

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

April 2, 2023 (Sixth Sunday of Lent: Palm Sunday)

GATHERING

*Reading*

Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:1-11

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good:  
for His steadfast love endures forever.

Let His people now say:

**His steadfast love endures forever!**

Let those who fear the LORD say:

**His steadfast love endures forever!**

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank You that You have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Save us, O LORD! Hosanna!**

**O LORD, we beseech You, give us success!**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

**The LORD is God, and He has given us light.**

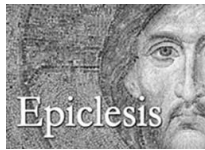
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**You are God, and we will give thanks to You;**

**You are our God, we will extol You.**

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good:  
for His steadfast love endures forever!





*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

All glory, laud and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and Blessed One.

The company of angels  
Is praising Thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.  
Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the praise we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King; Thou good and gracious King,

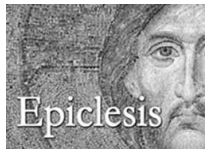
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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

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

*Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.  
Who was and is, and is to come,  
Who was and is, and is to come –



Lift up His name with the sound of singing,  
Lift up His name in all the earth.  
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,  
For He is worthy to be praised.

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#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

The word of the Lord:

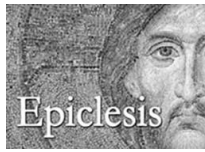
God, who at various times and in various ways  
spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,  
has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,  
whom He appointed heir of all things,  
through whom also He made the world,  
and who is the radiance of His glory  
and the exact representation of His nature.

*When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
born a descendant of David according to the flesh;  
born of a woman, born under the Law,  
in the likeness of sinful flesh, to be an offering for our sin;  
so that He might redeem us,  
that we might receive adoption as His children.*

#### **God also highly exalted Him**

**and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

— from Hebrews 1:1-3; Romans 1:3,8:3-4; Galatians 4:3-4, Philippians 2:9-11



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral call to confession

Righteous God of all time, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. Like Your people of old, we gladly praise Him with shouts of "Hosanna!" Yet we confess that we do not always bow before Him, nor follow Him with our whole hearts.

[Silence]

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive and cleanse what is sinful, to heal what is broken, and to receive us as Your own.**

[Silent confessions]

**Draw us near the foot of the cross, so that, dying and rising with Him, we may walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

### *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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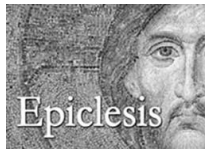
## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the word of the Lord from Psalm 118.

This is God's promise of pardon and love:

Let those who fear the LORD say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."



**Out of my distress I called upon the LORD;  
I sought the LORD and He answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
The LORD is my strength and my song;  
He has become my salvation.  
I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and declare the deeds of the LORD.**

– from Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17

**Thanks be to God!**

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Jesus said, “If these people were to keep silent,  
the stones would immediately cry out!”

**Lord, we lift our voices in praise to You! May our lives  
and our offerings resound as worship and reflections of Your love.**

*Holy*

I will lift my voice, and I will sing,  
I will sing holy, holy.  
To my Lord and Savior, my God and King:  
I will sing holy, holy

*Chorus:*

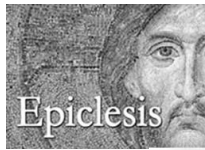
I will praise the Lamb of God who sits upon the throne.  
I will worship Him, and give the praise to Him alone.  
He who was and is and is to come:  
I will sing before His throne forever, forever.

All the angels sing, and they bow down,  
And they sing holy, holy.  
We, Your sons and daughters,  
We praise You now, and we cry holy, holy.

*Chorus*

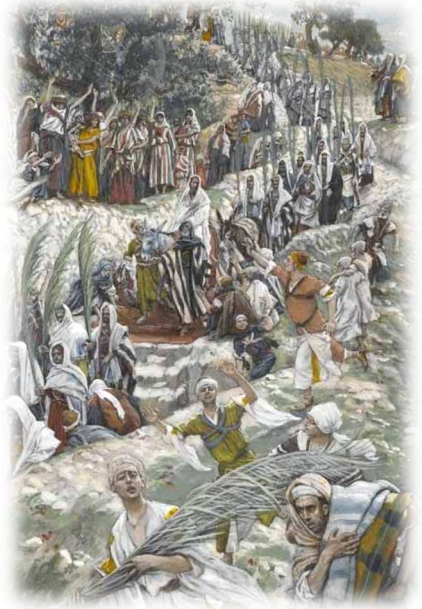
Holy, holy . . .

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THE WORD

Psalm 118



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.

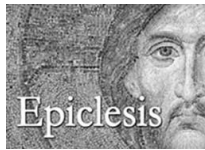
**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

*The Lord's Prayer (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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## *Fullness of Grace*

Fullness of grace in man's human frailty,  
This is the wonder of Jesus.  
Laying aside His power and glory,  
Humbly He entered our world.  
Chose the path of meanest worth;  
Scandal of a virgin birth.  
Born in a stable, cold and rejected;  
Here lies the hope of the world.



Fullness of grace, the love of the Father  
Shown in the face of Jesus.  
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity,  
Walking the Calvary road.  
Christ the holy innocent took our sin and punishment.  
Fullness of God, despised and rejected;  
Crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for,  
Promise of God in Jesus.  
Through His obedience we are forgiven,  
Op'ning the floodgates of heav'n.  
All our hopes and dreams we bring, gladly as an offering.  
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable:  
God's gift in love to the world.

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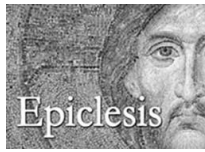
## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

#### *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (verse 3)*

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King;  
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

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Benediction:

Now brothers and sisters, we go forth into the world to live out our baptisms, loving and serving the Lord.

**Like those of old, who carried branches before the Lord,  
we have today in praise declared Jesus Messiah and King.  
May we now – as Christ’s devoted disciples –  
follow Him in the way of the cross.**

As we journey with Him in this week of remembrance and hope,  
let us take on His likeness, for the honor of His holy name,  
who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

*A thought about worship...* “We should not look on Palm Sunday simply as a day to recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is that, but it is more. It is our own entry into the most solemn yet the most glorious experience of spirituality. For Jesus, Palm Sunday was his gateway to the culminating events of his earthly life. As we enter that gate with him, our spiritual lives are being ordered into the most sacred moments of the history of the world and of our own experience with the meaning of human existence.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality Through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 116-117.)

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**Lectionary for next week:** Acts 10:34-43; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10

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