

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

April 14, 2019 (Sixth Sunday in Lent: Palm Sunday)

GATHERING

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good:
for His steadfast love endures forever.

Let His people now say:

His steadfast love endures forever!

Let those who fear the LORD say:

His steadfast love endures forever!

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank You that You have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the LORD'S doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Save us, O LORD! Hosanna!

O LORD, we beseech You, give us success!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

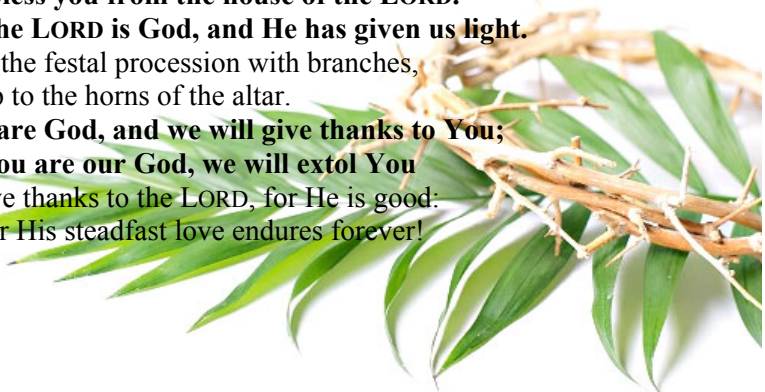
The LORD is God, and He has given us light.

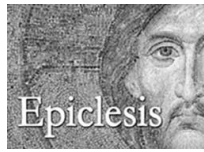
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are God, and we will give thanks to You;

You are our God, we will extol You

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good:
for His steadfast love endures forever!





All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels is praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King;
Thou good and gracious King,

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

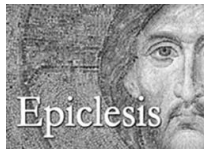
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The word of the Lord:

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world, and who is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature.

*When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
born a descendant of David according to the flesh;
born of a woman, born under the Law,
in the likeness of sinful flesh, to be an offering for our sin;
so that He might redeem us,
that we might receive adoption as His children.*

God also highly exalted Him

**and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

— from Hebrews 1:1-3; Romans 1:3,8:3-4; Galatians 4:3-4, Philipians 2:9-11

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

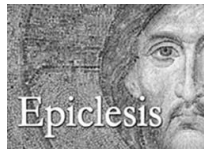
*Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.*

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

*Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
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.**

— Psalm 31:1-5



Righteous God of all time, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. Like Your people of old, we gladly praise Him with shouts of "Hosanna!" Yet we confess that we do not always bow before Him, nor follow Him with our whole hearts.

[Silence]

In your mercy, forgive us.

Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive and cleanse what is sinful, to heal what is broken, and to receive us as Your own.

[Silent confessions]

Draw us near the foot of the cross, so that, dying and rising with Him, we may walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. 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.

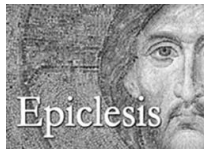
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the word of the LORD from Psalm 118.

This is God's promise of pardon and love: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."



*Out of my distress I called upon the LORD;
I sought the LORD and He answered me,
and He delivered me from all my fears.*

**The LORD is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and declare the deeds of the LORD.**

– from Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and expressions of thanksgiving and praise

Jesus said, “If these people were to keep silent,
the stones would immediately cry out!”

**Lord, we lift our voices in praise to You! May our lives
and our offerings resound as worship and reflections of Your love.**

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:

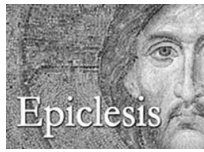
I will praise the Lamb of God who sits upon the throne.
I will worship Him, and give the praise to Him alone.
He who was and is and is to come:
I will sing before His throne forever, forever.

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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THE WORD

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Luke 19:28-40

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.

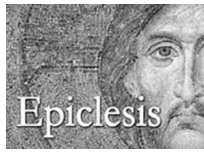
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Blessing

I bless you, [NAME], today at the beginning of this, your Holy Week journey: that God the Father will draw you more deeply into the adoration and worship of His Son; that like our brother Jesus, you will set your face to the cross; and that the Holy Spirit will empower you to remain strong and faithful until the end.

Bless you, my brother/sister.



Fullness of Grace

Fullness of grace in man's human frailty,
This is the wonder of Jesus.
Laying aside His power and glory,
Humbly He entered our world.
Chose the path of meanest worth;
Scandal of a virgin birth.
Born in a stable, cold and rejected; here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father
Shown in the face of Jesus.
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity,
Walking the Calvary road.
Christ the holy innocent
Took our sin and punishment.
Fullness of God, despised and rejected;
Crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for,
Promise of God in Jesus.
Through His obedience we are forgiven,
Op'ning the floodgates of heav'n.
All our hopes and dreams we bring gladly as an offering.
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable: God's gift in love to the world.

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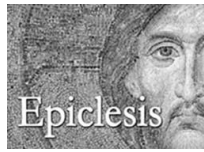
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Jesus Set His Face To The Cross

Jesus set His face to the cross;
Jesus set His face to the cross.
And I must follow there with Him;
Help me, God, to journey 'til the end.
Jesus set His face to the cross.

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Benediction

Now brothers and sisters, as you go forth into the world to live out your baptisms, may your beliefs shape your response as you remember that He has given you words of wisdom, He has spoken to you, and He is helping you on your Lenten journey.

Amen.

And just as Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem and the work He had to do there, especially in the final days of His earthly ministry, so also may we set our faces in this Holy Week, as we, His covenant people, follow Him on the way to the cross.

We go out, responding with grateful hearts, into the world to love and serve the Lord. Amen. Thanks be to God!

A thought about worship...

“We should not look on Palm Sunday simply as a day to recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is that, but it is more. It is our own entry into the most solemn yet the most glorious experience of spirituality. For Jesus, Palm Sunday was his gateway to the culminating events of his earthly life. As we enter that gate with him, our spiritual lives are being ordered into the most sacred moments of the history of the world and of our own experience with the meaning of human existence.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality Through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 116-117.)

Lectionary for next week: Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 65:17-25;
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26;
John 20:1-18; Luke 24:1-12; Colossians 2:9-15

Readings for each day of Holy Week can be found at The Revised Common Lectionary:
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