

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy
May 5, 2019 (Third Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

Haven't You Heard?

Haven't you heard that Jesus is risen?
Mary was there at crack of the dawn.
Weeping, she found Him down in the garden;
Laughter is living and grieving is gone.

Chorus:

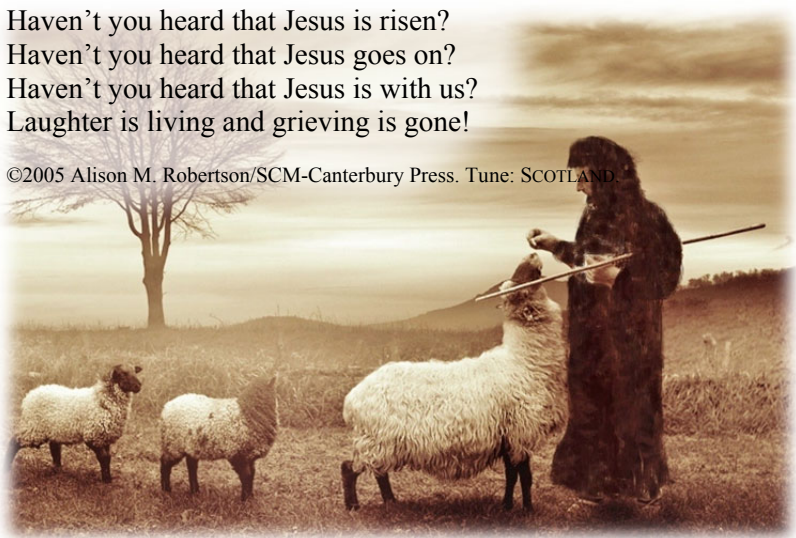
Our hearts are glowing, our eyes are showing
That Jesus lives!

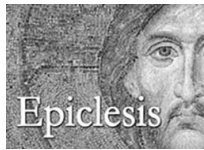
Haven't you heard that Jesus is risen?
Cleopas told us. Evening drew on.
Walking and talking, traveling with them,
Jesus was present: now grieving is gone.

Haven't you heard that Jesus is risen?
Peter was fishing. Out of the dawn
Jesus called, "Shoot your net to the starboard" –
Fishing is thriving and grieving is gone.

Haven't you heard that Jesus is risen?
Haven't you heard that Jesus goes on?
Haven't you heard that Jesus is with us?
Laughter is living and grieving is gone!

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Alleluia! Christ is risen! The grave is empty!

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

Come, sing praises to the LORD, O you His faithful ones,
and give thanks to His holy name.

We extol you, O LORD, for You have lifted us up.

You have turned our mourning into dancing;

You have filled us with joy

So that our souls may praise You and not be silent.

O LORD, our God, we will give thanks to You forever,
and with the saints of all the ages we proclaim:

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

**to receive power and riches and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and praise!**

– from Psalm 30 and Revelation 5

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

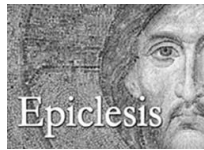
Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side –
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail thro'out eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave;
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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



Let the Peoples Praise

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat)

Let the peoples praise You, O God. (4x)

Only One, only One worthy (3x) – Worthy is the Lamb.

We, Your people, praise You, O God. (4x)

Glory to the Righteous One (3x)

From the ends of the earth we hear songs.

(Hallelujah! The Lamb has won).

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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 according to the Scriptures; He was buried,
and was raised on the third day according the Scriptures,
and He appeared to many faithful witnesses.**

*In Christ, the Lamb, we have redemption through His blood, the
forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of His grace.*

**For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, despising the
shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

He reigns far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and
every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the age to
come – King of kings, and Lord of lords!

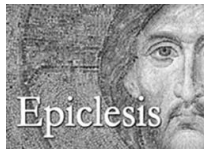
– from 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Ephesians 1:7, 20-21, Hebrews 12:2

Reading:

Revelation 5:11-14

Crown Him with Many Crowns (sung)

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, th'incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, “I dwell in the high and holy place, and with the contrite and lowly of spirit, in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

– Isaiah 57:15

*For though the Lord is exalted, yet He regards the lowly,
but the proud He knows from afar.*

– Psalm 130:6

[Silence]

Righteous God, for our sake You made Christ, who knew no sin, to be sin, for our redemption. He became what we are so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

[Silence]

Yet we confess that often we ignore our sin. Too often we do not confess. We keep silent about the sin that clings to us. But our sins are too great a burden for us. Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

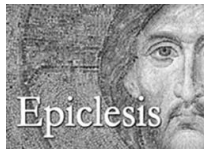
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
(repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, God's faithful ones: this is the good news of God's salvation:

By His resurrection He has overcome death so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death.

By His power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.

Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 45

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God!

— Romans 5:1-2

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

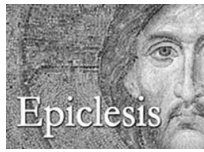
Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

My Lips Will Praise You

My lips will praise You,
For You are holy.
My voice will ever rise before Your throne.
My heart will love You,
For You are lovely,
And You have called me
To become Your own.

I am Your own,
And I will worship You alone.
I am Your own,
I am Your child.
I am Your own,
And I will worship at Your throne.
I am Your own,
And I will love You.

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THE WORD

John 21:1-19

RECOGNIZING THE JOURNEY TO JESUS:

“A Long Obedience in the Same Direction”

COMMISSIONING AND AFFIRMATION OF ELDERS

Introduction of the elder candidates

Liturgy of ordination

Candidates kneel for the laying on of hands



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.

Our Father in Heaven (sung)

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,

Your name is holy, our Father.

Your kingdom come,

And Your will be done

Here on earth as it is in heaven.

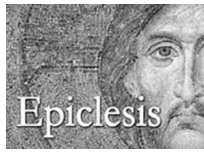
Give us, we pray, our bread for today,

Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,

Forgiving of what others owe.

Keep us from trials;

Save us from our ancient foe!



As we sing the kingdom,
We sing the power,
We sing the glory be Yours –
Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

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May the Words of My Mouth

May the words of my mouth
And the thoughts of my heart
Bless Your name, bless Your name, Jesus.
And the deeds of the day,
And the truth in my way,
Speak of You, speak of You, Jesus.

Chorus

For this is what I'm glad to do;
It's time to live a life of love that pleases You.
And I will give my all to You,
Surrender everything I have and follow You,
I'll follow You.

Lord, will You be my vision,
Lord, will You be my Guide?
Be my hope, be my life, and the Way.
And I'll look not for riches,
Nor praises on the earth,
Only You'll be the first of my heart.

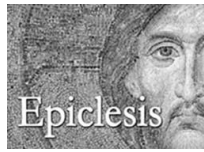
Chorus

Bridge

I will follow; I will follow You. (4x)

Chorus

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Crown Him With Many Crowns (reprise)

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.
Be Thou, O Lord, thro' endless days adored and magnified!

Benediction:

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord.
Because He lives, and has triumphed over death, you also live.

Alleluia! Amen.

Since we have been raised with Christ, let us go forth as His
witnesses in the joy and power of His resurrection.

Alleluia! Amen.

Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless you now and
forever, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the risen
Christ.

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

A thought about worship...

"The primary metaphor for the Easter season is the church as the resurrected people living a resurrected spirituality. Because of Easter we are in union with Christ and are called to live in our baptismal identity in his resurrection. This essential theme of Easter cannot be communicated in a day. It takes a season. . . . It is in worship that resurrection spirituality is learned and experienced." (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 148-151).

Lectionary for next week: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

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