



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

October 4, 2015 (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

Lord, open our lips,  
and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.

**Alleluia. The lovingkindness of the Lord is everlasting.**

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

For praise is becoming to the upright.

Sing to Him a new song, and shout for joy!

**For the word of the LORD is upright  
and all His work is done in faithfulness.**

**The earth is full of His lovingkindness.**

How blessed are those whose God is the LORD,  
the people He has chosen for His own inheritance!

**The LORD looks from heaven; from where He sits enthroned  
He sees all the children of men, He who fashions the hearts of  
them all and observes all their deeds.**

Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

On those who hope in His lovingkindness.

**We wait in hope for the LORD;  
He is our help and our shield.  
In Him our hearts rejoice,  
Because we trust in His holy name.**

Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
Even as we hope in You.

— from Psalm 33



Kingdom of Heaven, Anneli Anderson,  
Contemp.



### *I Call You Faithful*

I call You Faithful, Your name is Faithful;  
Lord, You are Faithful to me.

I call you Faithful, Your name is Faithful;  
Faithful You are, and Faithful You'll be.  
(Repeat)

I call You Holy; Your name is Holy;  
Lord, You are Holy to me. . . .

I call You Awesome; Your name is Awesome;  
Lord, You are Awesome to me . . .

I call You Healer; Your name is Healer;  
Lord, You are Healer to me. . . .

I call You Jireh; Lord, my provider;  
You are Provider to me.  
I call You Jireh; Lord, my provider;  
Provider You are, and Provider You'll be.

I call You all that; Your name is All That;  
Lord, You are All That to me. . .  
I call You all that; Your name is All That;  
All That You are, and All That You'll be.  
All That You are, and All That You'll be.

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### INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

#### *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God, and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.



Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man:  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine.

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Now and forevermore be Thine.

Anon. German hymn *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; transl. source unknown, vs 1-3; vs 4, Joseph A. Seiss. Music *Schleische Volkslieder*, 1842 Setting: Ellen Koehler. ©2010

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

**We give thanks with joy to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. For He has rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. *In Him all things in the heavens and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him.*

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

*He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything.*

God put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

*For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.*

**God has made known to us the riches of the glory of this mystery:  
Christ in us, the hope of glory.  
Thanks be to God!**

– from Colossians 1:12-27. Ephesians 1:22-23



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession:

Reading: Colossians 3:12-15

*“ . . . as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. . . .  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed  
you were called in one body. And be thankful.”*

Lord, You have called us to be Your own – fellow citizens with the saints, members of Your household, and together Your dwelling place in the Spirit. We were bought with a price, the price of Your life and blood. We love You, and we want to live for You.

[Silence]

Almighty and eternal God,

**So draw our hearts to You, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly Yours, utterly dedicated unto You. And then use us, we pray, as You will, and always to Your glory and the blessing and welfare of Your people; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is the head of the church, His body. Amen.**

*Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace.

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#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear what God the Lord speaks, for He speaks peace to His people,  
to His faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts:

*Surely God's salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
that His glory may dwell among us.*

The LORD will indeed give what is good; righteousness will go before  
Him and prepare the way for His steps.

– from Psalm 85:8-13

**Thanks be to God!**

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Sharing with one another and encouraging the Body of Christ

*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

Special guest: Rev. MarQuerita Story

## 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, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heav'n.

Provide each day our daily needs;

Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;

And Thine is the power, forever and ever;

And Thine is the glory, now and forever,

Amen, amen, amen.



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2009

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*Behold the Lamb*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:

And we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross.



So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you:  
Eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:  
Drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,  
And to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n  
Around the table of the King.

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SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body



### *Christ, Be our Light*

Longing for light, we were in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turned to You.  
Make us your own, Your holy people, Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church sent forth today.

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### **Benediction**

Now, beloved, you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it: Go forth in joy, to be the Body of Christ in a broken world. And as you depart, to love and serve the Lord, may you lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called – with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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

### *A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“What is the ‘unity of Spirit’? In the human body there is a spirit that holds all the different parts together. It is the same here. The Spirit was given to unite those separated by race and manners. For young and old, rich and poor, children and youth, women and men, and every soul becomes more completely one than in the human body. This spiritual relationship is far greater than the other natural one and the perfection of the union is even more complete in its simplicity. How is this unity maintained? ‘In the bond of peace.’ . . . This is a glorious bond. Let us bind ourselves to one another and to God with it. For this bond won’t bruise us or cramp the hands it binds. It leaves them free and gives them more room to play and greater courage than those who aren’t restrained have. The strong will support the weak if they are bound to them. They won’t allow the weak to perish. Also, if they are tied to the lazy, the strong will arouse and animate them. For it is said, ‘Brother helped by brother is as a strong city.’”

– Chrysostom

**Lectionary for next week:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-15;  
Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

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