

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy
March 17, 2019 (Second Sunday of Lent)

GATHERING

We are gathered to worship the LORD,
and to declare the Name of the One
who is our light and our salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

*The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?*

**One thing have I asked of the LORD;
this one thing will I seek:**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.**

How blessed are those You choose and bring near
to dwell in Your courts!

*We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
Your holy temple.*

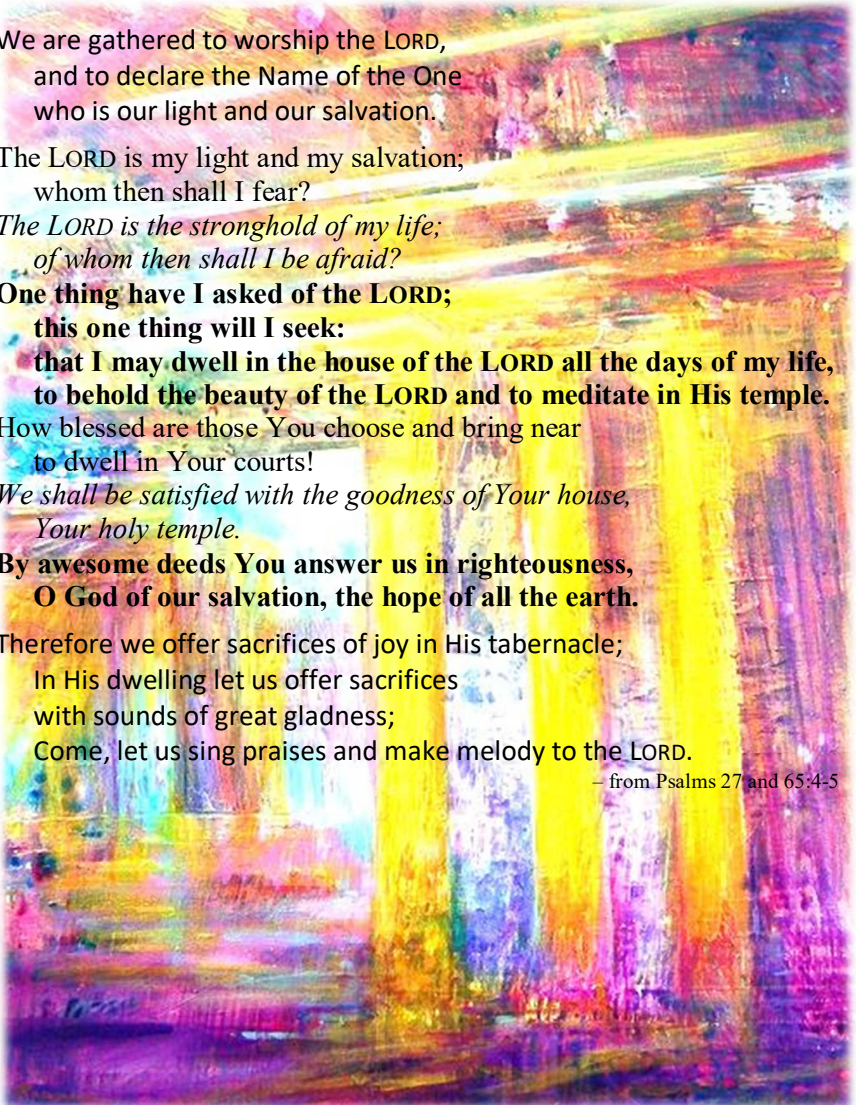
**By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness,
O God of our salvation, the hope of all the earth.**

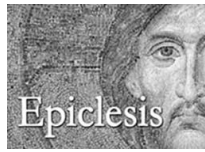
Therefore we offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle;

In His dwelling let us offer sacrifices
with sounds of great gladness;

Come, let us sing praises and make melody to the LORD.

— from Psalms 27 and 65:4-5





Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied,
Within Your presence;
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

Chorus

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God;
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen, Your gift of love to me;
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.

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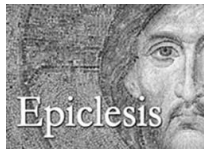
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

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

Refrain: *The Lord is My Light*

The LORD is my light, my light and salvation;
In God I trust, in God I trust.

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(spoken)

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

*The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?*

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh,
my adversaries and my foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

*Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
in this I will be confident:*

Refrain

For in the day of trouble
He will hide me in His shelter.

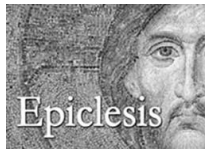
*He will conceal me in the secret place of His dwelling,
and set me high on a rock.*

Even now He lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.

*I would have despaired unless I had believed
that I would see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.*

Refrain

— Psalm 27:1-3, 5-6, 13



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me.

When You said, "Seek my face," my heart said to You,

"Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."

Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger. You have been my help; do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**Teach me Your way, O LORD,
and lead me in a level path because of my enemies.**

— Psalm 27:7-9, 11

[Silence]

Eternal God, You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You. **Yet we confess that we have allowed our hearts to be drawn away from You. We have sought after many things, and have neglected the one thing needful.**

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.

[Silence]

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. **Amen.**

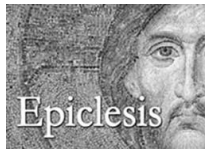
Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men, their Pattern and their King.

Lord, we Thy presence seek; may this our blessing be:
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for Thee.

Words: John Keble (1819); *Mitre Hymn Book* (1836). Music: Ellen Koehler ©2013.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's assurance of His love and deliverance:

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and great in mercy.

He is righteous in all His ways, and faithful in all He does.

*The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those
who fear Him; He will hear their cry and save them.
The LORD keeps all who love Him.*

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.**

— Psalm 145:8, 17-21

TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and devotion.

Be Thou My Vision

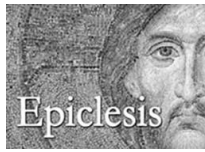
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

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.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

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.

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trans. Mary Byrne, 1905; versified by Eleanor Hull, 1912.



THE WORD

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Luke 13:31-35

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.

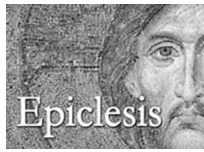
Christ will come again!



The Lord's Prayer (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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Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me,
Never to part.

Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
Shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising,
Light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts, thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues, telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

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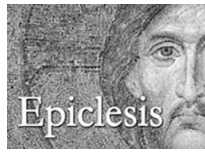
SENDING FORTH

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, do so remembering that God is our light and our salvation, who in His eternal faithfulness saves, sustains, enables, and encourages you.

Be encouraged to observe a holy Lent – walking in Christ’s own footsteps, taking on His likeness, and living, as He did, in view of both mortality and eternity.

And just as Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem and the work He had to do there, so also may we set our faces in this Lenten season, as we, His covenant people, follow Him on the way to the cross.

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

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 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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