



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 20, 2011 (Christ the King)

GATHERING

The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

We give You thanks, Lord God Almighty,

the One who is and who was,

for You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our
God, and the authority of His Christ.

Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God, the Almighty.

Just and true are Your ways, King of the nations.

Lord, who will not fear and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before You,

For Your judgments have been revealed.

Be glad in the Lord, you righteous ones,
and give thanks to His holy name.

– Psalm 97:1-2, 12; Rev. 11:17, 12:10, 15:3-4



Christus Pantokrator und das Jungste Gericht,
Florentinischer Meister, 1300



Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Fatherlike, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him; you behold Him face to face.
Saints triumphant, bow before Him; gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for your glory.**

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord;

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Gloria in excelsis ("Glory to God in the highest")
is a classic hymn of response at least 1,500 years old.*



Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty. (repeat)
Who was and is, and is to come. (repeat)

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

This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved, and in which we stand: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared to many faithful witnesses.

Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,
the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

*All things have been created through Him and for Him,
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.**

And God has 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, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.

This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might, which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.

[based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-23]



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. Yet we confess that we do not always bow before Him, and are often slow to acknowledge His rule. We too easily give allegiance to the powers and principalities of this world, and fail to be governed as Your covenant people. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, walking in your ways, to the glory of your name.

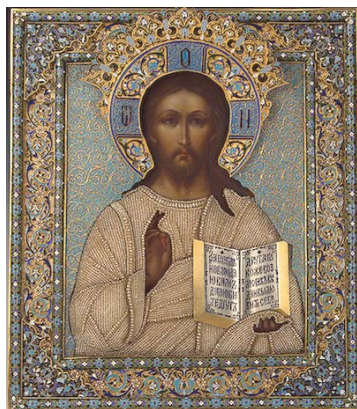
[Silent confessions]

Agnus Dei

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.
Almighty God and Father. Amen.



Our Savior the Pantocrator, Russian Master, 1881

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

— from Colossians 1:12-20

TIME OF OFFERING

Blessed are You, Lord God, heavenly King.
All things were created through You, and for You.

In gratitude, we offer these our gifts as a sign of love, devotion, and praise. Through them, just as through our words and songs of praise, we acknowledge that You are our Lord and King.

Spoken prayers of thanksgiving and devotion

And now we offer ourselves, all we are and all we have, as an expression of our worship and a reflection of Your love. Amen.

King of Wisdom and Light

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might:
Heaven is filled with Your glory, King of wisdom and light.

We worship You, We praise You, God Most High;
We worship You, We praise You, King and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns.

(repeat)

Alleluia; Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

You are holy. Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

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THE WORD

Matthew 25:31-46

Ephesians 1:20-23

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth (three times).

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua, Hosanna in excelsis.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna to God in the highest.

Hosanna in excelsis! (several times).

Hosanna to God in the highest!

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini, Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to God in the highest.

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 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.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

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Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, we join our voices with
the countless hosts of that heavenly kingdom where there is no more
night and no more tears, and we proclaim with great joy:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

A thought about worship...—“The true love of God and the true experience of God are not found in the languages of experience. . . . We do not contemplate our own experience of God or the romantic feelings we may experience. We contemplate the wonder, the marvel, the mystery, the glory of God creating and becoming incarnate to re-create the whole world and bring it back to himself. Worship is not measured by the depth of my feelings but the deep wonder of the God whose story is so marvelous that it does in fact create feelings of love and gratitude.” (Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2006, 95).

Lectionary for next week: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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