



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 30, 2015 (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Our hearts are overflowing with a good theme;
we address our verses to the King;
our tongues are the pens of ready writers!

O Mighty One, You are clothed in splendor and majesty!

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

**We will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever.**

– from Psalm 45



If Only You Will, Soichi Watanabe, 2005



You're Worthy of My Praise

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart);
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all my strength);
I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days);
I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways).

I will give You all my worship,
I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.

We will bow down (We will bow down),
And hail You as King (and hail You as king);
We will serve You (We will serve You),
Give You everything (Give you everything).
We will lift up (We will lift up)
Our eyes to Your throne (Our eyes to Your throne);
We will trust You (We will trust You)
Trust You alone (You alone).

We will give You all our worship,
We will give You all our praise.
You alone we long to worship,
You alone are worthy of our praise.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.

Who was and is, and is to come,

Who was and is, and is to come –

Lift up His name with the sound of singing,

Lift up His name in all the earth.

Lift up your voice and give Him glory,

For He is worthy to be praised.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

In fulfillment of His own purpose He gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we could become a kind of first fruits of His creatures.

Because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, He made us alive together with Christ,

And raised us up together with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

So that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace we have been saved through faith; and that not of ourselves;

It is the gift of God, not of works so that no one may boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we should walk in them.

– from 1 Peter 1:3; James 1:18; Ephesians 2:4-10



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Leader: O LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle?
And who may dwell on Your holy hill?

[Silence]

**Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
Whose walk is blameless, who do what is righteous;
Who speak the truth from their hearts,
Who do no wrong to a neighbor;
Who honor those who fear the LORD.
They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and righteousness
from the God of their salvation; they will never be shaken.**

This is the generation of those who seek Him,
of those who seek Your face, O God.

– from Psalms 15 and 24

[Silence]

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved children of God, hear His promise of pardon:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
And we all, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being
transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes
from the Lord, the Spirit.

– from 2 Corinthians 3:17-18



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Seeing and expecting God's hand in our lives

Lord, every good and perfect gift comes from You; all we have, and all we are, are gifts from Your gracious hand. Accept, we pray, our offerings and ourselves as expressions of our worship and thankfulness. May we be pleasing to You.

Psalm 19

May the words of my mouth,
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You.
(repeat)

Chorus:

You're my Rock and my Redeemer,
You're the reason that I sing;
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes.
Ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment,
Lord, I want to be Your servant;
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes
In Your eyes.

Ending:

May the words of my mouth,
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God.

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THE WORD

James 1:17-27

Journey to Jesus
Rite 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 (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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Take My Life

Holiness, holiness is what I long for;
Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Chorus:

So take my heart and form it;
Take my mind, transform it;
Take my will, conform it
To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

Chorus

Verse 2

Faithfulness, faithfulness...

Chorus

Verse 3

Righteousness, righteousness...

Chorus

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



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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Benediction

Beloved, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, may we have always such an awareness of His covenant love and transforming power, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth His praise – as faithful doers of the word and not forgetful hearers – walking in His ways all our days. Through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory throughout all ages.

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

A thought about worship...

“The church is not a mere voluntary society of like-minded believers, but a continuation of the presence of Jesus in and to the world. It is ‘the body of Christ,’ the real extension and continuation of the incarnation, death, resurrection, and anticipated return of Christ. Therefore the church belongs to the narrative of God’s activity in the world. To come into the church is to come into the locus of God’s presence. The church not only has a story of God’s saving presence and grace, it is the present actualization of the story. To participate in the church is to be disciplined by its self-understanding, ethic, and vision. Therefore, the very essence of the Christian faith is not only taught but caught.” Robert E. Webber, *Journey to Jesus: The Worship, Evangelism, and Nurture Mission of the Church* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2001), 106.

Lectionary for next week: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;
Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

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