

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

April 3, 2022 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

GATHERING

We are gathered to declare the glory, power, majesty, and grace of our God!

Hear the word of the LORD, who makes a way in the sea and a path through the mighty waters: Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The beasts of the field will honor Me, for I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people, the people whom I formed for Myself that they might declare My praise. — from Isaiah 43:16-21

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name!

Make His praise glorious! Say to God:

How awesome are Your works!

All the earth worships You, they sing praises to Your name.

Come and see what God has done.

He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of men.

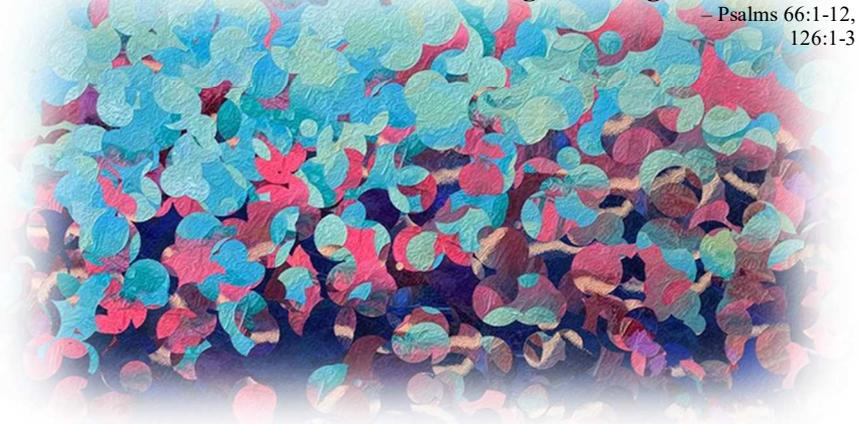
We have been tested and tried,

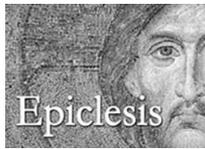
yet He has brought us out into a place of abundance.

When the LORD brought back the captive ones of Zion,
we were like those who dream. Then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad! Our mouths are filled with laughter, and our tongues with joyful shouting. All who see us declare, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

— Psalms 66:1-12,
126:1-3





We Bow Down

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,
And Lord of all lords You will be.

We bow down and we worship You, Lord;
We bow down and we worship You, Lord;
We bow down and we worship You, Lord:
Lord of all lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life,
King of the land and the sea.
You were King of the heavens before there was time,
And King of all kings You will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King; . . .
King of all kinds You will be.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

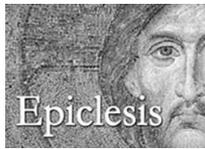
Sing to the Lord

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.



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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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The testimony of the Lord, from Paul's epistle to the Philippians:

Whatever things were gain to me

I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

More than that, I count all things as loss

*in view of the surpassing value
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

For His sake, I consider the former things as mere rubbish
in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him,

*Not having any righteousness of my own,
but the righteousness that comes from God
through faith in Christ.*

This is my goal:

to know Him and the power of His resurrection

and the fellowship of His sufferings,

being conformed to His death

so that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Forgetting what lies behind

and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

I press on toward the goal of the prize

of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

For our citizenship is in heaven,

from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior,

the Lord Jesus Christ;

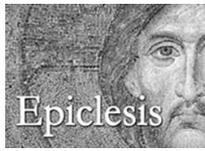
who will transform the body of our humble state

into conformity with the body of His glory,

by the exertion of the power that He has

even to subject all things to Himself.

– from Philippians 3:7-14, 20-21



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the LORD would not have listened.

But truly God has listened:

*He has given heed to the words of our prayer,
and has not removed His steadfast love from us..*

– from Psalm 66:16-20

Eternal God, You have made us for Yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You.

**Yet we confess that we sometimes have allowed our hearts
to be drawn away from our rest in You.**

**We have sought after many things,
and too easily neglected Your ways.**

**We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

[Silence]

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in Your ways in newness of life, and worship You in spirit and in truth.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Therefore, beloved, we hold fast to these sure promises of our God:

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve Me
and stand before Me.

**Thanks be to God, from whom we have received mercy
and overflowing grace, along with the faith and love
that are in Christ Jesus!**

– from 1 Timothy 1:12-16, 1 John 1:9, Jeremiah 15:19

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Knowing You

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Chorus

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love you, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found by You, and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn;
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life,
And to know You in Your sufferings,
To become like You in Your death, my Lord;
So with You to live, and never die.

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THE WORD

Philippians 3:4b-16



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,

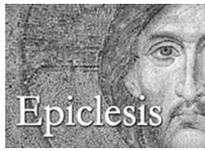
But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory,

Forever. Amen





Lead Me to the Cross

Saviour I come, quiet my soul; remember:
Redemption's hill where Your blood was spilled
For our ransom.

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss.

Chorus:

Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out;
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down;
Rid me of myself, I belong to You;
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross.

You were as I, tempted and tried, human;
The Word became flesh, bore our sin and death,
Now You're risen.

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss.

Bridge

To Your heart, to Your heart,
Lead me to Your heart, lead me to Your heart.

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I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Sing to the Lord

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:

Beloved brothers and sisters, as you go forth into the world to live out your baptisms, be encouraged to observe a holy Lent. As Christ's faithful disciples, walking in His own footsteps and taking on His likeness, may your eyes and ears be open to know the calling of the Lord at all times. **Amen.**

May you have the strength to walk the path of obedience – forgetting the past, forging your faith in Him, and focusing on His future – as you joyfully persevere in your calling. **Amen!**

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly beyond all that we can ask or imagine, according to the power that works within us:
**To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever. Amen! Thanks be to God!**

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“I am only intent on ‘one thing’ says Paul, ‘in stretching forward to the things which are before.’ But included in this ‘one thing’ he says, is ‘forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.’ Forgetting the past things made him reach forward to the things ahead. . . We should act like him, forget our successes, and throw them behind us. For runners don't think about how many laps they have finished, but how many are left. We, too, should think not about how we are advanced in holiness, but about how much farther we have to go. For how do we profit from what we have when we don't add what we lack? In addition, Paul didn't say, ‘I don't think about,’ but ‘I don't even remember.’ For we become eager when we diligently work toward what is left, when we forget everything else.”

– Chrysostom

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Lectionary for next week:

Liturgy of the Palms – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40
Liturgy of the Passion – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

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