

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

January 19, 2020 (Second Sunday after the Epiphany)

GATHERING

We are gathered to worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates and sustains us.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

How blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD!

All creation declares the goodness of our God.

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is great power to redeem.

I waited patiently for the LORD;

He inclined to me, and heard my cry.

**He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry
clay. He set my feet upon a rock, making my footsteps firm.**

And He put a new song in my mouth: Praise to our God!

Many will see and fear, and will trust in the LORD.

Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;

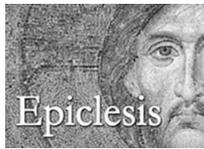
let those who love Your salvation say continually:

“The LORD be magnified!”

– from Psalms 124:8, 130:7, 40:1-3, 16

St. John Indicating the Christ, Ottavio Vannini, c. 1643





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

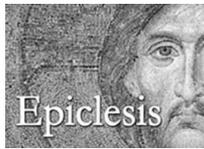
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

Sung:

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

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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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church at all times
and in all places in the words of this ancient creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible,**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.*

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried.*

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
*He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.*

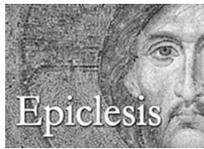
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

– the Nicene Creed



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

How blessed are those who trust in the LORD, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

O LORD my God, You have multiplied Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering You do not desire,

but You have given me an open ear.

I delight to do Your will, O my God;

Your law is within my heart.

Do not withhold Your mercy from me, O Lord; let Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness continually preserve me.

– from Psalm 40:4-8, 11

[Silence]

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may truly delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, 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.

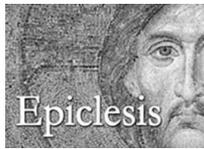
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

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

Hear the word of the Lord, the promise of forgiveness,
from the pen of the psalmist:

The LORD is your Help and Deliverer. He does not withhold His mercies
and compassion, but is pleased to save. His covenant love and truth
will continually preserve you.

*He forgives all your iniquity; He heals all your diseases; He redeems
your life from the pit; He crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
He satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is
renewed like the eagle's.*

Let all who seek Him rejoice and be glad in Him;

Let all who love His salvation say continually,

“The LORD be magnified!”

– from Psalms 40:11, 13, 16; 103:3-5

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

O Children Come

Hear the cry from Bethlehem: “O children, come!”

Son of God now born to men: “O children, come!”

Bring your troubles, bring your fears;

Bring the needs that draw you near.

Find the hope of all the years:

“O children, come! O children, come!”

Peace on earth, good will to men: “O children, come!”

Righteous rule that will not end: “O children, come!”

Lay down all our bitterness; turn from sin's toil and distress;

Find His grace and perfect rest.

“O children, come! O children, come!”

Where the Father's grace has walked: “O children, come!”

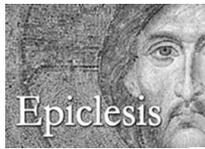
Where you see the hurt and lost: “O children, come!”

Show the mercy shown to you; gifts of kindness to renew;

Love from hearts sincere and true;

“O children, come! O children, come!”

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THE WORD

Isaiah 49:1-7

John 1:29-42



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

Passing of the Peace

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!

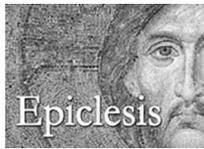
Our Father in Heaven (sung)

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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Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:
And we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.



The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: Eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

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Serving You

No praise or crowd, no sound of thunder;
No hero's tale, no sign or wonder;
With all I've known and left behind,
I find my place in serving You.

Compared to none, no badge of honour,
Forgotten some, a humbled valour;
Held by Your hand in shadow's gaze
I find my place in serving You, serving You.

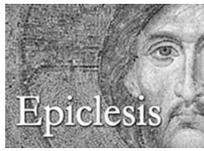
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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Behold the Lamb

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,
And to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.



Benediction:

Beloved, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, walking out our baptisms in faithfulness and joy,

let us keep these words ever before us and in our hearts:

God is faithful! By Him you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless, and lacking nothing, on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

– based on 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“We say, 'Thy will be done, as in heaven so in earth' not so that God will do what He wills, but that we may be able to do what God wills. For who resists God and prevents Him from doing what He wills? But since the devil hinders us from always obeying God's will with our thoughts and actions, we pray and ask that God's will may be done in us. . . . Now, if the Son was obedient to do His Father's will, the servant should be much more obedient to his Master's will! . . . This is the will of God which Christ both did and taught: humility in conversation; steadfastness in faith; modesty in words; justice in deeds; mercy in works; discipline in morals; inability to do a wrong, and ability to bear a wrong done; to keep peace with the brethren; to love God with all our hearts; to love Him as a Father; to fear Him as God; to prefer nothing above Christ (because He did not prefer anything above us); to adhere inseparably to His love; and to stand by His cross bravely and faithfully. When there is any battle against His name and honor, it is His will that we exhibit the consistency of confession; in torture, the confidence with which we do battle; in death, the patience with which we are crowned. This is to do the commandment of God. This is to fulfill the will of the Father.”

– Cyprian

Lectionary for next week: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

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