

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 9, 2020 (Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany)

GATHERING

Praise the LORD! Blessed are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in His commandments.

*Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

Wealth and riches are in their house,
and their righteousness endures forever.

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
they are gracious and compassionate and righteous.*

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

*For the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered forever.*

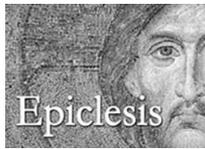
They will not be afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, trusting in the LORD.

*Their hearts are steadfast, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their enemies.*

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who greatly delight in His commandments.**

– Psalm 112:1-9





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.

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; transl. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863.
Hymn tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, 1665.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Here I Am to Worship

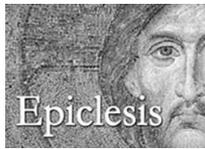
Light of the world, You stepped out into darkness,
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted;
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

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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.

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

Anonymous German hymn *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; Transl. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873.
Hymn tune: CRUSADER'S HYMN, Silesian folk tune, *Schleische Volkslieder*, 1842.
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Our faith rests not on human wisdom,
but on the power of God.

**This is the power of God:
Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.**

We declare the wisdom of God,
a mystery that was hidden and that God ordained
for our glory from before time began.

**None of the rulers of this age understood it,
for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

But as it is written: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love Him" –

**These things God has revealed to us through His Spirit;
for the Spirit searches all things,
even the depths of God.**

Now we have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit who is from God,
so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.

**This is what we speak,
not in words taught by human wisdom
but in words taught by the Spirit,
for we have the mind of Christ.**

– from 1 Corinthians 2:1-16



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your true and proper, reasonable and spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

– Romans 12:1-2

Lord, You have called us to become Your own. We were bought with a price, the price of Your life and blood. We love You, and we want to live for You.

[Silence]

Lord, help us to spread Your fragrance everywhere we go.

Flood our souls with Your spirit and life. Shine through us, and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel Your presence in our soul. Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus!

[Silence]

Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as You shine.

Let us preach You without preaching, not by words but by our example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to You.

– adapted from a prayer by John Henry Newman

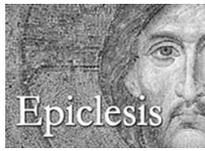
May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.

May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear God's covenant promises to His people: "If they repent, I will restore them that they may serve Me and stand before Me.

"I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

"And they shall all know Me, for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sins no more."

– from Jeremiah 15:19 and 31:33-34

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

You Are the Light

We are the people of God,
The sons and the daughters of love.
Forgiven, restored and redeemed,
We're living our lives to the praise of our King.

We are the ones who will shine
His light in the darkness of night.
The hopeless, the broken, the poor,
They will be hopeless and broken no more.

Chorus

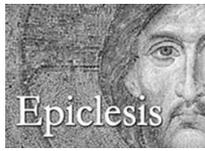
You are the light, the light of the world, and we shine You, Lord.
(Repeat)

Bridge

We shine like stars in the universe, proclaiming the hope of our God.
To the sons and daughters in all the earth, we shine You, Lord.

To the lost and the broken, the hurting and hopeless,
We shine You, Lord.
To the ones who are weary, the burdened and the suffering,
We shine You, Lord.

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Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us!
His name is called Emmanuel.

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THE WORD

Matthew 5:13-20

Romans 12

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!

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.

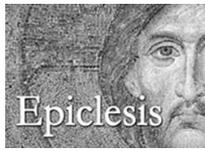
Give us this day our daily bread,

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.



More Like Jesus

You came to the world You created,
Trading Your crown for a cross.
You willingly died, Your innocent life paid the cost.

Counting Your status as nothing,
The King of all kings came to serve;
Washing my feet, covering me with Your love.

Chorus:

If more of You means less of me, take everything.
Yes, all of You, is all I need; take everything.

You are my life and my treasure,
the One that I can't live without.
Here at Your feet, my desires and dreams I lay down.
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Bridge:

O, Lord, change me like only You can.
Here with my heart in Your hands,
Father, I pray: Make me more like Jesus.
This world is dying to know who You are.
You've shown us the way to Your heart.
So, Father, I pray: Make me more like Jesus.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

You Are the Light (reprise)

We are the ones who will shine
His light in the darkness of night.
The hopeless, the broken, the poor,
They will be hopeless and broken no more.



Chorus

You are the light, the light of the world,
And we shine You, Lord.
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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 truly salt and 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 –

“Whoever wants others to see their good works so that God, who gave them their good works, may be glorified, their light truly shines before others. . . . These people don't do good to be seen, but so that God may be revealed through them. . . . The Apostle Paul said, ‘Please all men in all things, as I also please all men in all things.’ But he didn't stop there, as if pleasing others was his goal. Otherwise he would have said wrongly, ‘If I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.’ Instead, he immediately added why he pleased others. ‘Not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.’ So then, he didn't please others for his own profit or fear of not serving Christ, but at the same time he did please others for their salvation's sake so that he would be a faithful servant of Christ. For him it was enough for God to know His conscience and for others to have something to imitate in him.”

– Augustine

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Lectionary for next week: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

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