



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

January 20, 2013 (Second Sunday after Epiphany)

The Light of the world ... illuminates and burns.

GATHERING

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the Heavens,

Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

Your judgments are like the great deep;

O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

The children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

They feast on the abundance of Your house,

And You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You,

And Your righteousness to the upright in heart!

– Psalm 36:5-10



In Your Light We See Light, Sr Mary Stephen CRSS, Contemp.



Immortal Invisible (Your Great Name We Praise)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Verse 2

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light;
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might.
Your justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Chorus

Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Verse 3

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true Life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Verse 4

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight.
All praise we will render, oh Father of Grace;
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



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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Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

We give thanks with joy to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
For He has rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
In Him all things in the heavens and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him.
He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.
**God has made known to us the riches of the glory of this mystery:
Christ in us, the hope of glory.
Thanks be to God!**

– from Colossians 1:12-28



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O send out Your light and Your truth;

Let them lead us, and bring us to Your dwelling places.

Take away from us the guilt of our sin;

Then our tongues shall joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

– from Psalm 43:3-4

[Silence]

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light.

Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that can so easily shroud our lives. Empower us to live in Your light and to walk in Your ways, for the sake of Him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen carefully, brothers and sisters in Christ –

This is the amazing message of hope we have heard from Him and declare to you:

God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

– 1 John 1:5, 7



TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and devotion.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam;
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for Thy Lord to hear:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
Thou givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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THE WORD

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11



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.

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 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



Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me,
Thou hast brought me to this place.
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger
Bought me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Your goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Your courts above.



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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



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Benediction:

Now, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord –
May Christ, the Son of God and Light of the world,
be so manifest in us that our lives are 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 –

“When we despise the grace given to us, and, as a result, fall into worldly concerns, we give ourselves over to our lusts. Then in times of persecution we are offended and become completely unfruitful. . . . Servants of the Lord should be diligent and careful. Moreover, they should burn like a flame. Then, when they have passionately destroyed all their fleshly sin, they can draw near to God. For according to the saints' expression, He is ‘a consuming fire.’”
– Athanasius

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Lectionary for next week: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

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