



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 19, 2012 (Seventh Sunday after Epiphany)

Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING

The mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence. He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, for God Himself is judge.

**The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples have seen
His glory.**

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus' disciples Peter, James, and John
beheld the majesty of His glory. And from the mystery of a cloud they
heard a voice proclaiming Him to be God's beloved Son, who is the
fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Alleluia. The Lord has shown forth His glory.

Come, let us adore Him.

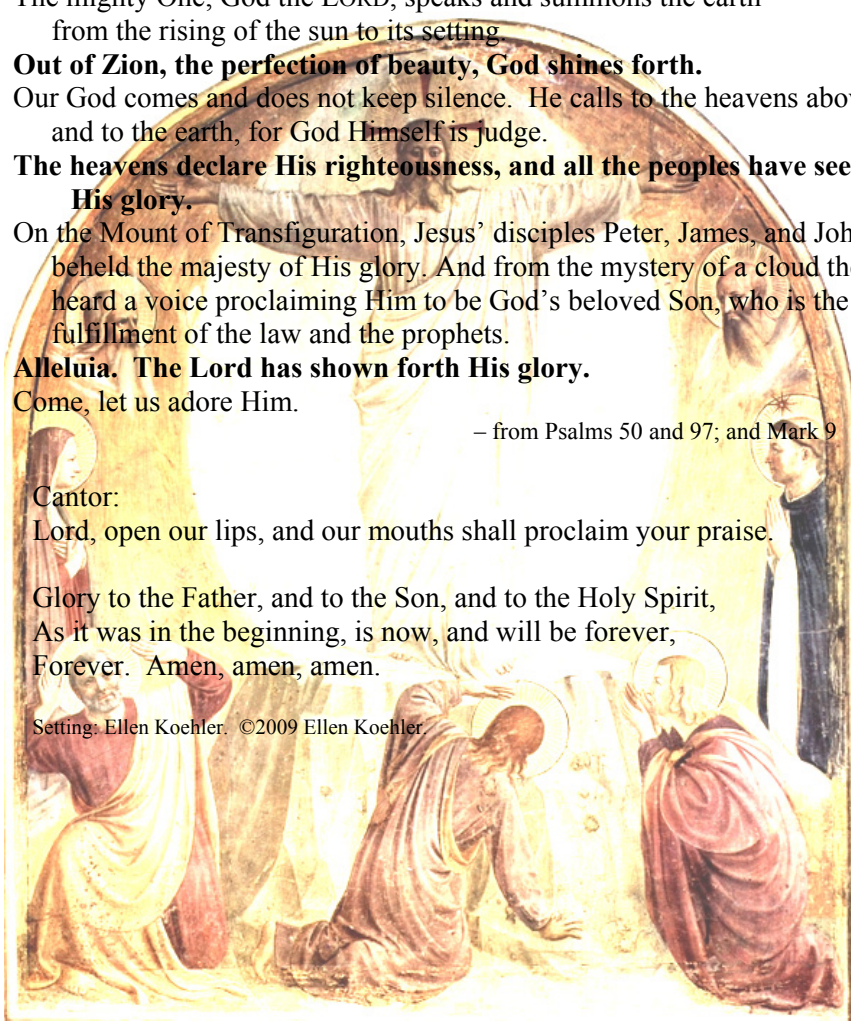
— from Psalms 50 and 97; and Mark 9

Cantor:

Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever,
Forever. Amen, amen, amen.

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Transfiguration, Fra Angelico, 1450



Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us if we dare to speak join the saints and angels praising.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu. Join the saints and angels praising.

Trembling at His feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu. Shout through them their joyful greeting.

Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder.
Jesus as the Son by name, nations cry aloud in wonder.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu. Nations cry aloud in wonder.

Jesus is the chosen One, living hope of ev'ry nation.
Hear and heed Him ev'ry one, sing with earth and all creation.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu. Sing with earth and all creation.

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Transfiguration, Mosaic, 20th Century
Basilica of St. Peter



INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Be Thou My Vision / Open the Eyes of My Heart

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.

(Open the Eyes of My Heart)

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You; I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy; holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy; I want to see You.

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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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in the words of this hymn of the ancient church:

You are God; we praise You.

You are the Lord; we acclaim You.

You are the Eternal Father; All creation worships You.

To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praises you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praises you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praises you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims You;

Father of majesty unbounded,

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free

You did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Leader:

Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of

Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

— from *Te Deum laudamus* (“Thee, O God, we praise”).

Attrib. to church fathers Ambrose and Augustine, 4th century.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to confession:

For thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, “I dwell in the high and holy place, and with the contrite and lowly of spirit, in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

— Isaiah 57:15



God of transfiguration, You meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek You in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we confess that too often our eyes are blind to Your presence, too often our ears are deaf to Your call. We speak when we should listen; we act when we should reflect. We long only to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is light of the world and sovereign Lord over all things.

[Silent confessions]

Agnus Dei

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

You alone are Lord Most High, the Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

And we all, with unveiled faces, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!

Praise be to God!

— based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thanksgiving and devotion

Sovereign Lord and God of majesty, You have graciously drawn us to Yourself, and made us complete in You. No words could ever express all that You've done, nor all that we have because of Your love. So we lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, in worship and gratitude and love.

In the Beauty of Holiness

In the beauty of holiness we see You, Son of righteousness,
So we bring all that we possess to lay at Your feet.
In the place where Your glory shines, Jesus lover of all mankind,
You have drawn us with love divine to make us complete.

Chorus

So I pause at Your gates once more, as my heart and my spirit soar,
And I wish I could love You more: My God and my King!

Is there tribute that I could bring, was there ever a song to sing,
That could ever express, my King, the work that You've done?
Could I ever conceive of this,
All the depths and the heights and breadth,
Of the riches I now possess because of Your love?

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THE WORD

2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

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 (sung)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by 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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O, Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
Oh ..., girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is the path on the wings of the storm.
Oh ..., sing of His grace.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
Oh ..., worship the King ..., worship the King.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.
Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,
Oh, worship the King. Worship the King.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Jesus on the Mountain Peak (reprise)

Jesus is the chosen One, living hope of ev'ry nation.
Hear and heed Him ev'ry one, sing with earth and all creation.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu. Sing with earth and all creation.

Benediction:

God the Father, who sent his Spirit upon his Son,
bless you with the presence of his Spirit.
Jesus, who received the Spirit and manifested the Father,
abide in you and make you a manifestation of his life.
And God the Spirit, who came upon Christ in the fullness of power,
empower you as you go forth into the world
to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...— “Between the wedding feast in Cana and the impending death of Jesus, a progressive unveiling of his glory will appear. The season of Epiphany . . . celebrates this progressive unveiling of God’s glory manifest in Jesus and invites us to order our spiritual journey around the Christ manifest in history, manifest in us. . . . Spirituality is Christ living his life *in* us and *through* us. The manifestation of the glory of God made present in Jesus is to continue in his followers.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 85-86.)

Lectionary for next week: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

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