



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 9, 2015 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Lord, open our lips;

And our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be ages unto ages.

Amen.

Let us bless the LORD at all times!

Let His praise continually be in our mouths!

My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad!

O taste and see that the Lord is good:

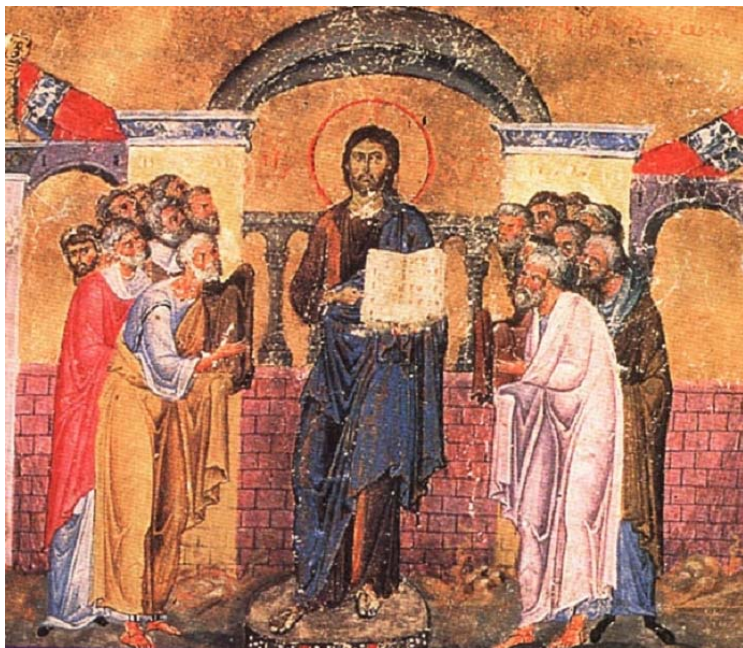
How blessed are those who trust in Him!

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

Blessed be the LORD from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen. Praise the LORD!

— from Psalm 34, 106:48





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, 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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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me,
Thou hast brought me to this place.
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger
Bought me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Your goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Your courts above.

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Text, Robert Robinson. Hymn tune: NETTLETON;
traditional American melody,
John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813



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

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Be imitators of God, as beloved children,
and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Put away falsehood, and let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors,
for we are members one of another.*

Be angry, but do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger,
and do not make room for the devil.

*Thieves must give up stealing. Rather, they must labor and work
honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share
with the needy.*



Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander, together with all malice.

And be kind to one another. Tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

— Ephesians 4:25-5:2

[Silence]

Most holy and merciful God, You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

We confess to You and before one another that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed. We have offended Your holiness. We have failed to love our neighbors; we have not forgiven others. We have followed the devices of our own hearts, and have spurned the promptings of Your Spirit.

O God, forgive us, and cleanse us by Your Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's assurance of His love and deliverance:

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

— from Psalm 34:15, 17-18, 22



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise
Answering the call to holiness

Holy

I will lift my voice, and I will sing,
I will sing holy, holy.
To my Lord and Savior, my God and King:
I will sing holy, holy

Chorus:

I will praise the Lamb of God
Who sits upon the throne.
I will worship Him,
And give the praise to Him alone.
He who was and is and is to come:
I will sing before His throne forever, forever.

All the angels sing, and they bow down,
And they sing holy, holy.
We, Your sons and daughters, we praise You now:
And we cry holy, holy.

Chorus

Holy, holy; holy, holy . . .

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THE WORD

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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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Lord, Have Mercy

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken,
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom;
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

Chorus:

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I've worshipped things of man;
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing;
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.

Chorus

I have longed to know You, and all Your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Chorus

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Holy, Holy, Holy (reprise)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Benediction:

Now beloved, we – the people of God – go forth in joy to love and serve the Lord, walking out our baptisms as the embodiment of His narrative in the world, in His name and to His glory. **Amen.**

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.

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

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

A thought about worship...

“The spiritual life is a passionate participation in God imitating the one and only human being fully united to God, Jesus. . . . Since God has already accepted us in Christ, who lifted our humanity up into his, and by the Spirit has done everything necessary to make us acceptable to God, the spiritual life is a freedom to participate in God, not a duty. In Jesus we are born again to become fully human, to be what God created us to be in the first place. So the spiritual life, this marriage we have with God, is an embodied union with God and with his vision for the world revealed to us in Jesus by the Spirit. Our spiritual life, then, is not just a feeling, an idea, or a spiritual romance. No! It is an embodiment of God’s vision for humanity clearly spoken in the words of Jesus and visualized in concrete ways in his action.” (Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006], 174-5)

Lectionary for next week: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111 Proverbs 9:1-6;
Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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