



*O Church Arise (verse 4)*

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride;  
Give grace for every hurdle.  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.

Benediction:

Now as you go forth into the world, walking out your baptisms,  
to love and serve the Lord –  
May you be made strong  
with all the strength that comes from His glorious power,  
filled with the knowledge of His will  
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding;  
that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him,  
bearing fruit in every good work  
and growing in the knowledge of God.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

– from Colossians 1:9-11

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“Behold a great and noble battle with the glorious reward of a heavenly crown. In so far as God observes us as we struggle and watches over those He has stooped to make His sons, He enjoys the spectacle of our contest. God watches us fight for our faith. His angels watch us, and Christ watches us. How great is the dignity, joy, and glory of competing and being crowned in the presence of God with Christ as the Judge! Beloved, let us be armed with our whole strength and let us be prepared for the struggle with uncorrupted minds, solid faith, and devoted courage. Let the army of God march forward to the appointed battle-field. Let the stable ones be armed, lest they be defeated. Let the backsliders also be armed, so that even they might regain what they lost. Let honor motivate all.”

– Cyprian

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**Lectionary for next week:** 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; Lamentations 3:22-33;  
Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

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## Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

June 21, 2015 (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Name of the Lord*

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GATHERING

Leader:

We are gathered to praise and give thanks to the LORD with a whole heart, and to tell of all His wonders! So let us be glad and exult in Him, and sing praises to the name of the Most High!

**The name of the LORD is a strong tower;  
the righteous run into it and are saved!**

M: Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war,  
and my fingers for battle.

W: *He is my lovingkindness and my fortress,  
my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield in whom I take refuge.*

L: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

M: For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.  
But You have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us.

W: *Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear;  
though war arise against me, even then I will be confident.*

L: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned as King forever;  
Declare His deeds among the peoples!

M: I will sing of Your strength;  
I will sing aloud of Your steadfast love in the morning.

W: *For You have been to me a fortress  
and a refuge in the day of distress.*

**O my Strength, I will sing praises to You, for You, O God,  
are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.**

– Scripture weaving from Psalms 9, 44, 59, 144; Prov. 18:10



### *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe –  
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruèl hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He –  
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him –  
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also –  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:  
His kingdom is forever.

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### INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

#### *You are Lord*

You are my light and salvation,  
Whom shall I fear?  
You are the strength of all my days,  
Of whom shall I be afraid?  
Though war may rise against me,  
Of this will I be sure; that



With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side,  
We know the outcome is secure;  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:  
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

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Give grace for every hurdle.  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
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### SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



## THE WORD

1 Samuel 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* (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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*O Church Arise*

O church arise and put your armour on;  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.



*Chorus:*

I will bless the Lord forever, I'll bless Your holy Name.

Yes, I will bless the Lord forever, I'll bless Your holy Name.

Lord, it is You I desire, it's You that I seek;

To live with You in Your house forever,

Beholding Your beauty.

And in the time of trouble, of this will I be sure; that

*Chorus*

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,  
firmly rooted and built up in Him and established in your faith,  
just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

**In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,  
and He has made us complete in Him, who is the head of all rule  
and authority, principality and power.**

*In Him we also were circumcised with a circumcision made without  
hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of  
Christ.*

**We were buried with Him in baptism, in which we were also raised  
up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised  
Him from the dead.**

When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our flesh,  
God made us alive together with Christ.

*And He forgave us all our transgressions, having cancelled out the  
certificate of debt against us with its legal demands, which was  
hostile to us.*

He set this aside, having nailed it to the cross.

*When He disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public  
display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.*

**We hold fast to the Head, Christ Jesus the Lord, from whom the  
entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and  
ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.**

– from Colossians 2:6-19



#### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

In You, Lord, we have taken refuge; let us never be put to shame;  
deliver us in Your righteousness.

**Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of  
refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Keep me free from the trap  
that is set for me, for You are my refuge.**

You are indeed our rock and fortress;  
for Your name's sake, lead us and guide us.

— from Psalm 31:1-5

Most merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our  
understanding, and You have set us on paths of righteousness  
for Your name's sake. Yet too often we have strayed from Your way.

**We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and  
deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We  
have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our  
neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

[Silent confessions]

**For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and  
forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your  
ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

*The Lord is My Light*

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;  
In God I trust, in God I trust.

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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

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

*Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:*

[Words of praise and thanksgiving]

They cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he brought them out of their distress.

*He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.*

[Words of praise and thanksgiving]

Loving LORD, we give You thanks for Your lovingkindness,  
for Your wonderful works to us.

**We now offer our sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
and declare Your faithfulness with songs of joy!**

— based on Psalm 107:1-2, 21-22, 28-29

*Trust Me*

I will be with you, I will be with you;  
I will be with you if you will only trust Me; trust Me, trust Me.

I'll never leave you, I'll never leave you,  
I'll never leave you if you will only trust Me; trust Me, trust Me.

I'll fight your battle, I'll fight your battle,  
I'll fight your battle if you will only trust Me; trust Me, trust Me.

I am that I am; I have all power;  
I will deliver, if you will only trust Me; trust Me, trust Me.

If you will only trust Me; trust Me, trust Me.

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