

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

January 30, 2022 (Fourth Sunday of Epiphany)

GATHERING

Oh, Draw Me Lord

Oh, draw me, Lord;
Oh, draw me, Lord.
Oh, draw me, Lord;
And I'll run after You.

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We have gathered to worship
the LORD, our God,
to proclaim His greatness,
and declare His story.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be over all the earth!
*You have done great things;
O God, who is like You?*

**My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts,
and Your deeds of salvation all day long,
though their number is past my knowledge!**

We will hope in You continually;
we will yet praise You more and more.

My heart is steadfast, O God;

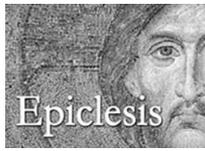
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!

*We will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples;
and sing praises to Your name among the nations.*

For Your steadfast love is as high as the heavens,
Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be over all the earth!**

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 71:14-19, 57:5-11



Behold the Lord

Great and marvelous are Your works,
Oh Lord Almighty.
True and righteous are all Your ways,
King of the ages.
Who will not fear You, oh Lord,
And glorify Your Name?

Chorus

Behold the Lord, God is my salvation;
In Him I trust and will not be afraid.
And I will give thanks,
And sing among the nations forever;
Behold the Lord, behold the Lord,
Behold the Lord.

So rejoice and be glad in this:
Our God is with us;
Messiah, Emmanuel, Lion of Judah.
Lift up your voice and declare the glory of our King.

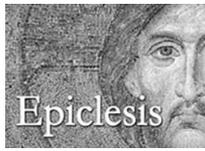
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's redeeming love.



Hitherto Thy love has blest me, Thou hast brought me to this place.
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger bought me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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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 in the heavens and on earth were created, things
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
authorities –

All things were created through Him and for Him.

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

**He is the head of the body, the church; 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 through
Him God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself, whether
things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through the
blood of His cross.

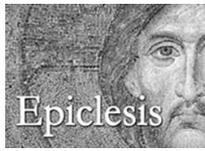
**And although we were formerly alienated and hostile in mind,
engaged in evil deeds, yet now He has reconciled us in His
fleshly body through death, in order to present us before Him
holy and blameless and beyond reproach.**

God has made known to us the riches of the glory of this mystery:

Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Thanks be to God!

– from Colossians 1:15-28



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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.

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.

– Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8

Lord, You have called us to be Your own – fellow citizens with the saints, members of Your household, and together Your dwelling place in the Spirit. We were bought with a price, the price of Your life and blood. We love You, and we want to live for You.

We confess to You and to one another that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

[Silence]

Forgive us, we pray, and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation. **So draw our hearts to You, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly Yours, utterly dedicated unto You. And then use us as You will, that we may show forth Your glory in the world; through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.



For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. And we know that nothing shall ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Colossians 1:12-14, Romans 8:1,39

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Glory Be To God

To You we bring our hymn of praise: Glory be to God.
Hearts and hands together raised: Glory be to God.
Who spoke before the dawn of time: Glory be to God.
Veil of darkness torn by light: Glory be to God.

And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: “Glory be to God!”
Th’anthem of the Lord’s redeemed: “Glory be to God!”

You purchased captives for Your saints: Glory be to God.
And opened wide the kingdom gates: Glory be to God.
You overcame the sting of death: Glory be to God.
And clothed us in Christ’s righteousness: Glory be to God.

And all Your children cry with loud acclaim: “Glory be to God!”
Sing, O Church, Your sweet refrain: “Glory be to God!”

Glory, glory, glory, glory forever and ever. (Repeat)

Father, Spirit, risen Son: Glory be to God.
Who was, and is, and is to come: Glory be to God.

And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: “Glory be to God!”
Th’anthem of the Lord’s redeemed: “Glory be to God!”

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THE WORD

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 4:21-30

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, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heav'n.

Provide each day our daily needs;

Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

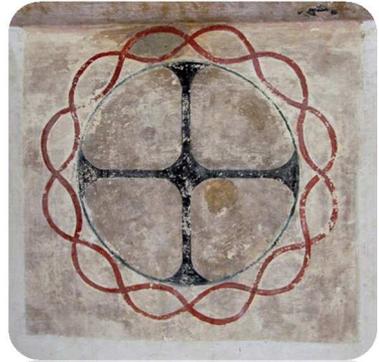
For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;

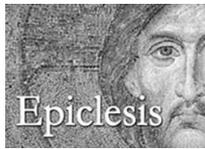
And Thine is the power, forever and ever;

And Thine is the glory, now and forever,

Amen, amen, amen.

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May the Words of My Mouth

May the words of my mouth
And the thoughts of my heart
Bless Your name, bless Your name, Jesus.
And the deeds of the day,
And the truth in my way,
Speak of You, speak of You, Jesus.

Chorus

For this is what I'm glad to do;
It's time to live a life of love that pleases You.
And I will give my all to You,
Surrender everything I have and follow You,
I'll follow You.

Lord, will You be my vision,
Lord, will You be my Guide?
Be my hope, be my life, and the Way.
And I'll look not for riches,
Nor praises on the earth,
Only You'll be the first of my heart.

Chorus

Bridge

I will follow; I will follow You. (4x)

Chorus

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Benediction:

Almighty God, from whose love nothing can part us, I thank You for Your calling on my life. I am a traveler and stranger in the world, like so many of Your people before me.



And so, Lord, I will trust You. Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You. Christ of the mysteries, can I trust You to be stronger than each storm in me?

I trust it is Your voice I hear, the call of the Spirit, the cry of the Bird of Heaven. I offer You my “yes” to risky living. The sea takes me; where I do not know, but I gladly go.

When you no longer know how to be, may the Father take you on your deeper journey. When you no longer know what to do, may the Spirit reveal to you your fitting task. When all feels lost or foreign, may you know your home in Christ.

On the path that is before you, may you have compassion for the journey, may you find Christ in the stranger, and may you know the love and blessing of God.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“God made you as perfect as seemed good to Him. He has given you a free mind. He has set many objects before you so that you can distinguish their nature and choose the good things for yourself. He has set the heavens before you and placed the stars in them. He has set the sun and the moon before you. They run their courses every day. He has set all of the waters before you and restrained them by His Word. He has set the whole wide world before you, which remains at rest and continues to thrive without changing. For fear that you might assume the earth continues because of its own nature, He makes it quake when He pleases. He has set the clouds before you, which, by His command, rain water from above and satisfy the earth. Consequently, you should know that the One who puts these things into motion is superior to them all. Accept His goodness with gratitude because He has given you a mind to distinguish these things from one another. Therefore, I advise you: know yourself and know God.”
– Melito

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Lectionary for next week: Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

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