

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 19, 2023 (Seventh Sunday of Epiphany)

Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING

King of Wisdom and Light

Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and might:
Heaven is filled
With Your glory,
King of wisdom and light.

We worship You,
We praise You,
God Most High;
We worship You,
We praise You,
King and Lord,
Jesus Christ.

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The LORD reigns;
let the peoples tremble in awe!

He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake!

The LORD is great in Zion! He is exalted above all peoples!

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God,
and worship Him upon the holy mountain.

**We give thanks to Him, and praise His great and awesome name,
for He is holy!**

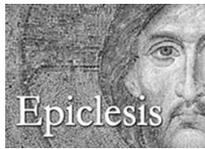
On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus' disciples Peter, James, and John beheld the majesty of His glory. And from the mystery of a cloud they heard a voice declaring Him to be God's Son.

Alleluia! The LORD has shown forth His glory.

Praise, honor, majesty and glory to His name!

Come, let us exalt the LORD our God, and worship in His presence,
for the LORD our God is holy.

– from Psalm 99 and Matthew 17



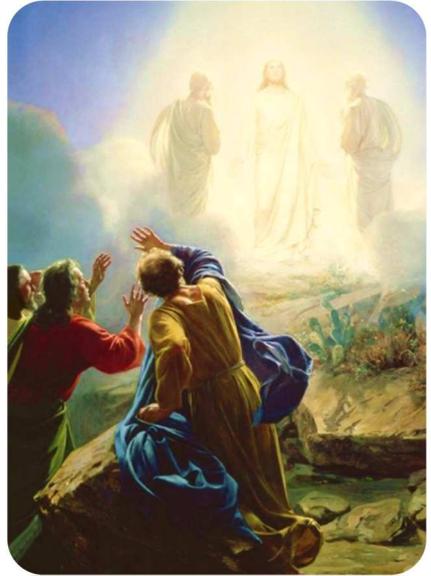
Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You;
I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy;
I want to see You.

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

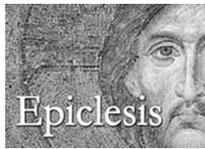
Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

Glorify Your Name

Your presence, Your glory,
You're welcome here.
All honor, dominion,
Lord, please come near.
We want You, we need You,
We live to glorify Your name.

Glorify Your name, glorify Your name;
Glorify the name above all names

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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.**

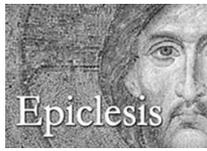
He proceeds from the Father,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.

*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.**

– Nicene Creed





PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Shine now in our hearts, merciful Father;
reveal any places of darkness,
and cleanse us from sin.**

– based on 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

[Silence]

Merciful and loving God, You graciously call us to Yourself,
in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life,
in the valleys and on the mountaintops.

**Yet we confess that too often
our eyes are blind to Your presence,
too often our ears are deaf to Your call.
We speak when we should listen;
we rush to act when we should reflect.**

[Silence]

In Your mercy, forgive us, we pray.

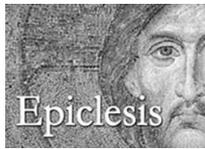
**We long only to live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
who is Light of the world and sovereign Lord over all things.**

The Jesus Prayer

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,
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison,
Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's faithful and true promise of pardon:

The Lord is the Spirit,

and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

And we all, with unveiled face,

beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,

are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory.

For this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

– from 2 Corinthians 3:18

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thanksgiving and praise

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.

Thou my best thought in the day and the night;

Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.

Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.

Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;

Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight,

Thou my whole armor, and Thou my true might.

Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower.

O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;

Thou mine inheritance now and always.

Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,

O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Ancient Irish hymn text. Hymn tune: SLANE.

Transl. Mary Byrne, 1905. Versified by Eleanor Hull, 1912.



THE WORD

Exodus 24:12-18

Mathew 17:1-9

2 Peter 1:16-21



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,

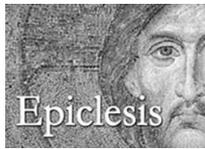
But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory,

Forever. Amen





Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power
Be to You, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power,
Breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery.

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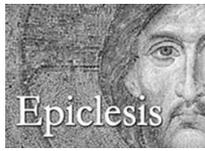
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Be Thou My Vision (verse 5)

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun;
Grant me its joys e'er the victory is won.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.



Benediction:

The divine glory of the incarnate Word was revealed on that holy mount of Transfiguration. We, who have not seen and yet believe, rejoice with His disciples in the divine majesty of Christ.

Amen!

Now, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, may you shine with His transforming power and glory, telling His glorious story and walking out your baptisms as people changed through the presence of the Savior of the world.

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

A thought about worship...

“Between the wedding feast in Cana and the impending death of Jesus, a progressive unveiling of his glory will appear. The season of Epiphany . . . celebrates this progressive unveiling of God’s glory manifest in Jesus and invites us to order our spiritual journey around the Christ manifest in history, manifest in us. . . . Spirituality is Christ living his life *in* us and *through* us. The manifestation of the glory of God made present in Jesus is to continue in his followers.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 85-86.)

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Lectionary for next week: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



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