

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 3, 2019 (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)

GATHERING

Bow Down

Bow down before the Lord; worship Him, O worship Him.
Bow down before our God; enter in, O enter in.
Consuming fire and sweet perfume,
His awesome presence fills this room.
This is holy ground, so come and bow down.

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We have gathered to worship the LORD, our God,
to proclaim His greatness, and declare His story.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

Let Your glory be over all the earth!

You have done great things; O God, who is like You?

**My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts,
and Your deeds of salvation all day long,
though their number is past my knowledge!**

We will hope in You continually;
we will yet praise You more and more.

**My heart is steadfast, O God;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!**

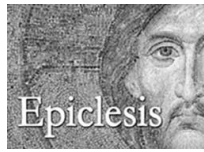
*We will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples;
and sing praises to Your name among the nations.*

For Your steadfast love is as high as the heavens,
Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be over all the earth!**

— Scripture weaving from Psalms 71:14-19, 57:5-11

LOVE



Behold the Lord

Great and marvelous are Your works,
Oh Lord Almighty.
True and righteous are all Your ways,
King of the ages.
Who will not fear You, oh Lord,
And glorify Your Name?

Chorus

Behold the Lord,
God is my salvation;
In Him I trust
And will not be afraid.
And I will give thanks,
And sing among the nations forever;
Behold the Lord, behold the Lord,
Behold the Lord.

So rejoice and be glad in this: Our God is with us;
Messiah, Emmanuel, Lion of Judah.
Lift up your voice and declare
The glory of our King.

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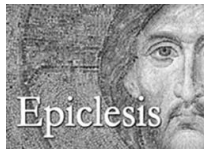
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Doxology

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Text: fourth verse of *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*, a 14th century Latin hymn; transl. John Walsh, in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; this verse, Charles Wesley, 1740. Hymn tune: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1817. Setting: Ellen Koehler. ©2011.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

This is the hope of His calling,
the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
and the surpassing greatness of His power
toward us who believe:

*He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.*

In love He predestined us to adoption as His children
through Jesus Christ to Himself,
to the praise of the glory of His grace,
which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

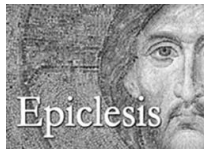
*In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of His grace
which He lavished upon us.*

In all wisdom and insight He made known to us
the mystery of His will,
that is, in the fullness of the times,
He might sum up all things in Christ,
things in the heavens and things upon the earth.

*In Him also we have obtained an inheritance,
having been predestined according to His purpose,
who works all things after the counsel of His will,
to the end that we should be to the praise of His glory.*

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ.
To Him be glory forever!**

— from Romans 11:33, 36 and Ephesians 1:3-14, 18



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

In You, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in Your righteousness.

*Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.*

**Be to me a rock of refuge to which I may continually come;
You have given the commandment to save me,
for You are my rock and my fortress.**

[Silence]

Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for You are my refuge.

You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for Your name's sake lead me and guide me.**

— from Psalms 31:1-5, 71:1-6

We Confess

Almighty God, we confess our sin;
What we have done, what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with a whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

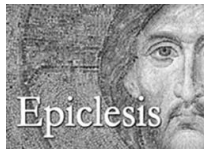
Have mercy, have mercy on us. Have mercy, have mercy.

Most gracious God, we have lost our way.
Like wand'ring sheep, we have gone astray.
We're truly sorry, and we turn back
Now, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Have mercy, have mercy on us. Have mercy, have mercy on us.
Have mercy, have mercy.

As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our sinfulness.
He carried our guilt and shame upon Himself.
We are forgiven, forgiven. We are forgiven, forgiven.

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(Third verse lyric altered from first person to third person.)



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is faithful and true. This is His promise of pardon, from the pen of the prophet Isaiah:

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD.

Look to the Rock from which you were hewn.

For the LORD will comfort His people; joy and gladness will be found in them, thanksgiving and the voice of song. And His justice will be a light to the peoples: salvation will be forever, and His deliverance will never be ended.

— from Isaiah 51:1-6

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Call Upon His Name

Not to us, O God, but to Your name all glory.

We give thanks and praise to You alone, forever.

Praise Him, all the earth; all creation bows to You.

Nations stand in awe; He is the King of Glory.

To You, O Lord; You reign in heaven and on earth.

To You alone, as the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

Call upon His name, the orphans and widows;

He'll lift you up again, and shower you with mercy.

Bless You, O my soul: robed with strength and majesty,

The Lion and the Lamb. Together, come and worship.

To You, O Lord: You reign in heaven and on earth;

To You alone, as the earth is filled with Your wonder.

To You, O Lord: You reign in heaven and on earth.

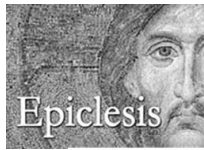
To You alone, as the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

All to You, both now and evermore.

Come and drink again; be filled with living water.

Call upon His name; He is the King of Glory.

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THE WORD

Luke 4:21-30

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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 (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.

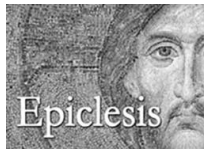
And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory,

Forever. Amen



I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus, the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

Chorus:

How marvelous, how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me.

He took my sins and my sorrows;
He made them His very own.
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

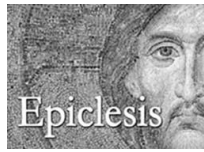
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He Is Here

He is here; hallelujah! He is here; Amen!
He is here; holy, holy. I will bless His name again.
He is here; listen closely, hear Him calling out your name.
He is here; you can touch Him. You will never be the same.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Walk In the Light

Thomas Whitfield

Walk in the light, beautiful light;
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Shine all around us, by day and by night.
Jesus is, Jesus is, the Light of the world.

Benediction:

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. **Amen.**

And as we go forth, in faith and joy, to love and serve the Lord, may He grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“God made you as perfect as seemed good to Him. He has given you a free mind. He has set many objects before you so that you can distinguish their nature and choose the good things for yourself. He has set the heavens before you and placed the stars in them. He has set the sun and the moon before you. They run their courses every day. He has set all of the waters before you and restrained them by His Word. He has set the whole wide world before you, which remains at rest and continues to thrive without changing. For fear that you might assume the earth continues because of its own nature, He makes it quake when He pleases. He has set the clouds before you, which, by His command, rain water from above and satisfy the earth. Consequently, you should know that the One who puts these things into motion is superior to them all. Accept His goodness with gratitude because He has given you a mind to distinguish these things from one another. Therefore, I advise you: know yourself and know God.”

– Melito

Lectionary for next week: Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

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