

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

February 24, 2019 (Seventh Sunday after Epiphany)

*The Light of the world . . . is the last Adam.*

## GATHERING

We have gathered to praise and worship the LORD, our God.

**He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.**

*Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of wrongdoers.*

*For they will soon wither like the grass and fade like the green herb.*

Trust in the LORD and do good;

    dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.

*Delight yourself in the LORD,*

*and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

Commit your way to the LORD,

    trust also in Him and He will bring it to pass.

*He will bring forth your righteousness as the light of dawn,*

*and your justice as the noonday sun.*

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him.

**Those who wait for the LORD will inherit the earth,**

**and will delight themselves in the abundance of peace.**

*The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;*

*He is their strength in time of trouble.*

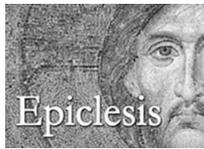
**The LORD helps them and delivers them;**

**He delivers them from the wicked and saves them,**

**because they take refuge in Him.**

– from Psalm 37





*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

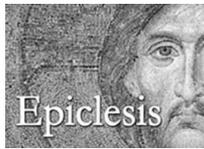
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (verse 4)*

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly, for aye we adore Him.

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God, and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Anonymous German hymn *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; Transl. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873.  
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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: 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.

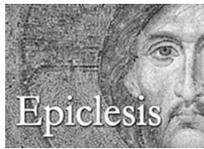
*He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
so that He may have first place in everything.*

**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.**

Leader: 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

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the LORD would not have listened.

*But truly God has listened; He has given heed to the words of our prayer. Blessed be God, because He has not rejected our prayers or removed His steadfast love from us.* – from Psalm 66:16-20

[Silence]

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, **we have sinned against You and against others, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

### *The Jesus Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. (repeat)  
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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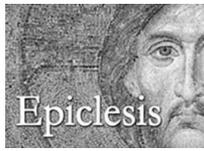
## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here is the good news of God's salvation and His promise of pardon:

If for this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*For since by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.* – from 1 Corinthians 15:19-22

**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



In Christ, we are forgiven! In Him we live!  
**Thanks be to God!**

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

*Creation Sings the Father's Song*

Creation sings the Father's song;  
He calls the sun to wake the dawn  
And run the course of day,  
Till evening falls in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow;  
His breath upon this spinning globe;  
He charts the eagle's flight,  
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

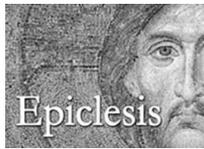
*Refrain:*

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing:  
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship,  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;  
The ageless One in time's embrace,  
Unveiled the Father's plan  
Of reconciling God and man.  
A second Adam walked the earth,  
Whose blameless life would break the curse,  
Whose death would set us free  
To live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.  
When He renews the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme: the glory of our God and King!

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## THE WORD

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

## 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**

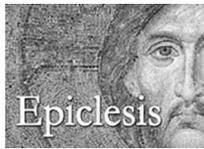
*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.

He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness, now the Light of life has come.

Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.



Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.  
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hellbound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him. Praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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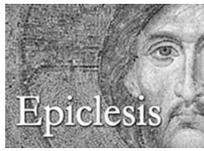
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man:  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine.

### SENDING FORTH The Life of the Body

#### *Walk In the Light*

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.

Thomas Whitfield



Benediction:

Beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord with joyful and thankful hearts, remembering this:

By the first Adam came death; by the last Adam has come the resurrection of the dead. For as in the first all die, so also in the Last shall all be made alive.

**Thanks be to God!**

This Christ suffered and died for us; He was raised from the dead for us; He reigns in power for us; and He intercedes for us.

**Now to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“It is no wonder that Jesus is named after many good things in the Gospel. If we look at the names by which the Son of God is called, we will understand how many of these good things He is. The feet of those who preach His name are beautiful. One good thing is life. Jesus is the Life. Another good thing is the light of the world (when it is true light that enlightens people). And the Son of God is said to be all these things. Another good thing, in addition to life and light, is the truth. A fourth is the way that leads to truth. Our Savior teaches us that He is all these things. He says: ‘I am the Way and the Truth and the Life.’ Ah, isn’t it good that the Lord shook off earth and mortality to rise again? And we have obtained this benefit from the Lord: that He is the Resurrection. He says, ‘I am the Resurrection.’ The door through which one enters into the greatest joy is also good. And Christ says, ‘I am the door.’ . . . We must not neglect mentioning the Word, who is God after the Father of all. For this another good, no less than the others. Happy, then, are those who accept these goods and receive them from those who announce their blessings, those whose feet are beautiful.”

– Origen

*Lectionary for next week:* Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2;  
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

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