



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

May 31, 2015 (Trinity Sunday)

GATHERING

Men:

Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Women:

*The voice of the LORD is powerful;
The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
In His temple, all cry "Glory!"*

M: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood,
Yes, the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.

W: *The LORD gives strength to His people;
The LORD blesses His people with peace!*

– from Psalms 29 and 30:4

Leader:

We are gathered to worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.

We are gathered to worship Jesus Christ,
the risen One, who lives among us.

We are gathered to worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**



The Trinity Tree, Sally Van Driest, 2011



How Great is our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty:
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus

How great is our God; sing with me, how great is our God;
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Verse 2

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands:
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End.
The Godhead Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.

Bridge

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing, How great is our God.

You're the name above all names, You're worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing how great is our God.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

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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

Come Thou, Almighty King (verse 4)

To Thee, great One in Three,

Eternal praises be.

Hence evermore:

Thy sov'reign majesty

May we in glory see;

And to eternity

Love and adore.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – not to the flesh, but to the Spirit. If, by the Spirit, we are putting to death the misdeeds of the body, we will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

– from Romans 8:11-14

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God in the words of this ancient prayer from the early church, the Trisagion, which means “three-times holy.”

**Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, Have mercy on us.**

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

[Silent confessions]

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

[Silent confessions]

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

[Silent confessions]

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

Hear our prayer, O God; hear our prayers.

Incline Your ear to us, and grant us Your peace.

The Jesus Prayer

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Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. — John 3:16-17

You did not receive a spirit of slavery, that you should fall back into fear. But you received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. — Romans 8:15-17

READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

I See the Lord

I see the Lord,
Seated on the throne, exalted;
And the train of His robe
Fills the temple with glory.
And the whole earth is filled,
And the whole earth is filled,
And the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy is the Lord.

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THE WORD

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17



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 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**



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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Revelation Song (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.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Holy, Holy, Holy (verse 4)

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All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;
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Benediction:

God the Father, through the Word and the Holy Spirit, created all things.

He revealed His perfect plan in all creation by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh; and through the Spirit enables us, His children, to share in the life, love and community of the blessed Trinity.

Now, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

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

A thought about worship...

“The Christian church . . . has always been committed to a triune experience and understanding of God, but most preachers seldom preach on this subject. The discipline of addressing the congregation once a year on the meaning of triune faith and worship is helpful and necessary. . . . Christians need to know . . . the spiritual understanding of the self made in the image of God and the significance of Christian community that mirrors the eternal, communal relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 175).

Lectionary for next week: 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15; Psalm 138; Genesis 3:8-15;
Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

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