

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy
May 26, 2019 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

May God be gracious to us and bless us,
and cause His face to shine upon us –

*So that Your ways may be known on the earth,
Your salvation among all nations.*

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for the LORD has revealed His righteousness
in the sight of the nations.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

O LORD, there is no God like You

in heaven above or on earth beneath,

**keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants
who walk before You with all their heart.**

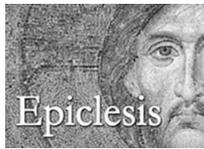
Glory in His holy name:

Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

Come, let us praise and worship our gracious God!

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 67, 86, 98, 105; 1 Kings 8:23





Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach,
To gather children in.

Chorus:

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all."

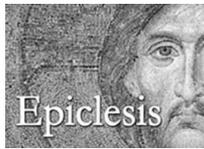
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

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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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Saints, hear and receive this testimony from the Revelation of Jesus Christ to the Apostle John:

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, ... and the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

Its temple is the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb.

It has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The nations will walk by its light; and only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life may enter it.

There will no longer be any curse; the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him.

We will see His face, and His name will be on our foreheads.

And there will be no more night; we will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be our light, and we will reign with Him forever and ever.

– from Revelation 21:10 – 22:5

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.

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

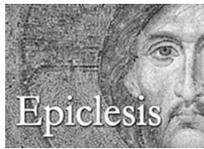
**For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and
through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself,
whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace
through the blood of His cross.**

God has made known to us the riches of the glory of this mystery:

Christ in us, the hope of glory.

– from Colossians 1:12-28

Thanks be to God!



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 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, not by our words only,
but by our lives, 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.**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

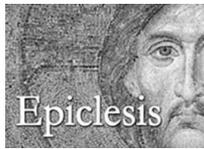
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
God, the well-spring of life.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is faithful and true. This is His promise of pardon:



Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD.
Look to the Rock from which you were hewn.

*For the LORD will comfort His people; joy and gladness will be found
in them, thanksgiving and the voice of song. And His justice will be a
light to the peoples: His salvation will be forever, and His deliverance
will never be ended.*

– from Isaiah 51:1-6

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Glory Be To God

To You we bring our hymn of praise: Glory be to God.
Hearts and hands together raised: Glory be to God.
Who spoke before the dawn of time: Glory be to God.
Veil of darkness torn by light: Glory be to God.

And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: “Glory be to God!”
Th’anthem of the Lord’s redeemed: “Glory be to God!”

You purchased captives for Your saints: Glory be to God.
And opened wide the kingdom gates: Glory be to God.
You overcame the sting of death: Glory be to God.
And clothed us in Christ’s righteousness: Glory be to God.

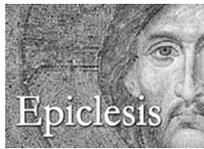
And all Your children cry with loud acclaim: “Glory be to God!”
Sing, O Church, Your sweet refrain: “Glory be to God!”

Glory, glory, glory, glory forever and ever.
(repeat)

Father, Spirit, risen Son: Glory be to God.
Who was, and is, and is to come: Glory be to God.
And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: “Glory be to God!”
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**Epic Kids: optional teaching time for grades 1-5 (return at Table)*

THE WORD

Acts 16:9-15

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 (sung)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heav'n.

Provide each day our daily needs;

Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

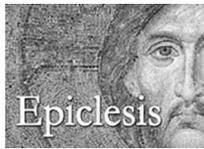
For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;

And Thine is the power, forever and ever;

And Thine is the glory, now and forever,

Amen, amen, amen.

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Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind.
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The kindling of the heaven descended Dove,
My heart an altar and Thy love the flame.

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SENDING FORTH

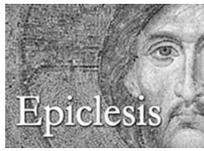
The Life of the Body

Glory Be To God (reprise)

Father, Spirit, risen Son: Glory be to God.
Who was, and is, and is to come: Glory be to God.
And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: "Glory be to God!"
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Benediction:

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.
Because He has triumphed over death,
and the Messiah is Lord over all creation,
Savior of the world now and forever,
you also live.

Alleluia! Amen!

Since we have been raised with Christ,
let us now go forth as His witnesses,
loving and serving Him in the joy and victorious power
of His resurrection.

Amen. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Let us allow Christ to speak through us. He desires it more than we do. For He made this instrument and wouldn't want it to be useless and idle. He always wants to keep it in His hands. Why, then, don't you make it useful for the Maker's hand? ... You should keep all its parts completely stretched, well strung, and reinforced with spiritual salt. For if Christ sees your soul tuned this way, He will make His music through it. When this has taken place, you will see angels leaping for joy (archangels and the cherubim too). So then, let us become worthy of His spotless hands.... Considering that He runs to those who haven't become their best yet, when He sees one completely equipped, what won't He do? If Christ makes music and the Spirit rests on us, we will be better than heaven. Although we won't have the sun and the moon adorning our body, the Lord of the sun, moon, and angels will be dwelling and walking in us.”

– Chrysostom

Lectionary for next week: Acts 1:1-11; Psalms 47 and 93; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Luke 24:44-53

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