

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 6, 2022 (Fifth Sunday of Epiphany)

GATHERING

Hear O Israel

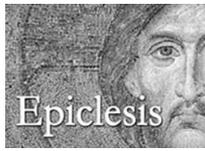
Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord:
Be still and know that He is God.
Love the Lord your God with the fullness of your heart.
With all your mind, your strength and soul.
We draw near through Christ, Who saves us;
We draw near to the throne of grace.
Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord:
Come, lift your voice and praise your King.

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Give thanks to the LORD with a whole heart;
tell of all His wonderful works.
We will be glad and exult in Him;
and sing praises to the name of the Most High.
Bow down toward His holy temple in worship,
and give thanks to His name for His steadfast love and faithfulness.
For He has exalted His name and His word above all things.
On the day I called, He answered me;
He increased the strength of my soul.
The LORD will fulfill His purpose for us;
He will not forsake the work of His hands;
His steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the LORD and sing of His ways,
for great is the glory of the LORD!

– from Psalm 138





Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
Your boundless love, unfailing, grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God.

Chorus

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word.

Chorus

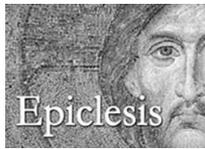
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

O ye heights of heav'n, adore* Him;
Angel hosts, His prais*es sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before* Him
And extol our God* and King;



Let no tongue on earth be si*lent;
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore*.
A*men.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved,
and in which we stand:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared to many faithful witnesses.**

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 heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.*

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

**And God has put all things in subjection under His feet,
and gave Him as head over all things to the church,
which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of His cross.

**This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might,
which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him 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 every name that is named, not only in this age,
but also in the age to come.**

– from 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-23



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

Holy and merciful God,
**in Your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings,
and our offenses against You and against others.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love.**

[Silence]

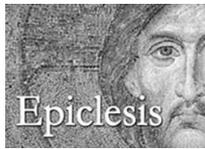
Have mercy on us, Lord.

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

Purify My Heart

Purify my heart,
Touch me with Your cleansing fire;
Take me to the cross,
Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love
That flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart,
Purify my heart.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though the LORD is exalted, yet He regards the lowly;
but the proud He knows from afar.

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;
You stretch forth Your hand against the anger of my foes,
and with Your right hand You save me.*

**The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;
Your lovingkindness, O LORD, endures forever!**

– from Psalm 138:6-8

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

I See the Lord

I see the Lord,
Seated on the throne,
Exalted.

And the train of His robe
Fills the temple with glory.
And the whole earth is filled,
And the whole earth is filled,
And the whole earth is filled
With His glory.

Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy is the Lord.

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THE WORD

Isaiah 6:1-13

Luke 5:1-11

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.

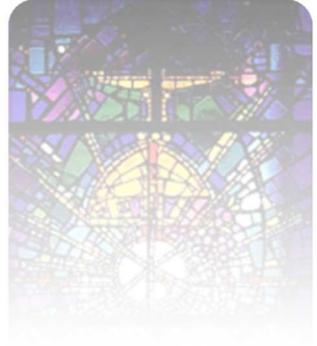
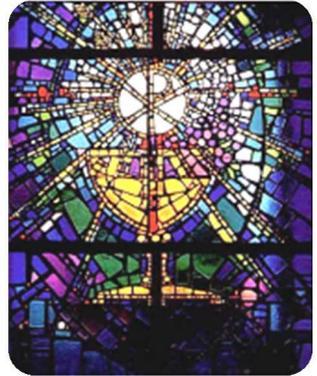
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

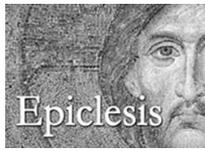
And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory,

Forever. Amen



Lord, Have Mercy

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken,
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom;
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

Chorus:

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar
Where I've worshipped things of man;
I have taken journeys
That have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning
To Your mercies ever flowing;
Pardon my transgressions,
Help me love You again.

I have longed to know You,
And all Your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness,
Ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before You
In the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining
Like a beacon in the night.

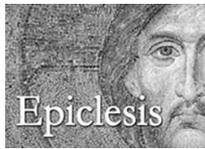
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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Our Great God

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Benediction:

Almighty God, whose Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
is the light of the world:

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 into the world to love and serve the Lord,
living out our baptisms, may He be so manifest in us

that our lives are light to all those around us:

to the glory of God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“What is the most righteous way of worshiping God? For no one should think that God desires victims, incense, or valuable gifts. Since He doesn't experience hunger, thirst, cold, or a desire for earthly things, the things presented in temples to earthly gods aren't useful to Him. Just as physical offerings are necessary for physical beings, so spiritual sacrifices are necessary for a spiritual being. Since all the world is under God's power, He doesn't need the things He gave people to use. Since He dwells in the entire world, He doesn't need a temple. Since the eyes and mind can't comprehend Him, He doesn't need an image. Since He kindled the light of the sun and stars for our sake, He doesn't need earthly lights. So then, what does God require from us? Pure and holy worship of our minds. For those things that are made by hand or outside of people are senseless, frail, and displeasing. But true sacrifice isn't from the purse but from the heart. It is offered not by the hands, but by the mind. . . . What's the purpose of incense, clothes, silver, gold, or precious stones if the worshiper doesn't have a pure mind?”

– Lactantius

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Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

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