



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 7, 2015 (Second Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Give thanks to the LORD with a whole heart;
tell of all His wonderful works.

**We will be glad and exult in Him;
and sing praises to the name of the Most High.**

Bow down toward His holy temple in worship, and give thanks
to His name for His steadfast love and faithfulness.

**For He has exalted His name and His word above all things.
On the day I called, He answered me;
He increased the strength of my soul.**

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for us;
His lovingkindness endures forever.

**O give thanks to the LORD and sing of His ways,
for great is the glory of the LORD!**

– from Psalm 138





Let it Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

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Holy is the Lord God Almighty

Bridge

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown:

And together we sing; Ev'ryone sing:

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory,
The earth is filled with His glory.

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now;
How great, how awesome is He.

And together we sing; Ev'ryone sing:

Chorus

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world,
You stepped out into darkness,
Opened my eyes let me see:
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted;
Glorious in heaven above; Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

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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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PROFESSION OF FAITH

It is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke."

Since we have the same spirit of faith, we also believe, therefore we also speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us together to Himself.

Therefore we do not lose heart.

For we know that we are being renewed inwardly day by day, and our momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.

For the things that are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

— from 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

Because We Believe

We believe in God the Father;
We believe in Christ the Son;
We believe in the Holy Spirit;
We are the church and we stand as one.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is our God.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.
All glory and honor are His to receive.
To Jesus we sing, because we believe.

Verse 2

We believe in the Holy Bible;
We believe in the virgin birth;
We believe in the resurrection;
That Christ one day will return to earth.

Verse 3

We believe in the blood of Jesus;
We believe in eternal life;
We believe in the blood that frees us
To become the Bride of Christ.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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?

But with You there is forgiveness;

so that we can, with reverence, serve You.

—Psalm 130:1-4

[Silent confessions]

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

*Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love,
and with Him is abundant redemption.*

He redeems His people from all their sins.

— Psalm 130:7-8

For though the LORD is exalted,

Yet He regards the lowly, but the proud He knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;

You stretch forth Your hand against the anger of my foes,

And with Your right hand You save me.

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

Your lovingkindness, O LORD, endures forever.

— from Psalm 138:6-8



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

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 in the day and the night;
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.
Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight,
Thou my whole armor, and Thou my true might.
Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower.
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun;
Grant me its joys e'er the victory is won.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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THE WORD

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



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 is Lord

"Jesus is Lord," the cry that echoes through creation;
Resplendent pow'r, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King, whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord, whose voice sustains the stars and planets;
Yet, in His wisdom, laid aside His crown.
Jesus, the man who washed our feet, who bore our suff'ring,
Became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty!
Not even death could crush this King of love!
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
And we can run into the arms of God.

"Jesus is Lord," a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns, and ev'ry knee bows low.
Then ev'ry eye and ev'ry heart will see His glory;
The Judge of all will take His children home.



SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the earth is filled with His glory,
The earth is filled with His glory.

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Benediction:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. **Amen.**

And as we go forth, walking out our baptisms, to love and serve the Lord, may He grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Let the desire for glory be surpassed by the love of righteousness. When our love of glory exceeds the fearer love of God in our heart, it becomes an evil that is hostile to faith. The Lord said, “How can ye believe, who look for glory from one another, and do not seek the glory which is from God alone?”. . . As the holy apostles spoke about and did godly things and lived godly lives, they conquered hard hearts and introduced them to the peace of righteousness. Then great glory followed them in the church of Christ. They didn't rest in that reward as the goal of their holiness. They referred the glory to God. For by His grace they were what they were. Therefore, they sought to kindle minds to love God. By Him these people could be made to be what the apostles were.” – Augustine

Lectionary for next week: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; Ezekiel 17:22-24;
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

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