



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 25, 2012 (The Reign of Christ the King)

GATHERING

The Lord reigns, He is robed in majesty!

The Lord has clothed and girded Himself with strength;

He has established the world; it will not be moved.

The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which He will not turn back:

“One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.”

Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

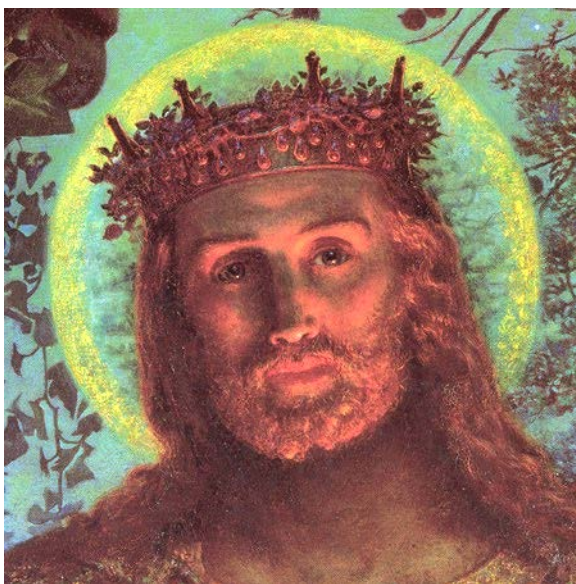
Who is like You, O God, Majestic in holiness,

Awesome in praises, working wonders?

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

Your dominion – O Ancient of Days –endures throughout all ages.

– from Psalms 93, 132, 145; Exodus 15:11





Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power,
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From ev'ry nation, all of creation,
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory;
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.

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(spoken)

As I watched, thrones were set in place,
And the Ancient of Days took His seat;
His garment was white as snow,
and the hair of His head was like pure wool.
His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued and came forth from before Him.
A thousand thousands served Him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.
The court was seated, and the books were opened. – Daniel 7:9-10

Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power ...

(spoken)

And behold, One like the Son of Man,
coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
and was presented before Him.
Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away.
And His kingdom shall never be destroyed. – Daniel 7:13-14



Ancient of Days

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to Your matchless worth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.
O Ancient of Days, O Ancient of Days.

INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



King of Kings and Lord of Lords

King of kings and Lord of lords; glory, hallelujah!
(repeat)
Jesus, Prince of Peace; glory, hallelujah!
(repeat)

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly music drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

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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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Jesus Christ has been ordained by God the Father
and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit –

To be our chief Prophet and Teacher,
who perfectly reveals to us
the secret counsel and will of God for our redemption;

*To be our only High Priest
who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body,
and makes continual intercession with the Father for us;*

And to be our eternal King,
who governs us by his word and Spirit,
and who guards us and keeps us in the salvation He has won for us.
*He ascended to heaven, there to show that He is head of His church
and that the Father rules all things through Him.*

**In all distress and persecution, we turn our eyes to the heavens,
and confidently await as judge the very One
who has already stood trial in our place before God
and so has removed the whole curse from us.**

**All his enemies and ours
He will condemn to everlasting punishment;
but all His chosen ones He will take to Himself
into the joy and the glory of heaven.**

– from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 31, 50, 52

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

*Since we have a great High Priest, who has ascended into heaven,
Jesus the Son of God –*

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we
may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

– Revelation 7:10; Hebrews 4:14, 16

[Silence]



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 follow Him and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

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.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

**To Him who loves us and freed us from our sins in His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen. Alleluia!**

– Revelation 1:4-5



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of praise and thanksgiving

Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One

Sovereign Lord, Creator, righteous One, most high and holy King;
My Redeemer, Father, dearest Friend, my praise to You I bring.
I will praise Your name forever, knowing that You loved me first;
For You feed my every hunger, and quench my every thirst.
With my heart I'll ever worship You, my voice will sing Your praise;
For Your everlasting mercy and grace for every day.

All creation bows in humbleness before Your heavenly throne;
And I shall forever thank You for making me Your own.
You are higher than the highest, and the God of all who live.
You are worthy of all honor and praise that I can give.
All my life shall be a witness of Your majesty and grace,
And in heav'n I'll bow before You, and see You face to face.

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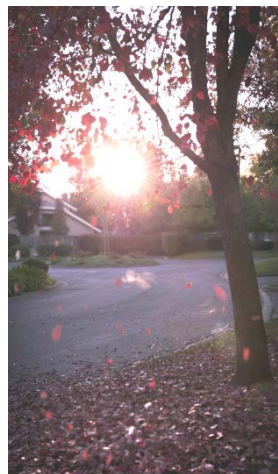
THE WORD

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Revelation 1:4b-8

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.



Christ's Blood
Shed for You



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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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.



Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. (repeat)
Alleluia. Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb. (repeat) You are holy. Holy are You, Lord God
Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Crown Him with Many Crowns (reprise)

Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

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.

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him.

Beloved, this is our hope. Let us hold it fast, as we go forth into the
world to love and serve Him!

Amen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

— from Ephesians 1:21, Revelation 1:7

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. ... As a Jew He is said to worship so that the Son may be worshiped as
the true God.”

— Ambrose

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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