

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 23, 2020 (Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany)
Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING

Open the Eyes of My Heart

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

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.

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

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The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble in awe!

He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake!

The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted above all peoples.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God,
and worship Him upon the holy mountain.

**We give thanks to Him, and praise His great and awesome name,
for He is holy!**

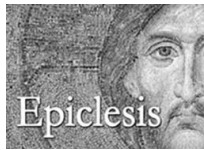
On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus' disciples Peter, James, and
John beheld the majesty of His glory. And from the mystery of a
cloud they heard a voice declaring Him to be God's Son.

Alleluia! The LORD has shown forth His glory.

Praise, honor, majesty and glory to His name!

Come, let us exalt the LORD our God, and worship in His presence,
for the LORD our God is holy.

– from Psalm 99 and Matthew 17



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)

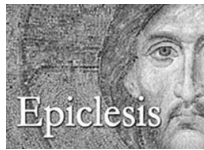
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Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

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

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou My Vision: Ancient Irish Hymn (SLANE); trans. Mary Byrne, 1905;
versified by Eleanor Hull, 1912. Setting: Ellen Koehler ©2009.



PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Doxology (Come, Thou Almighty King)

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be. Hence evermore:
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see;
And to eternity love and adore.

Setting: Ellen Koehler. ©2013 Text: Anonymous.
Hymn tune: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.*

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried.*

The third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
*He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.*

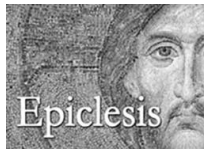
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father, and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

– Nicene Creed



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral call to confession

God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Shine now in our hearts, merciful Father;
reveal any places of darkness, and cleanse us from sin.**

— based on 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

[Silence]

Merciful and loving God, You graciously call us to Yourself,
in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life,
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 rush to act when we should reflect.**

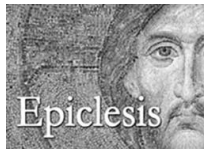
[Silence]

In Your mercy, forgive us, we pray. **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.**

Agnus Dei (Canticle 20)

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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Based on the ancient hymn text, Gloria in excelsis (*"Glory to God in the highest"*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's faithful and true promise of pardon:

The Lord is the Spirit,

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

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory. For this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

– from 2 Corinthians 3:18

Thanks be to God for His transforming power!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Sovereign Lord of glory, You created all that is, and with love formed us in Your image. All we are, and all we have, are gifts and a trust from You. In gratitude we return to You what is Yours: Your tithes and our offerings. Receive them, we pray, as expressions of our worship and our desire to glorify Your name.

Glorify Your Name

Your presence, Your glory,

You're welcome here.

All honor, dominion,

Lord, please come near.

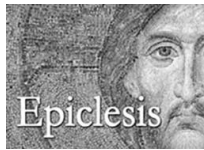
We want You, we need You,

We live to glorify Your name.

Glorify Your name, glorify Your name;

Glorify the name above all names

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THE WORD

Exodus 24:12-18

Mathew 17:1-9

2 Peter 1:16-21

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 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.

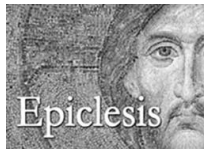
For the kingdom, the power,

And the glory are Yours.

Now and forever, Amen.

Transfiguration, Mike Moyers, Conte

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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.

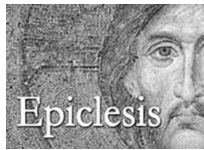
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,
Oh, worship the King.

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Oh, worship the King. Worship the King.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Be Thou My Vision (verse 4)

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.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Benediction:

The divine glory of the incarnate Word was revealed on that holy mount of Transfiguration. We, who have not seen and yet believe, rejoice with His disciples in the divine majesty of Christ.

Amen!

Now, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, may you shine with His transforming power and glory, telling His glorious story and walking out your baptisms as people changed through the presence of the Savior of the world.

Amen. 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 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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