

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy
March 29, 2020 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

GATHERING

Gloria Patri

Cantor:

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

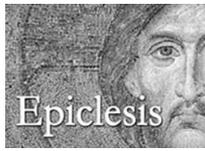
All:

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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"The Raising of Lazarus," James R. C. Martin, contemp.



Who is like You, O God?

Majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders!

You, O God, are mighty forever, glorious in power;

Your faithfulness surrounds You.

You sustain the living,
and give life to the dead;

You support the falling,

loose those who are bound,

and keep Your faithfulness to all generations.

Who is like you, O LORD God of hosts?

All Your works praise You,
and Your faithful servants bless You.

This is my God, and I will praise Him;

this is our God; we will exalt Him.

– from Exodus 15; Psalm 89

Come, let us praise and bless His glorious name.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

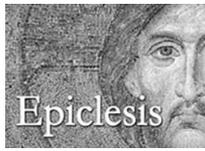
Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

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First Reading: John 11:1-4

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The mind set on the flesh is death,
but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.
*The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God;
it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.*

However, we are not in the realm of the flesh
but in the realm of the Spirit,
because the Spirit of God lives in us
and we belong to Christ.

*Christ is in us, and though the body is dead because of sin,
yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.*

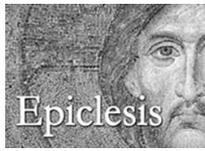
**But if the Spirit of Him
who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us,
He who raised Christ from the dead
will also give life to our mortal bodies
through His Spirit who lives in us.**

– from Romans 8:6-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: John 11:5-16



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths I have cried to You.

LORD, hear my voice.

Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you kept a record of sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness;

so that we can, with reverence, serve You.

– Psalm 130:1-4

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against others,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

[Silence]

**We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.
Revive us by your Holy Spirit.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.**

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us,

Have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

(repeat)



O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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Third Reading: John 11:17-27

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I love the LORD,
because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

**Because He inclined His ear unto me,
therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.**

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**He has delivered our souls from death,
our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling.**

We will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

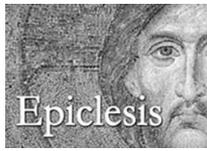
– from Psalm 116:1-9

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TIME OF OFFERING

Words and expressions of devotion and thanksgiving. . .

Testimonies and sharing . . .

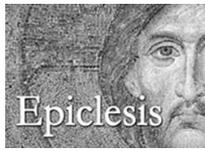


THE WORD

Fourth Reading: John 11:28-40



"The Raising of Lazarus," Duccio, c. 1310.



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 (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 us 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.

Lingering and prayers

SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Fifth Reading: John 11:41-45



Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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Benediction

Now, dear ones, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord – like Lazarus, let us walk out, freely, understanding that our journey is from death to life, in Him.

To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

Amen. Thanks be to God!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“I boldly affirm that He who is above every name has many names in relation to us. And I receive them according to His various ways of dealing graciously with us. He is called the Light when He disperses the gloom of ignorance. He is the Life when He gives us the blessing of eternal life. He is called the Way when He guides us from error to the truth. Also He is called a ‘Tower of strength,’ a ‘City of encompassing,’ a Fountain, a Rock, a Vine, a Physician, and the Resurrection. All such terms refer to the various righteous blessings He gave to us. But those who set their sights on things beyond human understanding, who see the incomprehensible, but overlook what is comprehensible, use such titles to explain God. They are not only positive that they see Him, but measure Him whom no one has seen or can see.”

– Gregory of Nyssa

Lectionary for next week: Liturgy of the Palms:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;
Matthew 26:14 - 27:54

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