



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 24, 2013 (Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

The Reign of Christ the King

GATHERING

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:

He has looked favorably on His people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of His servant David.

**Through His holy prophets He promised of old, that He would save
us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.**

Thus He has shown the mercy promised to our fathers,
and He has remembered His holy covenant, the oath He swore to
our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies:

**Free to serve Him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness all our days.**

In the tender mercy of our God, the Dayspring from on high has come
to us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

– adapted from Canticle 16, “The Song of Zechariah” (Luke 1:68-79)

Come, let us worship our Redeemer and King.





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. Worship the King.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Lord, open our lips

and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



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.
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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

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 ("*Gloria 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.

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

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Colossians 1:11-20

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 (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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Crown Him With Many Crowns

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

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side –
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail thro'out eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave;
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thro' God giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.
Be Thou, O Lord, thro' endless days adored and magnified!

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Crown Him With Many Crowns (reprise)

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, th' 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.

Benediction:

Now, as go forth to love and serve the Lord, Christ the King –
May you be strengthened with all power according to His glorious
might, so that you may have great endurance and patience,
giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in
the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

—based on Colossians 1:11-12 (NIV)

Lectionary for next week: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

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

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