

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy

January 14, 2024 (Second Sunday of Epiphany)

GATHERING

Blessed are You, God of creation, Lord of the universe:

You spoke in the beginning,
and by Your Word created all things,
visible and invisible.

You spoke, and by Your Word brought all things into being.

**You spoke, and Your Word came to dwell among us,
full of grace and truth.**

Bless this place where we would hear Your voice.

Bless this place where we would hear and know Your story.

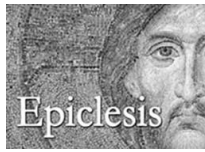
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.

**The voice of the Lord thunders;
the voice of the Lord gladdens our hearts.**

Attune our ears to hear Your voice.

Speak, Lord, for we, Your servants are listening.





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

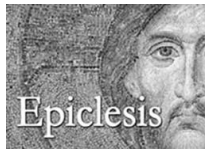
Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God.

Chorus

CCLI Song #7073332 ©2016 CityAlight Music | Farren, Love and War Publishing |
Integrity's Alleluia! Music | Integrity's Praise! Music.
Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson.
CCLI License #3097801

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.

CCLI Song #1540719. ©1995 Thankyou Music. Nathan Fellingham

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess our faith in these words of trust and hope,
from the pen of the psalmist David:

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You understand my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down;
You are familiar with all my ways.

*Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, You know it completely.
You have hedged me in – behind and before –
and lay Your hand upon me.*

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is too high, I cannot attain it.

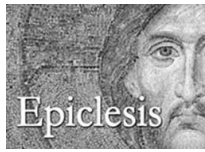
*I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are Your works! My soul knows it very well.*

My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

*Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book
were written all the days that were ordained for me,
when as yet there were none of them.*

How precious are Your thoughts to me, O God!
How vast is the sum of them! If I should count them,
they would outnumber the grains of the sand.
When I am awake, I am still with You.

– Psalm 139:1-6, 14-18



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth.

Give me an undivided heart to fear Your name. – Psalm 86:11

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? You are intimately acquainted with all my ways. You have enclosed me, behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me.

– Psalm 139:3, 5, 7

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

– Psalm 139:23-24

[Silence]

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men, their Pattern and their King.

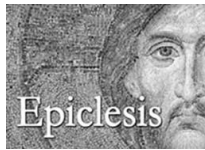
Lord, we Thy presence seek; may this our blessing be:
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for Thee.

Words: John Keble (1819); *Mitre Hymn Book* (1836). Music: Ellen Koehler ©2013.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share
in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

**For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**



In Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.

– from Colossians 1:12-20

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thanksgiving and praise.

All Around Me

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
If I settle on the far side of the sea,
Even there Your hand will lead and guide;
You're all around me.

Chorus:

And I'm surrounded
Everywhere I go;
Your presence covers me.
And Your constant love
Makes me know:
You're all around me.

Where can I go that I won't find you there?
If I try to hide you know just where I'd be.
You sustain me with Your faithfulness,
You're all around me.

Chorus

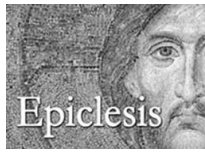
Bridge: (4 times)

All around, all around, all around You're...
All around, all around, all around You're...
All around, all around, all around me.

Chorus

Bridge: (3 times)

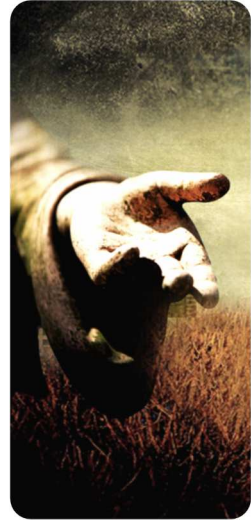
©2007 Times Two Ministries



THE WORD

1 Samuel 3:1-20

John 1:43-51



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.

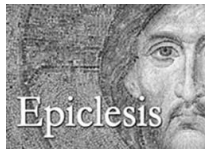
Christ will come again!

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.



Setting by Eric Wyse; ©2000 Wildgrove Music (BMI)



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.

CCLI Song #6565620 ©2013 Sovereign Grace Worship.
Joel Sczebel, Pat Sczebel.

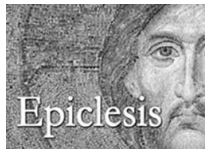
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Holy, Holy (reprise)

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.

CCLI Song #1540719. ©1995 Thankyou Music. Nathan Fellingham



Benediction:

Beloved, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
walking out our baptisms in trust and faithfulness,
may our ears and hearts be ever attentive, attuned,
and responsive to His voice.

Amen!

And now, Almighty God,
whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table,
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,
that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Consider the ignorant person who is feeling his disgrace. Either driven by someone's encouragement or moved by a desire to imitate other wise men, he hands himself over to someone he is sure will carefully train and competently instruct him. Then if he who had hardened himself in ignorance should faithfully surrender himself to a master and promise to obey him in everything, the master, seeing his determination, would promise to take away all ignorance and to fill his mind with knowledge. The master will not attempt this if the student refuses or resists his efforts, but only if he sacrifices and binds himself to complete obedience. In the same way, the Word of God promises to take away the stony heart of those who draw near to Him. God will not do this for those who don't listen to His word, but only for those who receive His commands.” – Origen

Image credit – p. 6: Daniel Bonnell, *Communion Cup*, contemp.;

Lectionary for next week: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Epiclesis: An Ancient-Future Faith Community

www.Epiclesis.org | Info line: (916)572-9113

Text the word **Epiclesis** to 22828 to sign up for our weekly eNewsletter

Text the word **Connect** to (916)347-5038 to join our text alert list.

Sunday mornings at The Carmichael Chapel, 4600 Winding Way
(Corner of Winding Way and Pasadena), Sacramento, CA 95841.

Informal gathering: 10:00 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM.

©2024 E.K.