



Contemplative Worship: Space to Experience Ourselves in God

8:45 a.m. + November 21, 2021 + Reign of Christ Sunday

See! I am God.

See! I am in everything.

See! I never lift my hands off my works, nor will I ever.

See! I lead everything toward the purpose for which I ordained it, without beginning,
by the same Power, Wisdom and Love by which I created it.

How could anything be amiss?

(Christ to Julian of Norwich, 14th c.)

Quietly Centering

Christ is the All and in All.

Colossians 3:11b

Welcome

Opening Praise

Risen Christ,

Your Presence fills the cosmos.

Cosmic Christ,

Your Presence pulses through all galactic space, across light years of time.

Living Christ,

In this time that we call 'Now', in this space we call 'Here',

May we sense Your Presence among us.

May we know Your Presence within us.

Praising the Beloved One

"I Am Here"

*Before creation's dawn, there was darkness filled with love.
Love that called forth all existence into life.
Love that spoke into the dark. Till the darkness blazed with light.
Love that filled all of creation with a song.*

*I am here like a treasure hidden deep within this world.
Every river, every mountain points the way.
I am here in creation. In the darkness. In the light.
Come and find me, come and know me, come and love.*

Unveiling the Big Picture (Lectio)

Revelation 21:5-7

*And the One sitting on the throne said,
"Behold – I make all things new. . . . Write, because these words are real and true. . . .
It is done.
I, I am - the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.
I, I give to the one thirsting from the fountain of the water of life.
The one overcoming will inherit all things, and I will be to him God, and he will be to Me the Son."*

Listening to the Cosmic Christ

"Behold, I Make All Things New" (Alpha)

*Behold, I make all things new. Behold, I make all things new.
Behold, I make all things new. Let there be light; let there be light.*

*The First and Last is surging forth. The First and Last is surging forth.
The First and Last is surging forth. Becoming life; becoming life.*

Looking to the Cosmic Christ

"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, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Meditation

Opening to the Cosmic Christ (with sung response)

from Colossians 1:9-12

*Behold, I make all things new. Behold, I make all things new.
Behold, I make all things new. Let there be light; let there be light.*

*O Living Christ, may we clearly know Your will
and achieve the height and depth of spiritual wisdom and understanding. . .*

***Behold, I make all things new. Behold, I make all things new.
Behold, I make all things new. Let there be light; let there be light.***

*May we walk worthy of You, Lord. May we continue to delight You
by being fruitful in every good work and growing in the true knowledge of You. . .*

***Behold, I make all things new. Behold, I make all things new.
Behold, I make all things new. Let there be light; let there be light.***

*Strengthen us with Your infinite power, according to Your glorious might,
so that we will have everything we need to hold on and endure hardship patiently. . .*

***Behold, I make all things new. Behold, I make all things new.
Behold, I make all things new. Let there be light; let there be light.***

Centering in Silence

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. Simply be here now. You are in Christ and Christ is in you. There is nothing you need to do. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart or breathe deeply down into your belly. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Christ, Love, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit. Or follow the rhythm of your breath.

Confessing Our Cosmic Faith (with sung response)

Colossians 1:12-20

***In You all things hold together.
In You all things hold together.***

With joy, we give You thanks, O Loving Source, the One who has enabled us to receive our part of the inheritance given to all those set apart by the Light. You have drawn us from dark powers and brought us safely into the kingdom of the Son of Your Love, in whom we have the Liberation, the release of sins. . . .

***In You all things hold together.
In You all things hold together.***

The Son, the Christ, is the Icon of God, of the Invisible One, the First-Born of all creation. For in Him all things were created – those in the heavens and those upon on earth, the seen and the unseen, all powers, authorities, lords, and rulers. All things through Him and for Him have been created. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. . . .

***In You all things hold together.
In You all things hold together.***

He is the Head of the Body, the Community. He is the beginning, the First-Born from the dead – so that He might come to be in all things, Him being the First. Because all the Fullness delighted to tabernacle in Him and through Him to bring all things back to Himself, having become the Peacemaker through the shed blood of His Cross, through Him – whether things on earth or things in the heavens!

***In You all things hold together.
In You all things hold together.***

Holy Communion

Listening to the Cosmic Christ

“Behold, I Make All Things New” (Omega)

Behold, I make all things new. Behold, I make all things new.

Behold, I make all things new. I am the Light. I am the Light.

Turn your face toward my Face. Turn your face toward my Face.

Turn your face toward my Face. Become the Light. Become the Light.

Behold, I make all things new. Behold, I make all things new.

Behold, I make all things new. Become the Light. Become the Light.

Receiving a Good Word

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please register your attendance.

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*If you are worshipping in person, please text the word **chapel** to 75787.*

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Chants from today’s service are by Alana Levandoski: <https://www.alanalevandoski.com>.

Awakening in Christ’s Body

We awaken in Christ’s body, as Christ awakens our bodies.

There I look down and my poor hand is Christ, He enters my foot and is infinitely me.

I move my hand and wonderfully my hand becomes Christ, becomes all of Him.

I move my foot and at once He appears in a flash of lightning.

Do my words seem blasphemous to you?

Then open your heart to Him.

And let yourself receive the one who is opening to you so deeply.

For if we genuinely love Him, we wake up inside Christ’s body,

where all our body all over, every most hidden part of it,

is realized in joy as Him, and He makes us utterly real.

And everything that is hurt, everything that seemed to us dark, harsh, shameful,

maimed, ugly, irreparably damaged

is in Him transformed.

And in Him, recognized as whole, as lovely, and radiant in His light.

We awaken as the Beloved in every last part of our body.