

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

January 31, 2021 (Fourth Sunday of Epiphany)

GATHERING

*Gloria Patri*

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

*(Sung)*

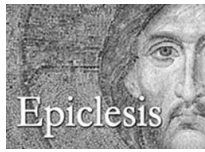
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever,  
Forever – Amen, amen, amen.

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*Holy and Awesome Is He*  
*(Psalm 111)*

Praise the Lord!  
I will thank Him  
with my whole heart.  
Bless His Name!  
I will delight  
in His great works.  
Honor and majesty,  
Righteous forever;  
Holy and awesome is He!





*Refrain (sung):*

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Honor and majesty, righteous forever;  
Holy and awesome is He!

**Praise the LORD!**

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD;  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

*Full of honor and majesty is His work,  
and His righteousness endures forever.*

He has gained renown by His wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful;  
He is ever mindful of His covenant.

*Refrain*

*The works of His hands are faithful and just;  
all His precepts are trustworthy.*

They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

*He sent redemption to His people;  
He has commanded His covenant forever.*

**Holy and awesome is His name!**

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.**

*Refrain*

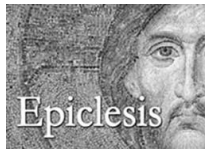
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer.  
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!



Hail Him, hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;  
Strength and honor give to His holy name.  
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children;  
In His arms He carries them all day long.

*Chorus:*

Praise Him, praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness.  
Praise Him, praise Him ever in joyful song.

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer.  
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;  
Crown Him, crown Him Prophet and Priest and King.  
Christ is coming over the world victorious:  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.

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#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the hope of the gospel,  
which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven,  
the mystery which has now been manifested to us, His saints:

**Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,  
the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

In Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,  
things visible and invisible.

**All things have been created through Him and for Him.**

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

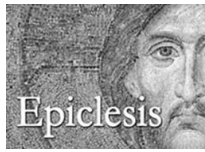
**He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
so that He may have first place in everything.**

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell;  
and He has made us complete in Him, who is the head  
of all rule and authority, principality and power.

**For us there is one God, the Father,  
from whom are all things and for whom we exist;  
and there is one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
through whom are all things and through whom we exist.**

**For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things.**

– from Colossians 1:15-20, 2:9-10; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Romans 11:36



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

*For though the Lord is exalted, yet He regards the lowly,  
but the proud He knows from afar.*

– Psalm 130:6

Most holy and merciful Father:

We confess to You, our God, and before one another,  
that we have sinned, in thought, word, and deed.

**At times we offend Your holiness. We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts, and have spurned the  
promptings of Your Spirit. Too often we have failed to love our  
neighbors as ourselves, and have not forgiven others as we have  
been forgiven.**

[Silence]

### *The Jesus Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

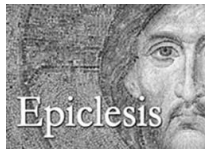
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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Have mercy on us, Lord.

**Accept our repentance, and accomplish in us the work of Your  
salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world;  
through our victorious Christ, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the promise of our God:

“These are the ones I look on with favor,” says the LORD,  
“those who are humble and contrite in spirit,  
and who tremble at My word.”

– Isaiah 66:2

*The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears,  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart,  
and saves such as have a contrite spirit.*

– Psalm 34:17, 18

Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is steadfast love,  
and with Him is abundant redemption.

He redeems His people from all their sins.

How blessed are all those who hope in Him!

– Isaiah 30:18b

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

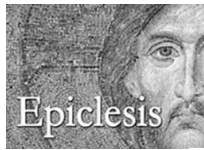
*Great Are You, Lord*

You give life; You are love.  
You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope; You restore  
Every heart that is broken.  
And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs;  
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs;  
So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
“Great are You, Lord!”

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## THE WORD

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

## 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.**

**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.**

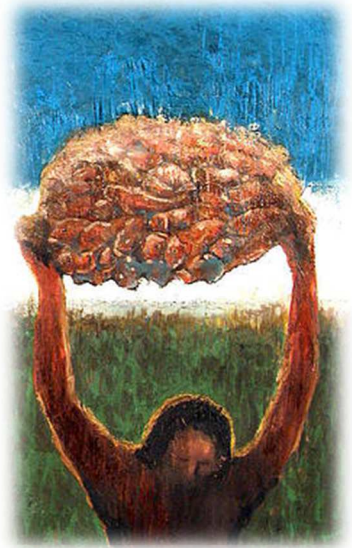
**And lead us not into temptation,**

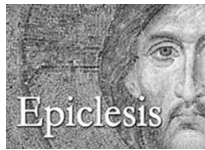
**But deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,**

**And the power, and the glory,**

**Forever. Amen**





*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

It's all about You, Jesus.  
And all this is for You,  
For Your glory and Your fame.  
It's not about me,  
As if You should do things my way;  
You alone are God  
And I surrender to Your ways.

Jesus, lover of my soul;  
All consuming fire is in Your gaze.  
Jesus, I want You to know  
I will follow You all my days.  
For no one else in history is like You,  
And history itself belongs to You;  
Alpha and Omega, You have loved me,  
And I will share eternity with You.

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SENDING FORTH

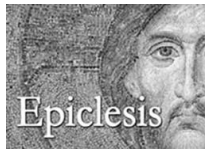
The Life of the Body

*Praise Him! Praise Him! (reprise)*

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Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;  
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Christ is coming over the world victorious:  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.

Praise Him, praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness.  
Praise Him, praise Him ever in joyful song.

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Benediction:

Jesus, You are the New and Ultimate Adam:

**We praise You for reversing the curse of our ancient enemy.**

Jesus, You who are the New and Ultimate Noah:

**We praise You for being the “Good Pilot of the nature of humanity.”**

Jesus, You who are the New and Ultimate Moses:

**We praise You for feeding us with the Bread of Heaven come down.**

In purposeful anticipation we now go forth into the world to prepare it for the ultimate exodus that You will lead when You come again in glory.

**To the praise of Your name, Lord Jesus, who along with You and the Father and the Holy Spirit be blessing and honor and glory and power, both now and forever.**

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

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“Let the desire for glory be surpassed by the love of righteousness. When our love of glory exceeds the fearer love of God in our heart, it becomes an evil that is hostile to faith. The Lord said, ‘How can ye believe, who look for glory from one another, and do not seek the glory which is from God alone?’. . . The holy apostles proclaimed the name of Christ where it was only discredited and neglected. . . . Even amidst curses, accusations, persecutions, and cruel treatment, they weren’t deterred from preaching human salvation by the noise of human anger. As they spoke about and did godly things and lived godly lives, they conquered hard hearts and introduced them to the peace of righteousness. Then great glory followed them in the church of Christ. They didn’t rest in that reward as the goal of their holiness. They referred the glory to God. For by His grace they were what they were. Therefore, they sought to kindle minds to love God. By Him these people could be made to be what the apostles were.”  
– Augustine

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**Lectionary for next week:** Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11,20c;  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

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