

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

February 12, 2023 (Sixth Sunday of Epiphany)

GATHERING

We are gathered to worship the LORD,  
the God of all creation, maker of heaven and earth.

**We are gathered to declare the glory, majesty,  
and steadfast love of our God.**

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth. Sing the glory of His name.

Tell of His deeds among the peoples. Make His praise glorious!

**There is none like You, O LORD, nor are there any works  
like Yours. All the nations You have made shall come  
and bow down before You, and shall glorify Your name.**

Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

Remember His covenant forever,  
the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

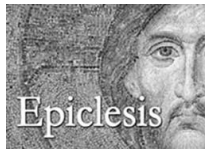
**We will remember His wonderful deeds which He has done;  
His marvels and His judgments are in all the earth,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

Come, let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!

**For the LORD is good and His mercy endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through all generations!**

— from Psalms 66, 86, 100, 105





*Only A Holy God*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness tremble?  
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendour outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

*Chorus:*

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory outshines the fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God.

*Chorus*

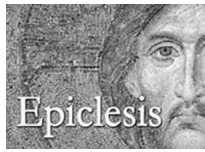
Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God.

*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



*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

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#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 should be holy and blameless before Him.*

In love He predestined us to adoption as His children through Jesus Christ to Himself, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

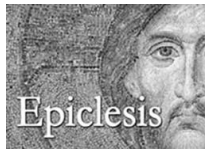
*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished upon us.*

In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, that is, in the fullness of the times, He might sum up all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth.

*In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose, who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we should be to the praise of His glory.*

**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 1:3-14, 18



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!  
*Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,  
who seek Him with their whole heart;  
who also do no wrong, but walk in His ways!*

[Silence]

You have commanded Your precepts to be kept diligently.  
**Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes!**  
Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all Your commandments.  
**I will praise You with an upright heart,  
when I learn Your righteous judgments.**

– Psalm 119:1-7

[Silent confessions]

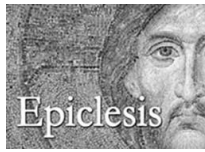
### *Kyrie Eleison*

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

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the LORD, who speaks peace to His faithful people,  
to those who turn to Him in their hearts:



*Those who love Me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know My name.  
When they call to Me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.  
With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them My salvation.*

Surely God's salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
that His glory may dwell among us.

– from Psalms 85:8-9, 91:14-16

**Thanks be to God!**

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thanksgiving and praise.

#### *My Life Is An Offering*

This life is an altar where I want to offer  
My soul and my mind and strength.  
Cleansed by Your mercy to live a life worthy  
Of the One who called my name.

#### *Chorus*

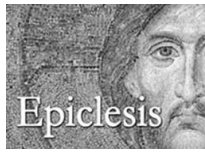
Jesus, be glorified; Jesus, be magnified.  
Let me be a pleasing sacrifice.  
Jesus, be glorified; Jesus, be magnified.  
Here at the altar, my life is an offering.

How could I not love You?  
You authored my rescue,  
Raised me up from death to life.  
Your Spirit is in me,  
Revealing Your glory;  
Oh, what joy as I give my life!

#### *Bridge*

I choose to lose my life, Lord,  
And find it in You.

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## THE WORD

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Matthew 5:21-37

## 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!**

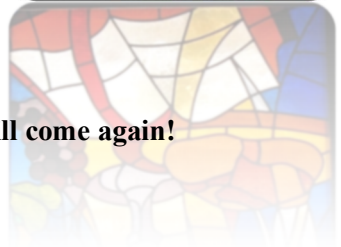
### *Our Father in Heaven* (sung)

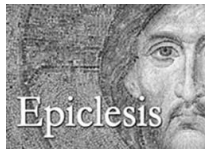
Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,  
Your name is holy, our Father.  
Your kingdom come, and Your will be done  
Here on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us, we pray, our bread for today,  
Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,  
Forgiving of what others owe.  
Keep us from trials; save us from our ancient foe!

As we sing the kingdom, we sing the power,  
We sing the glory be Yours – Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

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## *Trust and Obey*

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

### *Refrain:*

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows, for the joy he bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

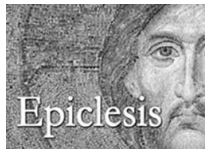
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## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

#### *Holy, Holy, Holy (reprise)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!



Benediction:

Brothers and sisters,  
we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,  
ever mindful that the true riches are found  
in the bounty of His grace and in walking before Him  
with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength.

**Amen!**

Now to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus  
to all generations who love Him and choose life,  
forever and ever.

**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:** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; Psalm 99;  
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

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