

An Ancient-Future Faith Community  
*Liturgy*

January 15, 2023 (Second Sunday of Epiphany)

#### GATHERING

We are gathered to worship the eternal God,  
the source of love and life, who creates and sustains us.

**Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

**How blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD!**

All creation declares the goodness of our God.

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with Him is great power to redeem.

**I waited patiently for the LORD;**

**He inclined to me, and heard my cry.**

**He brought me up out of the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry clay.**

**He set my feet upon a rock,**

**making my footsteps firm.**

**And He put a new song in my mouth:**

**Praise to our God!**

**Many will see and fear, and will trust in the LORD.**

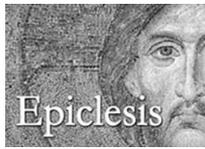
Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;

let those who love Your salvation say continually:

“The LORD be magnified!”

— from Psalms 124:8, 130:7, 40:1-3, 16





*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

*Chorus*

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship,  
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God;  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now.

*Chorus*

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives;  
Willingly our knees will bow.  
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength  
We gladly praise You now.

One day every tongue will confess You are God; . . .

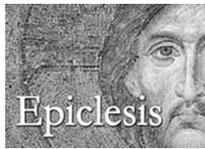
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*Come, Christians, Join to Sing (verse 2)*

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend, to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

*Bow Down*

Bow down before the Lord; worship Him, O worship Him.  
Bow down before our God; enter in, O enter in.  
Consuming fire and sweet perfume,  
His awesome presence fills this room.  
This is holy ground, this is holy ground,  
This is holy ground, so come and bow down.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible,**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.*

**Through Him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;  
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried.*

**The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.**

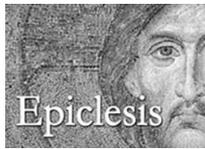
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
*He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.*

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.**

He proceeds from the Father, and with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.  
*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

– the Nicene Creed



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

How blessed are those who trust in the LORD, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

*O LORD my God, You have multiplied Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.*

**Sacrifice and offering You do not desire,**

**but You have given me an open ear.**

**I delight to do Your will, O my God;**

**Your law is within my heart.**

**Do not withhold Your mercy from me, O LORD; let Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness continually preserve me.**

– from Psalm 40:4-8, 11

[Silence]

**Most merciful God, we confess 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may truly delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

## *Agnus Dei*

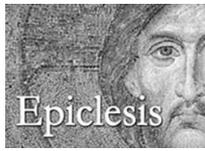
O Lamb of God,  
You take away the sins of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

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ou 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

Hear the word of the Lord, the promise of forgiveness,  
from the pen of the psalmist:

The LORD is your Help and Deliverer.

He does not withhold His mercies and compassion,  
but is pleased to save.

His covenant love and truth will continually preserve you.

*He forgives all your iniquity;*

*He heals all your diseases;*

*He redeems your life from the pit;*

*He crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;*

*He satisfies you with good as long as you live,  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Let all who seek Him rejoice and be glad in Him;

Let all who love His salvation say continually,

**“The LORD be magnified!”**

– from Psalms 40:11, 13, 16; 103:3-5

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thanksgiving and praise.

*Great Are You, Lord*

You give life; You are love.

You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope; You restore

Every heart that is broken.

And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs;

So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs;

So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,

“Great are You, Lord!”

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## THE WORD

John 1:29-42



## 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.**

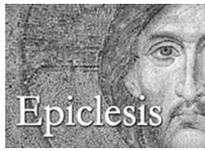
**Christ will come again!**

*The Lord's Prayer (sung)*

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your Name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
On earth as in heav'n.  
Give us today our daily bread;  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us;  
Save us from the time of trial,  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
And the glory are Yours.  
Now and forever, 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)

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

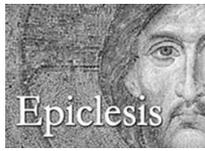
*Benediction*

May the Lord bless us and keep us.  
May the Lord smile on us, shine His light upon us.  
May the Lord lift us, turn His face towards us,  
Give us His peace, give us His peace.

Blessed we came to this place today, and blessed now, we will go.  
In the name of the Father, the Spirit, and the Son.

Go now in peace; go now in peace.

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Benediction:

Beloved, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, walking out our baptisms in faithfulness and joy, let us keep these words ever before us and in our hearts:

God is faithful! By Him you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless, and lacking nothing, on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

– based on 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“We say, 'Thy will be done, as in heaven so in earth' not so that God will do what He wills, but that we may be able to do what God wills. For who resists God and prevents Him from doing what He wills? But since the devil hinders us from always obeying God's will with our thoughts and actions, we pray and ask that God's will may be done in us. . . . Now, if the Son was obedient to do His Father's will, the servant should be much more obedient to his Master's will! . . . This is the will of God which Christ both did and taught: humility in conversation; steadfastness in faith; modesty in words; justice in deeds; mercy in works; discipline in morals; inability to do a wrong, and ability to bear a wrong done; to keep peace with the brethren; to love God with all our hearts; to love Him as a Father; to fear Him as God; to prefer nothing above Christ (because He did not prefer anything above us); to adhere inseparably to His love; and to stand by His cross bravely and faithfully. When there is any battle against His name and honor, it is His will that we exhibit the consistency of confession; in torture, the confidence with which we do battle; in death, the patience with which we are crowned. This is to do the commandment of God. This is to fulfill the will of the Father.”

– Cyprian

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**Lectionary for next week:** Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

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