

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy
May 1, 2017 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The grave is empty!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before Him with joyful singing.**

Know that the LORD Himself is God.
It is He who made us and not we ourselves.

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise;
Give thanks to Him and bless His name.

**For the LORD is good:
His lovingkindness is everlasting;
and His faithfulness continues to all generations.**

– Psalm 100

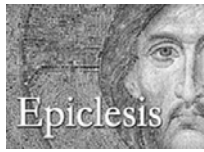
Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
(Repeat)

For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand; yes, the sheep of His hand.

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I Call You Faithful

I call You Faithful, Your name is Faithful;
Lord, You are Faithful to me.
I call you Faithful, Your name is Faithful;
Faithful You are, and Faithful You'll be.
(Repeat)

I call You Holy; Your name is Holy;
Lord, You are Holy to me. . . .

I call You Jireh; Your name is Jireh;
You are Provider to me.
I call You Jireh; Your name is Jireh,
Provider You are, and Provider You'll be.

I call You Shepherd; Your name is Shepherd;
You're the Good Shepherd to me.
I call You Shepherd; Your name is Shepherd;
Shepherd You are, and Shepherd You'll be.

I call You all that; Your name is All That;
Lord, You are All That to me. . . .

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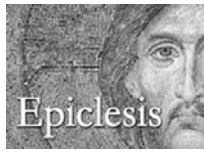
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

To God Be the Glory

Chorus

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.



To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Jesus declared,

I am the good shepherd;
The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd,
and I know My own, and My own know Me,
even as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father;
and I lay down My life for the sheep.

My sheep hear My voice,
and I know them, and they follow Me;
and I give eternal life to them,
and they will never perish;
and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

I and the Father are one.

– John 10:11, 14-15, 27-30

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

**He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

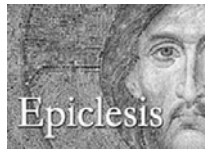
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me
all the days of my life,**

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

– Psalm 23



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

To You, O LORD, our Rock, we call.

Hear the voice of our supplications when we cry to You for mercy,
When we lift up our hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

Save Your people and bless Your inheritance;

Shepherd them also, and carry them forever.

– from Psalm 28:1-2, 9

[Silence]

**I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,
for I do not forget your commandments.**

– Psalm 119:176

[Silent Confessions]

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;
And deliver us and forgive our sins, for Your name's sake.

**So we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture,
will give thanks to You forever;
to all generations we will proclaim Your praise.**

– Psalm 79:9,13

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ Who died for me.
How He left His home in glory for the cross of Calvary.

Chorus:

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ Who died for me.
Sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,
Threw His loving arms around me, drew me back into His way.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word and promise of God:

“You are My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God,”
declares the Sovereign LORD.



“As a shepherd cares for his flock when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep. . . . I Myself will feed My sheep and lead them to rest. I will seek the lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak.”

– from Ezekiel 34

Now, hear this good, good news:

*He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross,
so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.*

By His wounds you have been healed.

*For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the
Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.*

– 1 Peter 2: 24-25

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Little Narrow Gate (solo)

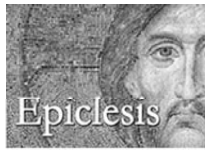
There's a little narrow gate at the top of a hill;
And it beckons my heart to enter in
And follow where it will.
And the path that leads through this gate of dreams
Takes me away.

There's a little narrow gate at the top of a hill;
And it beckons my heart to enter in
And do my Father's will.
And the path that leads through this gate of dreams
Takes me away.

With the wind at my back, the journey before me;
I set my feet on the road that leads to life,
And take the hand of the One who'll be my companion.
For He will show me the place to begin.

All of my life I've been waiting;
Could this be the place I can start?

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THE WORD

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10



THE TABLE

Sheep and Gate, Tim Green, Contemp.

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 (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,

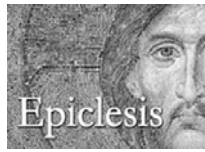
But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

And the power,

And the glory, forever.

Amen



My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death His presence is my stay;
One word of His supporting breath drives all my fears away.
His hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, His oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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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



With Burning Hearts

With yearning hearts, we came today to worship;
With yearning hearts, we've seen Him in His pow'r.
We've heard His voice, we've broken bread;
Our eyes are opened wide.
With burning hearts, we now go forth in joy;
With burning hearts, we now go forth in joy.

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Benediction

Go forth in joy and hope to love and serve the Lord in all that you do.
We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our
Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the
eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do
His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through
Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

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

— based on Hebrews 13:20-21

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Isn't God good? Consider how He fed thousands of the people in the wilderness with bread from heaven. He prevented famine and the people didn't even need to work for it. They enjoyed rest for forty years, their clothing didn't grow old, and their shoes didn't wear out. Isn't He good? He brought earth up to heaven, so that, just as the stars reflect His glory in the sky like a mirror, the choirs of apostles, martyrs, and priests shine like glorious stars and give light throughout the world. So then, He is not only good, but is more. He is a Good Shepherd . . . to His sheep, ‘for the good shepherd layeth down his life for his sheep.’ . . . It is to my advantage to believe that God is good, for ‘It is a good thing to trust in the Lord.’ It is good to confess that He is Lord, for it is written: ‘Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.’”
— Ambrose

Lectionary for next week: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10;
John 14:1-14

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