

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 10, 2019 (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)

GATHERING

Hear O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord:
Be still and know that He is God.
Love the Lord your God with the fullness of your heart.
With all your mind, your strength and soul.

We draw near through Christ, Who saves us;
We draw near to the throne of grace.

Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord:
Come, lift your voice and praise your King.

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Give thanks to the LORD with a whole heart;
tell of all His wonderful works.

**We will be glad and exult in Him;
and sing praises to the name of the Most High.**

Bow down toward His holy temple in worship,
and give thanks to His name for His steadfast love and faithfulness.

For He has exalted His name and His word above all things.

On the day I called, He answered me;

He increased the strength of my soul.

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for us;

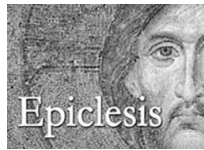
He will not forsake the work of His hands;

His steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the LORD and sing of His ways,
for great is the glory of the LORD!

– from Psalm 138





Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
Your boundless love, unfailing, grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Chorus

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word.

Chorus

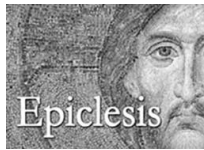
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

O ye heights of heav'n, adore* Him;
Angel hosts, His prais*es sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before* Him
And extol our God* and King;



Let no tongue on earth be si*lent;
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore*.
A*men.

Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 5th century; transl. by John M. Neale and Henry W. Baker. Hymn tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Plainsong, 11th century.
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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, was buried, was raised on the third day,
and appeared to many faithful witnesses.**

Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

*In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.*

All things have been created through Him and for Him.
and in Him all things consist and hold together.

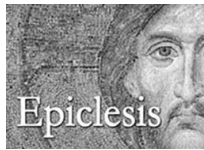
*He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that He may have first place in everything.*

**And God has put all things in subjection under His feet,
and gave Him as head over all things to the church,
which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of His cross.

**This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might,
which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from
the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly
places, far above all principality and power and might and
dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age,
but also in the age to come.**

— from 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-23



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

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to You, our God, and before one another, that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed. **We have offended Your holiness. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have followed the devices of our own hearts, and have spurned the promptings of Your Spirit. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.**

[Silence]

Have mercy on us, Lord. Accept our repentance, and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world; through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

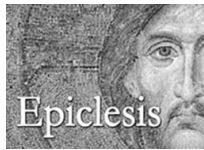
Holy, Holy Lamb

Holy, holy Lamb; holy, holy Lamb,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Holy, holy Lamb.
Holy, holy Lamb; holy, holy Lamb,
He's worthy of all worship and praise: Holy, holy Lamb.

Cantor (solo):
Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne;
Salvation belongs to our God, and unto the Lamb.

Holy, holy Lamb; holy, holy Lamb,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Holy, holy Lamb.
Holy, holy Lamb; holy, holy Lamb,
He's worthy of all worship and praise: Holy, holy Lamb.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though the LORD is exalted, yet He regards the lowly;
But the proud He knows from afar.
*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;
You stretch forth Your hand against the anger of my foes,
And with Your right hand You save me.*
**The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;
Your lovingkindness, O LORD, endures forever!**

– from Psalm 138:6-8

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Be Thou My Vision

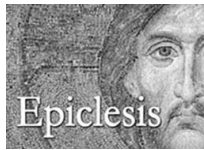
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.
Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight,
Thou my whole armor, and Thou my true might.
Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower.
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun;
Grant me its joys e'er the victory is won.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Ancient Irish Hymn (SLANE); trans. Mary Byrne, 1905; versified by Eleanor Hull, 1912.
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THE WORD

Isaiah 6:1-13

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.



Prophet Isaiah, Marc Chagall, 1968

Christ has died.

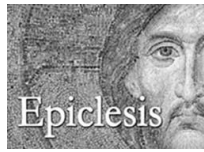
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!

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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Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty. (repeat)
Who was and is, and is to come. (repeat)

Lift up His name with the sound of singing,
Lift up His name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,
For He is worthy to be praised.

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Holy

I will lift my voice, and I will sing; I will sing holy, holy.
To my Lord and Savior, my God and King: I will sing holy, holy.

Chorus:

I will praise the Lamb of God who sits upon the throne.
I will worship Him, and give the praise to Him alone.
He who was and is and is to come,
I will sing before His throne forever, forever.

All the angels sing, and they bow down; and they sing holy, holy.
We, Your sons and daughters, we praise You now:
And we cry holy, holy.

Chorus

Holy, holy; holy, holy . . .

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SENDING FORTH

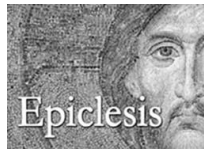
The Life of the Body

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 into the world to love and serve the Lord,
May He 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 –

“What is the most righteous way of worshiping God? For no one should think that God desires victims, incense, or valuable gifts. Since He doesn't experience hunger, thirst, cold, or a desire for earthly things, the things presented in temples to earthly gods aren't useful to Him. Just as physical offerings are necessary for physical beings, so spiritual sacrifices are necessary for a spiritual being. Since all the world is under God's power, He doesn't need the things He gave people to use. Since He dwells in the entire world, He doesn't need a temple. Since the eyes and mind can't comprehend Him, He doesn't need an image. Since He kindled the light of the sun and stars for our sake, He doesn't need earthly lights. So then, what does God require from us? Pure and holy worship of our minds. For those things that are made by hand or outside of people are senseless, frail, and displeasing. But true sacrifice isn't from the purse but from the heart. It is offered not by the hands, but by the mind. . . . What's the purpose of incense, clothes, silver, gold, or precious stones if the worshiper doesn't have a pure mind?”

– Lactantius

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

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