



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 21, 2010 (Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

Christ the King



Latin Cross

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 raise a loud shout to Him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the hills are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and the dry land, for His hands have formed it.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Sing praises to our King, sing praises all you peoples.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome;

He is a great King over all the earth.

— Psalm 95:1-7; 47:1-2,6



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Glory and Honor

Verse 1

We are the servants of the only King;He is worthy.
Given dominion over ev'rything;He is worthy.
We will declare it with one voice,
We will stand up and make a holy noise,
And make a holy noise.

Chorus

Glory and honor, glory and power,
Glory and honor unto the Lamb.
Glory and honor, glory forever,
Glory and honor unto the Lamb.

Verse 2

We offer Him a sacrificial praise,He is worthy.
No one among us is above His grace,He is worthy.
We will declare it with one voice,
He has become the reason we rejoice,
The reason we rejoice.

Chorus

Verse 3

The Son of Heaven who would die for us;He is worthy.
Eternal Word of God alive in us;He is worthy.
We will declare it with one voice;
We will declare that we have made our choice,
And make a holy noise.

Chorus

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

O, Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
(Oh, girded with praise.)

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is the path on the wings of the storm.
(Oh, sing of His grace.)

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
(Oh, worship the King, worship the King...)

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.
(Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,
Oh, worship the King...)

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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 the Son,
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

Response:

Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.
(Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,
Oh, worship the King...)

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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.

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

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

We Will Glorify

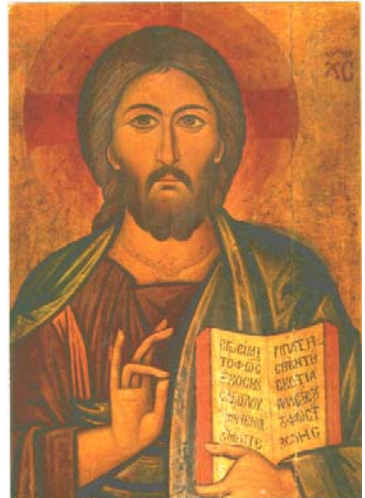
We will glorify the King of kings,
We will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;
We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness,
We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth;
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe,
All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings,
Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.

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THE WORD

Luke 1:68-79

Luke 23:33-43

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ



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

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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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

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

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from His glorious power, filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding; that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

—based on Colossians 1:9-11

A thought about worship...

“Passive worship assumes that worship is something that somebody else does to you or for you. But active worship, which grows out of our response to divine action, breaks through the barriers of passive worship and returns worship to the people.” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 17).