

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

January 9, 2022 (Baptism of the Lord)

GATHERING

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

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be ages unto ages.  
Amen.**

Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;*

*Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness!*

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

The God of glory thunders!

*The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning;*

*His voice shakes the wilderness!*

**The voice of the LORD is powerful, and full of majesty.**

**In His temple all say, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood,

Yes, the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.

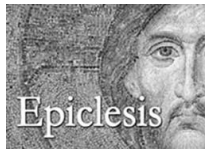
*The LORD will give strength to His people.*

*The LORD will bless His people with peace.*

Come, let us sing His praise, and give thanks to His holy name.

— from Psalm 29





*All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam;  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along: O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,  
Thou givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
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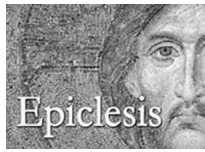
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness:  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm the testimony of the apostle Peter:

God shows no partiality:

**But in every nation anyone who fears Him  
and does what is right  
is accepted by Him.**

This is the message God sent,  
announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ,  
who is Lord of all.

**This message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee  
after the baptism announced by John:  
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and with power;  
He went about doing good  
and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with Him.**

And yet they put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree.

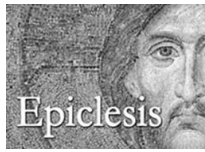
**But God raised Him to life on the third day  
and revealed Him to those who were chosen by God  
as witnesses, and who ate and drank with Him  
after He rose from the dead.**

He is the One ordained by God  
as Judge of the living and the dead.

**Of Him all the prophets bear witness  
that everyone who believes in Him  
receives forgiveness of sins through His name.**

—based on Acts 10:34-43





## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

The call and promise of the Lord:

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean;

I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

*“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh, and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.”*

– Ezekiel 36:25-27

Eternal and merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name’s sake. Yet we have strayed from Your way.

[Silence]

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,  
through what we have done and what we have left undone,  
and we have wandered from Your pathway.

[Silent confessions]

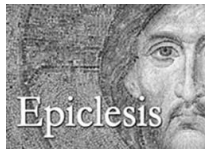
**As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

*Father Hear Our Prayer*

Father, hear our prayer that our lives may be  
Consecrated only unto You.  
Cleanse us with Your fire, fill us with Your pow’r,  
That the world may glorify Your name.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When the goodness and loving kindness  
of God our Savior appeared, He saved us,  
not because of works done by us in righteousness,  
but according to His own mercy,  
by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,  
whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs  
according to the hope of eternal life.

This is a trustworthy saying.

– Titus 3:4-5

**Thanks be to God!**

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

### *Breathing the Breath*

We have nothing to give that didn't first come from Your hands.  
We have nothing to offer You which You did not provide.  
Every good perfect gift comes from Your kind and gracious heart;  
And all we do is give back to You what always has been Yours.

### *Chorus*

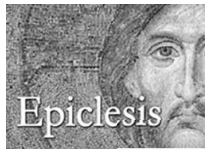
Lord, we're breathing the breath that You gave us to breathe  
To worship You, to worship You.  
And we're singing these songs with the very same breath  
To worship You, to worship You.

Who has given to You that it should be paid back to him?  
Who has given to You as if You needed anything?  
From You and to You and through You come all things, O Lord;  
And all we do is give back to You what always has been Yours.

### *Bridge:*

We are breathing the breath  
That You gave us to breathe (repeat)

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THE WORD

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



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.**

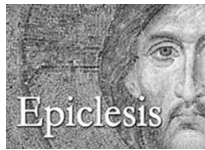
**And lead us not into temptation,**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,**

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

**Forever. Amen**



### *Jesus Is Lord*

“Jesus is Lord,” the cry that echoes through creation;  
Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our Rock.  
The Son of God, the King, whose glory fills the heavens,  
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord, whose voice sustains the stars and planets;  
Yet, in His wisdom, laid aside His crown.  
Jesus, the man who washed our feet, who bore our suff’ring,  
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty!  
Not even death could crush this King of love!  
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we’re forgiven,  
And we can run into the arms of God.

“Jesus is Lord,” a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,  
As He returns, and ev’ry knee bows low.  
Then ev’ry eye and ev’ry heart will see His glory;  
The Judge of all will take His children home.

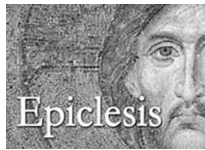
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### *Agnus Dei*

Alleluia, alleluia,  
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia. Holy,  
Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb.  
You are holy.  
Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

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SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body



## Benediction: Renewal of our Baptisms

Eternal God,  
from the waters of chaos in the beginning;  
the destroying, then renewing, waters of the flood;  
the waters of the sea that delivered Your children;  
to Jesus' baptismal waters of the Jordan anointed by Your Spirit;  
You nourish, sustain, renew, and recreate through the gift of water.

**Renew our baptisms now,  
as we remember being buried with Christ in His death,  
raised with Christ in His resurrection,  
and reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

In joyful obedience to your Son,  
we celebrate our fellowship in Him in faith.  
We pray that all who have passed through the waters of baptism  
may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever,  
as we now depart to walk out our baptisms.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship...* “The baptized life is a life that is lived in the *pattern of death and resurrection*. . . . The way of being in Jesus, the way of living the new resurrected life, is through participation. . . . We participate in Christ by living the life of our baptism into his death and resurrection. This is a daily, existential, moment-by-moment experience as we choose in this or that situation to die to the sins for which Christ died and choose the life of the Spirit for which Christ was raised to a new life.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 146-147.)

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**Lectionary for next week:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

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