



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

June 28, 2015 (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

### *Garments of Praise*

Put on the garments of praise  
For the spirit of heaviness;  
Let the oil of gladness  
Flow down from Your throne.  
Put on the garments of praise  
For the spirit of heaviness;  
Your joy is my strength alone,  
My strength alone.

Make these broken, weary bones rise to dance again;  
Wet this dry and thirsty land with a river.  
Lord, our eyes are fixed on You, and we are waiting  
For Your garland of grace, as we praise Your name.





We extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted us up:

**You have restored us, and have given us life.**

Sing praises to the LORD, all you His faithful ones,  
and give thanks to His holy name.

For His anger is but for a moment,

but His favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,

but joy comes with the morning.

**O LORD, by Your favor You have given us strength,**

**You are our Rock and our Salvation.**

You have turned our mourning into dancing.

**You have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**

**So that my soul may praise You and not be silent.**

**O LORD, our God, we will give thanks to You forever!**

– from Psalm 30

*Garments of Praise* (bridge)

Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;

We give all honor and praise to Your name.

Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;

We trade our sorrows for garments of praise.

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## INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

*Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: How blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD, who made heaven and earth,  
who remains faithful forever.

*Great is our God, and abundant in power.*

*His understanding has no limit.*

The LORD builds up His people:

He gathers in the outcasts and wanderers;

*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds; He feeds the hungry, frees the prisoners, and gives sight to the blind.*

He lifts up the humble and the afflicted.

All creation declares the goodness of our God:

*He covers the heavens with clouds, and supplies the earth with rain;*

*He provides for His creatures, great and small.*

Leader: The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,  
in those who wait and hope in His lovingkindness.

– from Psalms 146:5-6 and 147:1-11

## *My Hope*

You are righteous, You love justice,  
And those who honor You will see Your face.

(Repeat)

I will arise and lift my eyes  
To see Your majesty, Your holiness.  
And all I am will bless You.

My hope is in the Name of the Lord,  
Where my help comes from;  
You're my strength, my song.  
My trust is in the name of the Lord;  
I will sing Your praise,  
You are faithful.

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## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.

Let us lift our hearts and our hands to God in heaven.

– Lamentations 3:40-41

[Silence]

### *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
When I call answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
Come and listen to me.

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Out of the depths I have cried to You.

**LORD, hear my voice.**

**Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

If you kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

[Silent confessions]

But with You there is forgiveness;  
so that we can, with reverence, serve You.

**I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in His word I put my hope.**

– Psalm 130:1-5

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.  
Great is Your faithfulness!

*“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul;  
“therefore I will hope in Him.”*

The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,  
to the soul who seeks Him.

*It is good to hope in the salvation of the LORD.* – from Lamentations 3:22-26

**Our hope is in the LORD, for with the Him is steadfast love,  
and with Him is abundant redemption.**

**The LORD redeems His people from all their sins.** – from Psalm 130:7-8



## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and blessing.

### *Yet I Will Praise You*

I will praise You, Lord, my God;  
Even in my brokenness  
I will praise You, Lord.  
I will praise You, Lord, my God;  
Even in my desperation  
I will praise You, Lord.  
And I can't understand all that You allow,  
I just can't see the reason.  
But my life is in Your hands,  
And though I cannot see You,  
I choose to trust You.

### *Chorus 1*

Even when my heart is torn,  
I will praise You, Lord.  
Even when I feel deserted,  
I will praise You, Lord.  
Even in the darkest valley,  
I will praise You, Lord.  
And when my world is shattered,  
And it seems all hope is gone  
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

### *Verse 2*

I will trust You, Lord, my God;  
Even in my loneliness I will trust You, Lord.  
I will trust You, Lord, my God;  
Even when I cannot hear You I will trust You, Lord.  
And I will not forget that You hung on a cross,  
Lord, You bled and died for me.  
And if I have to suffer I know that You've been there,  
And I know that You're here now.



### *Chorus 2*

Even when my heart is torn I will trust You, Lord.  
Even when I feel deserted I will trust You, Lord.  
Even in the darkest valley I will trust You, Lord.  
And when my world is shattered, and it seems all hope is gone,  
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

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### *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name,  
When I'm found in the desert place;  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name,  
On the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name.

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## THE WORD

### 2 Samuel 1

## 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, Lover of My Soul*

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

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## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

#### *Garments of Praise* (reprise)

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#### Benediction:

And now, as we prepare to go forth into the world, may Almighty God, who is the giver of every good and perfect gift, so fill us with His peace, hope and love, that our whole lives – our tasks, our joys, and our sorrows – will be a living sacrifice to You; to the praise and glory of the Lord Jesus, 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 –*

“How can someone doubt God's presence and help who has experienced various dangers and has been saved from them by His simple nod, who has passed through the sea that the Savior calmed and that supplied a solid road for the people? I believe that finding miracles like these performed and perfected at God's command is the foundation of faith and the basis for confidence.

Therefore, even in the midst of trials there is no reason to turn from our faith. But we have an unshaken hope in God. When this habit of confidence is firmly rooted in the soul, God Himself will dwell in our deepest thoughts.” – Eusebius

***Lectionary for next week:*** 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

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