



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 15, 2015 (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)

Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING

Let it Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

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The mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence. He calls to the heavens
above and to the earth, for God Himself is judge.

**The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples have
seen His glory.**

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 proclaiming Him to be God's beloved Son,
who is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Alleluia. The LORD has shown forth His glory.

Come, let us adore Him.

– from Psalms 50 and 97; and Mark 9



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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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending, He
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent;
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.



Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in the words of this hymn of the ancient church:

You are God; we praise You.

You are the Lord; we acclaim You.

You are the Eternal Father; All creation worships You.

To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praises you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praises you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praises you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim You;

Father of majesty unbounded,

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free

You did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Leader: Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

– from *Te Deum laudamus* (“Thee, O God, we praise”).
Attrib. to church fathers Ambrose and Augustine, 4th century.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, is has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

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

– based on 2 Corinthians 4:6

[Silent Confessions]

God of transfiguration,

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 act when we should reflect. 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.

Agnus Dei

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

You alone are Lord Most High, the Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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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 for His transforming power!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise:

Sharing glimpses and experiences of the work of our constantly creative Creator God this week ...

Sovereign Lord of glory, You created all that is, and in love formed us in Your image. Through Your grace, You have granted that we become partakers in Your divine nature. In gratitude for Your goodness, we now separate out these gifts – Your tithes and our offerings – bringing them to You as reflections of Your goodness and power. Receive them, we pray, as expressions of our worship and our desire to glorify Your name. Amen.

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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THE WORD

Mark 9:2-9

2 Peter 1:16-19



Transfiguration, St. Peter Basilica, 20th Century

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.

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



Jesus, I am Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul.
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Chorus:

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness,
Vaster, broader than the sea.
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,
Know what wealth of grace is Thine;
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold Thee as Thou art.
And Thy love so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings,
Meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
Compasseth me 'round with blessings,
This is love indeed.

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of the Father's glory, Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



Jesus, I am Resting (verse 4 reprise)

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of the Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

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Benediction:

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

Now, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, may you shine with His transforming glory, telling His glorious story, and remembering that you participate with Him in His creative and reconciling acts as you daily walk out your baptisms in the world. . –
To the glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lectionary for next week: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
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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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