



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 23, 2014 (Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Reign of Christ the King

GATHERING

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

*Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.*

For the LORD is the great God, a great King above all gods!

Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His.

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, and bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome;

He is a great King over all the earth.

— Scripture weaving from Psalms 47, 95 and 100





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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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

A hymn of glory let us sing;
New songs throughout the world shall ring.
Christ, by a road before untrod
Ascendeth to the throne of God.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to Thee let earth accord.
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One.

O grant us thitherward to tend,
And with unwearied hearts ascend,
Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou
As is our faith, art seated now.

Words: The Venerable Bede (673-735), *Hymnum canamus Domino*; translated from Latin to English by Benjamin Webb, 1854. Hymn tune: JAM LUCIS ORTO SIDERE, 15th cent.
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ:

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we would be holy and blameless before Him;

*In love, He predestined us to adoption as His children,
in accordance with His pleasure and His will;*

In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our sins, according to His grace;

*He has made known to us the mystery of His will,
to bring all things in heaven and on earth into unity in Christ;*

Having believed in Him, we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of
promise, the guarantee of our inheritance in Him,
to the praise of His glory.

*In the exceeding greatness of His power, He raised Christ from the
dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places:*

**He reigns 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:
King of kings and Lord of lords.**

He 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.

– from Ephesians 1:3-23

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral Call to 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.**

[Silence]

In Your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we may follow Him and walk always in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.



Agnus Dei (Canticle 20)

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.

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Based on the ancient hymn text, Gloria in excelsis ("Glory to God in the highest")

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.* – from Colossians 1:12-14

How blessed are those You choose
and bring near to live in Your courts!
**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
the holiness of Your temple!**

By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
You are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas! – from Psalm 65:1-5
Thanks be to God!



TIME OF OFFERING

Blessed are You, Lord God, heavenly King.

All things were created through You, and for You.

In gratitude, we bring Your tithes and our offerings 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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THE WORD

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46



King David Playing the Harp,
Gerard van Honthorst, 1622

What happens in the court of a good King?

Using His creative gifts in worship.



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.



Our Father in Heaven (sung)

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,

Your name is holy, our Father.

Your kingdom come, and Your will be done

Here on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us, we pray, our bread for today,

Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,

Forgiving of what others owe.

Keep us from trials; save us from our ancient foe!

As we sing the kingdom,

We sing the power,

We sing the glory be Yours –

Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

His the scepter, His the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus out of every nation

Has redeemed us by His blood.



Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received Him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore?"

Alleluia! bread of angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal.

Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth Thy footstool, heav'n Thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

Words: William C. Dix, 1866. Music: Rowland H. Pritchard, Hymn tune HYFRYDOL, 1830.

SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

A Commitment in Purity

Introduction and background

Presentation of the Daughters and Dads

Pledging our Support:

As your church family we also commit ourselves to the call of holy living. We pledge to encourage you, to strengthen you, to challenge you, and to pray for you.

We love you, we are proud of you, and we bless you.

Like Queen Esther, you are preparing yourselves for kingdom living and God's purposes. May you live your lives in faith and purity, and may all of us together be presented without blemish to our great King, the Bridegroom of the church, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!



Benediction

Now to Him who reigns 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, King of kings and Lord of lords, be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen!

Now, as go forth to love and joy to serve the Lord, Christ the King

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“We read and believe many things in light of the Incarnation. But even in our human feelings, we can observe God's greatness. ... He dies to live again. He is buried to rise again. He hangs on the dreadful cross to strengthen those in dread. He veils the heaven with thick darkness so that He can give light. He makes the earth shake so that He may make it strong. He rouses the sea so that He can calm it. He is born of a virgin so that people can believe He is born of God. He pretends not to know so that He can make the ignorant know. As a Jew He is said to worship so that the Son may be worshiped as the true God.”

– Ambrose

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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