think rightly and to act in a manner pleasing to God. For in these words we are encouraged toward every virtue and dissuaded from every evil. ... All who ask receive, those who seek find, and to those who knock it shall be opened. Therefore, let us knock at the beautiful garden of Scripture. It is fragrant, sweet, and blooming with various sounds of spiritual and divinely inspired birds. They sing all around our ears, capture our hearts, comfort the mourners, pacify the angry and fill us with everlasting joy. Scripture sets our mind on the gold, gleaming, brilliant back of the divine dove. Its bright wings rise to the Only-begotten Son who is the Heir of the spiritual vineyard's Farmer. The divine dove brings us through Him to the Father of Lights.”

– John of Damascus

**Lectionary for next week:** Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

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