



SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verse 4)*

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

Benediction:

Beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, ever mindful that He has called us to Himself, and there gives to us abundant life through His grace.

**Amen.**

Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine –  
**To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.**

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“The soul is humbled when it doesn't follow wickedness, but feeds on righteousness. For righteousness and wickedness are the soul's food. According to what it wants, the soul can prefer and eat either of these meats. If it is bent toward righteousness, it will be nourished by righteousness, morality, self-control, meekness, and courage. For Paul said, ‘Being nourished by the word of truth.’ This was the case with our Lord. He said, ‘My meat is to do the will of My Father which is in heaven.’ . . . In the same way, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the heavenly bread, is food for saints. For He said, ‘Except ye eat My flesh, and drink My blood.’ The devil is food for the impure and for those who do the deeds of darkness and not of light. Therefore, in order to turn them from wickedness, Christ commands these people to be nourished by the food of righteousness. This food is humility of mind, meekness that endures humiliations, and acknowledgment of God.”

– Athanasius

**Lectionary readings for next week:** Genesis 37:1-4,12-29; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15;  
Matthew 14:22-33

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# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

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GATHERING

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
His greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall praise Your works to another,  
and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

They tell of the glory of Your kingdom, and speak of Your might,  
**All Your works shall praise You, O LORD;  
and Your faithful people shall bless You.**

We extol You, our God and King!

We will bless Your name forever and ever.

**The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad!**

**Our mouths are filled with laughter, and our tongues with  
joyful shouting. All who see us declare, “The LORD has done  
great things for them.”**

– from Psalms 145 and 126





### *I Call You Faithful*

I call You faithful, Lord, You are faithful;  
 You are so faithful to me.  
 I call you faithful, Lord, You are faithful;  
 Faithful You are, and faithful You'll be.  
 (Repeat)

2. Holy
3. Awesome
4. Healer
5. Jireh
6. I call You all that, Lord, You are all that;  
 Lord, You are all that to me . . .

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### INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

#### *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall;  
 Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.  
 Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred every tongue on this terrestrial ball  
 To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.  
 To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

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### 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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#### *Flow Like a River*

Flow like a river, fall like the rain;  
 Streams of compassion flow from His throne.  
 Wide as the ocean, deep as the sea;  
 Life-giving fountain, is God's love for me.

Feast at the table of mercy,  
 Drink from the cup of His grace.  
 Dwell in His infinite goodness,  
 Live in His healing embrace.

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## TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and stories of God's abundant faithfulness –

*Where have you seen the Kingdom this week?*

### *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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## THE WORD

Matthew 14:13-21



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in these words from the pen of the Apostle Paul:

God is able to make all grace abound to you,  
so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,  
you may abound in every good work.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,  
*From whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name:*

I pray that He would grant you,  
according to the riches of His glory,  
to be strengthened with might  
by His Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

*And I pray that you,  
being rooted and grounded in love,  
may have the power to comprehend,  
with all the saints,  
what is the breadth  
and length  
and height  
and depth,*

And to know the love of Christ  
which surpasses knowledge,  
*That you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

**Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly,  
abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,  
according to the power that works within us,  
to Him be glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus  
to all generations,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

– 2 Corinthians 9:8, Ephesians 3:14-21



#### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

We call on You, our God, for You will answer us.  
*Turn Your ear to us and hear our prayers,  
and show us the wonders of Your great love.*

– based on Psalm 17:6-7

[Silence]

**Most merciful God, 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. 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.**

#### *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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#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is merciful and compassionate,  
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.  
*The LORD is good to everyone,  
He showers compassion on all his creation.*  
**All Your works will thank You, LORD,  
and Your faithful followers will praise You.**

– Psalm 145:8-11



#### *Psalm 145:14-21 (chant)*

The LORD upholds all those who fall;\*  
He lifts up those who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all wait upon You, O LORD,\*  
and You give them their food in due season.  
You open wide Your hand\*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.  
The LORD is righteous in all His ways\*  
and loving in all His works.  
The LORD is near to those who call upon Him,\*  
to all who call upon Him faithfully.  
He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;\*  
He hears their cry and helps them.  
The LORD preserves all those who love Him,\*  
but He destroys all the wicked.  
My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;\*  
let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.

