

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 26, 2017 (Eighth Sunday of Epiphany)

Transfiguration Sunday

Let it Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

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Transfiguration, Linda McCray, Contemp.

GATHERING

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble in awe!

He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake!

The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted above all peoples.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God,
and worship Him upon the holy mountain.

**We give thanks to Him, and praise His great and awesome name,
for He is holy!**

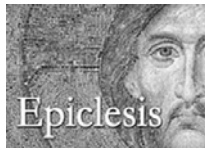
On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus' disciples Peter, James, and
John beheld the majesty of His glory. And from the mystery of a
cloud they heard a voice declaring Him to be God's Son.

Alleluia! The LORD has shown forth His glory.

Praise, honor, majesty and glory to His name!

Come, let us exalt the LORD our God, and worship in His presence,
for the LORD our God is holy.

– from Psalm 99 and Matthew 17



Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You;
I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy;
I want to see You.

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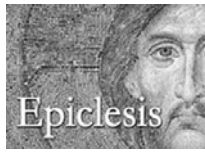
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Doxology (Come Thou, Almighty King)

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be.
Hence evermore:
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see;
And to eternity love and adore.

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Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1769.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in the words of this hymn of the ancient church:

You are God; we praise You.

You are the Lord; we acclaim You.

You are the Eternal Father;
all creation worships You.

*To You all angels, all the powers of heaven,
sing in endless praise:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praises you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praises you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praises you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims You;

Father of majesty unbounded,

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free

You did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,

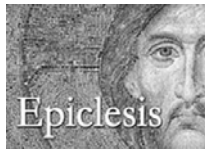
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Leader: Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

– from *Te Deum laudamus* (“Thee, O God, we praise”).
Attrib. to church fathers Ambrose and Augustine, 4th century.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Shine now in our hearts, merciful Father; reveal any places of darkness, and cleanse us from sin.

– based on 2 Corinthians 4:6

[Silent Confessions]

God of transfiguration,

You graciously call us to Yourself, in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life, in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we confess that too often our eyes are blind to Your presence, too often our ears are deaf to Your call. We speak when we should listen; we act when we should reflect. We long only to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is light of the world and sovereign Lord over all things.

[Silent confessions]

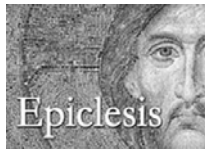
Agnus Dei

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

You alone are Lord Most High, the Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's faithful and true promise of pardon:
The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory. For this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

– from 2 Corinthians 3:18

Thanks be to God for His transforming power!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and expressions of wonder and praise. . .

Sovereign Lord of glory, **You created all that is, and with love formed us in Your image. All we are, and all we have, are gifts and a trust from You. In gratitude we return to You what is Yours: Your tithes and our offerings. Receive them, we pray, as expressions of our worship and our desire to glorify Your name.**

Glorify Your Name

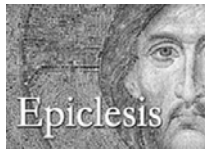
Your presence, Your glory,
You're welcome here.
All honor, dominion,
Lord, please come near.
We want You, we need You,
We live to glorify Your name.

Glorify Your name, glorify Your name;
Glorify the name above all names

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THE WORD

Exodus 24:12-18
Mathew 17:1-9
2 Peter 1:16-21



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.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours.
Now and forever, Amen.

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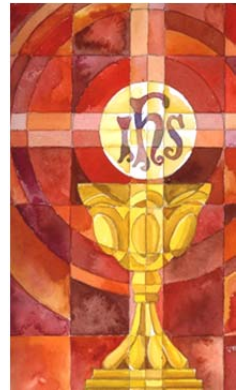
Jesus, I am Resting

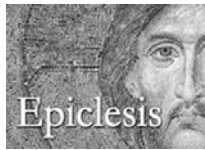
Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul.
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Chorus:

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness,
Vaster, broader than the sea.
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,
Know what wealth of grace is Thine;
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine.





Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold Thee as Thou art.
And Thy love so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings,
Meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
Compasseth me 'round with blessings,
This is love indeed.

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of the Father's glory, Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

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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.

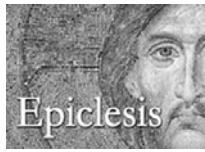
Chorus

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'ulous mystery.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Jesus, I am Resting (verse 4 reprise)

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of the Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Benediction:

The divine glory of the incarnate Word was revealed on that holy mountain. We, who have not seen and yet believe, rejoice with His disciples in the divine majesty of Christ.

Now, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, may you shine with His transforming glory, telling His glorious story, and walk out your baptisms as people changed through the presence of the Savior of the world.

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

A thought about worship...

“Between the wedding feast in Cana and the impending death of Jesus, a progressive unveiling of his glory will appear. The season of Epiphany . . . celebrates this progressive unveiling of God's glory manifest in Jesus and invites us to order our spiritual journey around the Christ manifest in history, manifest in us. . . . Spirituality is Christ living his life *in us* and *through us*. The manifestation of the glory of God made present in Jesus is to continue in his followers.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 85-86.)

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Lectionary for next week: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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