



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 15, 2014 (Trinity Sunday)

GATHERING

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

You have set Your glory above the heavens.

From the praises of children and infants You have established strength.

When I consider the heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which You have ordained;

What are we, that You are mindful of us and that You care for us?

Yet You have made us a little lower than the angels, crowned us with
glory and honor, and given us dominion over the works of Your
hands.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

— from Psalm 8

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! though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

We worship You, the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.
We worship You, Jesus Christ,
the risen One, who lives among us.
We worship You, Holy Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.
To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Come Thou, Almighty King

Come Thou, Almighty King;
Help us Thy name to sing.
Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious;
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word;
Gird on Thy mighty sword.
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter;
Thy sacred witness bear.
In this glad hour:
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.



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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

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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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – not to the flesh, but to the Spirit. If, by the Spirit, we are putting to death the misdeeds of the body, we will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

– from Romans 8:11-14

Let us confess our sins to God in the words of this ancient prayer from the early church, the Trisagion, which means “three-times holy.”

**Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, Have mercy on us.**

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

[Silent confessions]

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

[Silent confessions]

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

[Silent confessions]

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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O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

**Hear our prayer, O God; hear our prayers.
Incline Your ear to us, and grant us Your peace.**



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

And this hope does not disappoint us, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

– from Romans 5:1-5

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Worthy of Worship

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,
Worthy of honor and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
Worthy of all of the offerings we bring.

Chorus

You are worthy, Father, Creator.
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship and praise.

Verse 2

Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear,
Worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,
Worthy of all this and added to these...

Verse 3

Almighty Father, Master and Lord,
King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,
Savior and Source of our life without end;

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THE WORD

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20



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



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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Revelation Song (Chorus)

Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty:
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings;
You are my everything,
And I will adore You.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Holy, Holy, Holy (verse 4)

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:

God the Father, through the Word and the Holy Spirit, created all things.

He revealed His perfect plan in all creation by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh; and through the Spirit enables us, His children, to share in the life, love and community of the blessed Trinity.

Now, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

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

Benediction:

A thought about worship...

“The Christian church . . . has always been committed to a triune experience and understanding of God, but most preachers seldom preach on this subject. The discipline of addressing the congregation once a year on the meaning of triune faith and worship is helpful and necessary. . . . Christians need to know . . . the spiritual understanding of the self made in the image of God and the significance of Christian community that mirrors the eternal, communal relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 175).

Lectionary for next week: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;
Psalm 69:7-18; Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

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