

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

February 16, 2020 (Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany)

## GATHERING

O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name;  
Make known His deeds among the peoples.

*Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;  
tell of all His wonderful works.*

Glory in His holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

*Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually.*

**One thing I have asked of the LORD, that I shall 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.**

In Your temple, O God, we meditate on Your steadfast love.

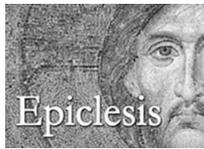
*Your praise, like Your name, reaches to the ends of the earth;*

*You are righteous in all Your ways.*

**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.**

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 105, 27, 48, 65





*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!

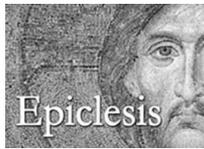
Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days,  
With the certain hope of peace.

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



## *I Do Worship*

I do worship, I do worship. I do worship You. (Repeat)

For Your goodness and Your glory,  
For the joy inside Your story; I do worship You.

O, how excellent is Your presence; we will bless Your name.  
(Repeat)

For Your goodness and Your glory; for the joy inside Your story;  
For the peace You gave to me,  
For the day You set me, set me free:  
For Your goodness and Your glory, for the joy inside Your story –

I do worship, I do worship, I do worship You.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the life worthy of the calling with which He has called us:

*With all humility and gentleness, with patience,  
bearing with one another in love;*

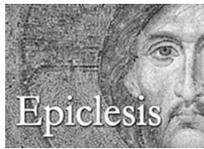
Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit  
in the bond of peace –

**There is one body and one Spirit,  
Just as we were called in one hope of our calling;  
One Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
One God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all –**

*We are to come to the unity of the faith  
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,  
to maturity, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.*

**Speaking the truth in love,  
we grow up in all things into Him who is the head, even Christ.  
From Him the whole body, being fitted and held together  
by what every joint and ligament supplies,  
as each part is working properly,  
grows and builds itself up in love.**

– from Ephesians 4:1-16



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!  
*Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,  
who seek Him with their whole heart;  
who also do no wrong, but walk in His ways!*

[Silence]

You have commanded Your precepts to be kept diligently.

**Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes!**

Then I shall not be put to shame,

having my eyes fixed on all Your commandments.

**I will praise You with an upright heart, when I learn Your  
righteous judgments. I will keep Your statutes; do not utterly  
forsake me!**

– Psalm 119:1-8

[Silent confessions]

*The Jesus Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the LORD, who speaks peace to His faithful people,  
to those who turn to Him in their hearts:

*Those who love Me, I will deliver;*

*I will protect those who know My name.*

*When they call to Me, I will answer them;*

*I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.*

*With long life I will satisfy them,*

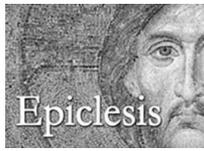
*and show them My salvation.*

Surely God's salvation is near to those who fear Him,

that His glory may dwell among us.

– from Psalms 85:8-9, 91:14-16

**Thanks be to God!**



## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

### *The Servant Song*

We are trav'lers on a journey,  
Fellow pilgrims on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you,  
In the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

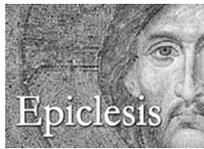
Will you let me be your servant?  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.  
Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
'Til we've seen this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony;  
Born of all we've known together,  
Of Christ's love and agony.

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## THE WORD

1 Timothy 3:8-13



## 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!**

### *Our Father in Heaven* (sung)

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,  
Your name is holy, our Father.  
Your kingdom come, and Your will be done  
Here on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us, we pray, our bread for today,  
Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,  
Forgiving of what others owe.  
Keep us from trials; save us from our ancient foe!

As we sing the kingdom, we sing the power,  
We sing the glory be Yours – Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

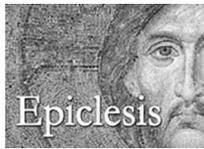
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### *How Beautiful*

How beautiful the hands that served  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth;  
How beautiful the feet that walked  
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

#### *Chorus:*

How beautiful, how beautiful,  
How beautiful is the body of Christ.



How beautiful the heart that bled  
That took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes  
That chose to forgive and never despise.

*Bridge*

And as He laid down His life  
We offer this sacrifice:  
That we will live just as He died,  
Willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant Bride  
Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.  
How beautiful when humble hearts give  
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live.

How beautiful the feet that bring  
The sound of good news and the love of the King.  
How beautiful the hands that serve  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

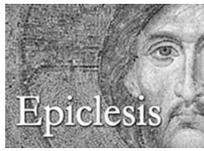
*I Do Worship (reprise)*

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(Repeat)

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**Benediction:**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the Light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.

**Amen.**

Now, may the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love as He has loved us, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, compel us to go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord - giving witness to what we have seen and believed, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

(text based in part on 2 Corinthians 13:13)

***A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –***

“Let us consider those who serve under our generals and the order, obedience, and submissiveness with which they perform the things commanded them. All are not prefects or commanders of a thousand, or of a hundred, or of fifty, or the like, but each one in his own rank performs the things commanded by the king and the generals. The great cannot exist without the small, nor the small without the great. There is a kind of mixture in all things from which rises mutual advantage. Take our body, for example. The head is nothing without the feet, and the feet are nothing without the head. The very smallest members of our bodies are necessary and useful to the whole body, but all work harmoniously together and are under one common rule for the preservation of the whole body. Let our whole body, then, be preserved in Christ Jesus, and let everyone be subject to his neighbor, according to the special gift bestowed upon him. Let the strong not despise the weak, and let the weak show respect to the strong. Let the rich man provide for the wants of the poor; and let the poor man bless God, because God has given him one to supply his need. Let the wise man display his wisdom, not by words, but through good deeds.” – Clement of Rome

***Lectionary for next week:*** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; Psalm 99;  
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

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