

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

January 16, 2022 (Second Sunday of Epiphany)

GATHERING

King of Wisdom and Light

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might:
Heaven is filled with Your glory, King of wisdom and light.

We worship You, We praise You, God Most High;
We worship You, We praise You, King and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the Heavens,
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
Your judgments are like the great deep;
O LORD, You preserve man and beast.**

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

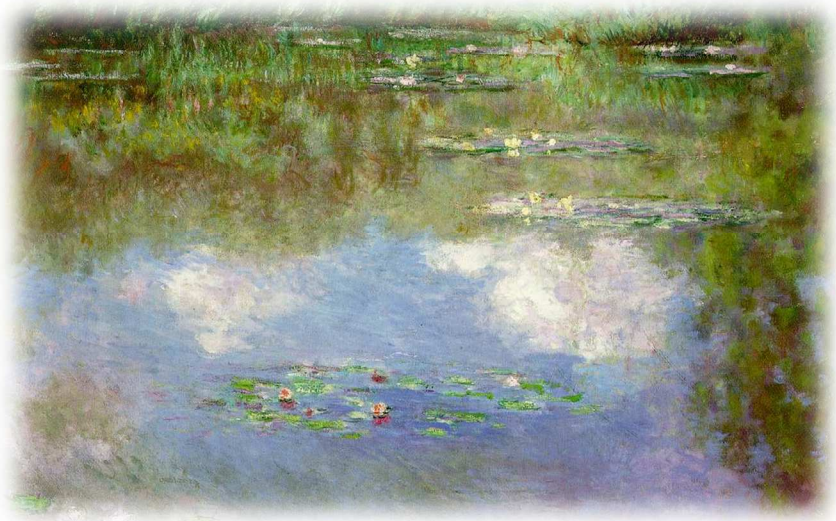
The children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

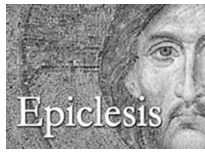
**They feast on the abundance of Your house,
And You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You,
And Your righteousness to the upright in heart!

– Psalm 36:5-10





Sing to the Lord

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

Chorus

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all, I sing praise –
Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

Bridge

God of compassion and God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
You dance around me, You dance around me.

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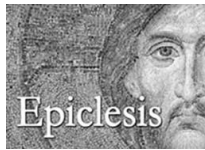
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

There's Something About That Name

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus –
There's just something about that Name.
Master, Savior, Jesus –
Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus –
Let all heaven and earth proclaim;
Kings and kingdoms may all pass away,
But there's something about that Name.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches
of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments
and unfathomable His ways!

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

This is the hope of His calling,
the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
and the surpassing greatness of His power
toward us who believe:

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

*In love, He predestined us to adoption as His children,
in accordance with His pleasure and His will.*

In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our sins,
according to His grace.

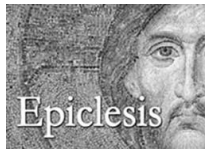
*He has made known to us the mystery of His will,
to bring all things in heaven and on earth
into unity in Christ.*

Having believed in Him,
we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,
the guarantee of our inheritance in Him,
to the praise of His glory.

*In the exceeding greatness of His power,
He raised Christ from the dead
and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,
far above all principality and power
and might and dominion,
and above every name that is named,
not only in this age
but also in the age to come.*

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ.
To Him be glory forever!**

– from Romans 11:33, 36 and Ephesians 1:3-21



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral Call to Confession

God of mercy and steadfast love,
You are slow to anger and full of compassion.
You lead and guide us, and draw us to Yourself.
You welcome all who come to You with repentant
and contrite hearts.

[Silence]

**We confess to You, and before one another,
that we have sinned, in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
Too often, we have offended Your holiness.
We have not always loved our neighbors as we love ourselves.
We do not always forgive others as we have been forgiven.
We have too often followed the devices and desires
of our own hearts.**

The Jesus Prayer

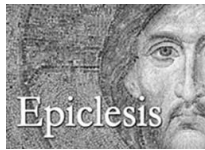
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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Forgive us, and restore us, we pray.
**Seat us together at Your bountiful table of grace,
that with all Your children we may feast with delight
on all that satisfies the longing heart.
Through Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord, the assurance of His forgiveness:



The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

*As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our
transgressions from us. As high as the heavens are high above the
earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.*

The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on
those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His
commandments.

– from Psalm 103:8-18

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

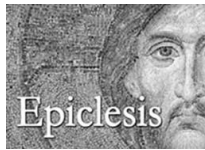
O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward
To my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus –
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore.
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own.
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.
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THE WORD

John 2:1-11

Isaiah 62:1-5



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.

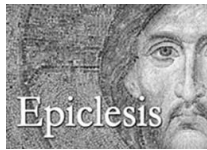
God and Man at Table are Sat Down

O, welcome all ye noble saints of old,

As now before your very eyes unfold

The wonders all so long ago foretold –

God and man at Table are sat down. (repeat)



Elders, martyrs, all are falling down;
Prophets, patriarchs are gath'ring 'round.
What angels longed to see now man has found:
God and man at Table are sat down. (repeat)

Beggars, lame, and harlots also here;
Repentant publicans are drawing near;
Wayward sons come home without a fear:
God and man at Table are sat down. (repeat)

Who is this who spreads the vic'try feast?
Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, Risen Savior, Prince of Peace.
God and man at Table are sat down. (repeat)

Here He gives himself to us, as bread;
Here, as wine, we drink the blood He shed.
Born to die, we eat and live instead!
God and man at Table are sat down. (repeat)

Worship in the presence of the Lord,
With joyful songs and hearts in one accord;
And let our Host at Table be adored.
God and man at Table are sat down. (repeat)

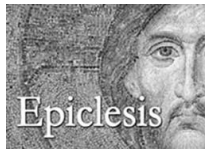
When at last this earth shall pass away,
When Jesus and His bride are one to stay,
The feast of love is just begun that day.
God and man at Table are sat down. (repeat)

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Sing to the Lord (reprise)

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all, I sing praise –
Sing to the Lord.



Benediction:

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

Amen.

And as we go forth, in faith and joy, to love and serve the Lord,
may He grant that what has been said with our lips
we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts
we may practice in our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever.

Amen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Foolish people too often dare to complain against their Creator, not only when they lack something, but also when they have plenty. When something isn't given to them, they complain. And when they have certain things in abundance, they are ungrateful. ... Let us rejoice in whatever gifts He gives. Those who have used great possessions well should also use small ones well. For plenty and scarcity may be equally good for us. Even in spiritual progress we won't be discouraged by small results if our minds aren't dry and barren. For what the earth doesn't give must spring from the soil of our heart. Those who don't stop giving will always be supplied with the means to give. We must use what each year gives us in godly works. Difficult seasons must not hinder our Christian generosity. For the Lord knows how to replenish the widow's jars, which her holy hospitality emptied. He knows how to turn water into wine. He knows how to satisfy 5,000 hungry persons with a few loaves. And the One we feed through His poor people can multiply what He takes of what He gave us.”

– Leo I

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Lectionary for next week: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

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