

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy
April 7, 2019 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

GATHERING

We are gathered to declare the glory, power, majesty and grace of our God!

Hear the word of the LORD, who makes a way in the sea and a path through the mighty waters: Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The beasts of the field will honor Me, for I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people, the people whom I formed for Myself that they might declare My praise. — from Isaiah 43:16-21

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name!

Make His praise glorious! Say to God:

How awesome are Your works! All the earth worships You, they sing praises to Your name.

Come and see what God has done.

He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of men.

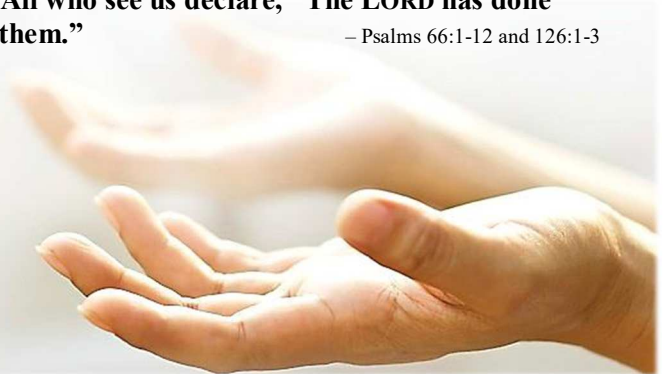
We have been tested and tried, yet He has brought us out into a place of abundance.

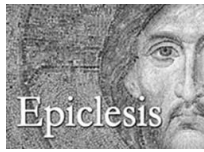
When the LORD brought back the captive ones of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad!

Our mouths are filled with laughter, and our tongues with joyful shouting. All who see us declare, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

— Psalms 66:1-12 and 126:1-3





All People That On Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

Bridge:

Sing to the Lord, exalt His name; O, make His praise glorious.
Pour forth His praise, His anthem raise; rejoice in Him forever.

For why? the Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Bridge

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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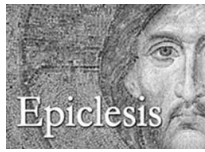
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Sing to the Lord

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.



Chorus

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all, I sing praise – Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

Bridge

God of compassion and God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
You dance around me; You dance around me.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The testimony of the Lord, from Paul's epistle to the Philippians:

Whatever things were gain to me

I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

*Indeed, I count all things as loss in view of the surpassing value of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

For His sake, I consider the former things as mere rubbish in order that

I may gain Christ and be found in Him,

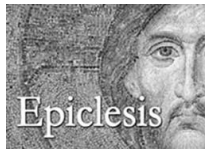
*Not having any righteousness of my own, but the righteousness that
comes from God through faith in Christ.*

This is my goal: to know Him and the power of His resurrection and
the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death so
that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

*Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal of the prize of the upward call of God in
Christ Jesus.*

**For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait
for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the
body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His
glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject
all things to Himself.**

– from Philippians 3:7-14, 20-21



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral Call to Confession

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 souls. 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.

A Pure Heart

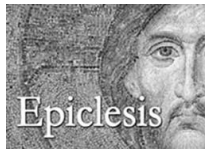
A pure heart, that's what I long for,
A heart that follows hard after You.
(repeat)

A heart that hides Your Word so that sin will not come in,
A heart that's undivided, but one You rule and reign.
A heart that beats compassion, that pleases You, my Lord;
A sweet aroma of worship that rises to Your throne.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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 my prayer.**

Blessed be God, because He has not rejected our prayers
nor removed His steadfast love from us.

— from Psalm 66:16-20

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and expressions of devotion and thanksgiving. . .

Loving Kindness

I will give thanks unto You, Lord,
For You are good: Your loving kindness never ends.
I raise my hands, You heal my soul;
Here in the presence of the Lord my heart's restored.

And You guide me, the paths of righteousness;
And You hide me, the shadow of Your hand; I rest in You.

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord.
I'm my Father's child forevermore.
You heard every cry, You broke every chain,
You alone delivered me.

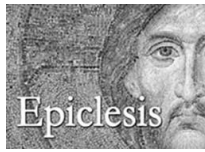
My Prince of Peace, You lifted me
Where everything that's named is placed under Your feet.

And may my praises be as incense to You, Lord.
And may my worship be a sweet fragrance to You alone, my King.

Chorus

The Son of God, He reigns on the throne.
King of kings, let all the nations know
That the Lord is good, and His mercy endures forever.

For the Lord is good and His mercy endures forever and ever.
Yes, the Lord is good and His mercy endures forever.
For the Lord is good.



THE WORD

John 12:1-8



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!

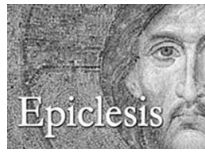
The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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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Knowing You

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.



Chorus

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love you, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found by You, and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn;
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life,
And to know You in Your sufferings,
To become like You in Your death, my Lord;
So with You to live, and never die.

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Broken and Spilled Out (chorus)

Broken and spilled out just for love of You, Jesus,
My own special treasure, lavished on the Thee.
Broken and spilled out, and poured at Your feet;
In sweet abandon, let me be spilled out and used up for Thee.

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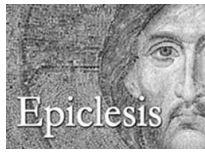
SENDING FORTH

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 brokenness be evident to all, may your life be poured out in extravagant abandon, and may the resulting aroma of worship be a fragrant offering to God.

Amen.

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 go out 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 –

“I am only intent on ‘one thing’ says Paul, ‘in stretching forward to the things which are before.’ But included in this ‘one thing’ he says, is ‘forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.’ Forgetting the past things made him reach forward to the things ahead. . . We should act like him, forget our successes, and throw them behind us. For runners don't think about how many laps they have finished, but how many are left. We, too, should think not about how we are advanced in holiness, but about how much farther we have to go. For how do we profit from what we have when we don't add what we lack? In addition, Paul didn't say, ‘I don't think about,’ but ‘I don't even remember.’ For we become eager when we diligently work toward what is left, when we forget everything else.”

– Chrysostum

Lectionary for next week:

Liturgy of the Palms – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

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