



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

May 1, 2011 (Second Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-24, 29-32

Haven't You Heard?

Verse 1

Haven't you heard that Jesus is risen?
Mary was there at crack of the dawn.
Weeping, she found him down in the garden;
Laughter is living and grieving is gone.

Chorus:

Our hearts are glowing, our eyes are showing
That Jesus lives!

Verse 4

Haven't you heard that Jesus is risen?
Haven't you heard that Jesus goes on?
Haven't you heard that Jesus is with us?
Laughter is living and grieving is gone!

Scotland; Alison M. Robertson



St Peter Preaching, Masolino da Panicale, 1427



INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."

O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup;

You maintain my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

surely I have a delightful heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

my heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

I have set the LORD continually before me;

because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

my body also rests secure.

For You do not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

nor let your faithful one see decay.

You show me the path of life.

In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

– from Psalm 16

Let the Rain of Your Presence

Let the rain of Your presence fall on me,

Every day that I live, with every breath I breathe.

Let the rain of Your presence fall on me,

Everywhere that I go, Lord, let Your presence flow;

Rain on me.

Love divine, joy unspeakable

Overflowing in my soul;

This heart of mine is refreshed and at rest

In Your presence, in Your presence.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

– 1 Peter 1:3-5

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on the cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world, by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.



No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Lord, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go. Flood our souls with your spirit and life. Shine through us, and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul. Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus! Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as you shine... Let us preach you without preaching, not by words but by our example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to you.

A prayer of John Henry Newman

[Silent Confessions]

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Although you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:8-9

TIME OF OFFERING

Lord of life, You have blessed us with the riches of Your grace and have raised us to new life in You. If the whole realm of nature were ours, it would be an offering far too small. Your amazing love, so divine, demands our souls, our lives, our all. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves, Your tithes, and our offerings.

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus:

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die
And find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace
Draw near, and bless Your name.



Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an off'ring far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Chorus:

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die
And find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace
Draw near, and bless Your name.

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THE WORD

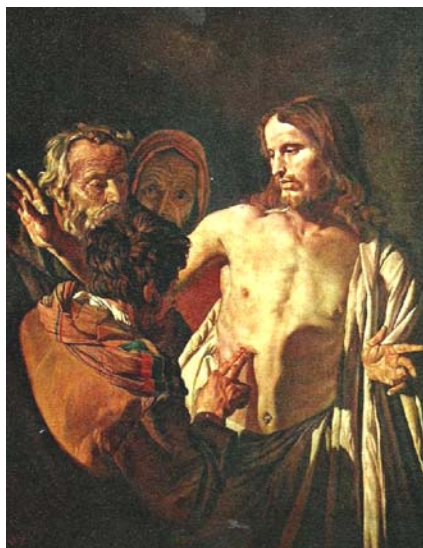
John 20:19-31
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9

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





O The Passion

O, the passion, O, the wonder of the fiery love of Christ;
King of Glory on the altar, Perfect Lamb of sacrifice.
Who are we that He would love us? Who but He would give His life?
O, the passion, O, the wonder of the fiery love of Christ.

O, the wisdom, O, the wonder of the power of the cross;
Love so rare no words could tell it, Life Himself has died for us.
Who are we that He would save us? Crucified to give us life;
O, the wisdom, O, the wonder of the power of the cross.

O, the passion, O, the wonder of the fiery love of Christ;
Death defeated by His rising, Darkness conquered by His light.
We will sing His praise forever, Worthy is the Lamb of Life;
O, the passion, O, the wonder Of the fiery love of Christ.

Who are we that He would love us?
Who, but He would give His life?
O, the passion, O, the wonder
Of the fiery love of Christ.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

With Burning Hearts

With yearning hearts, we came today to worship;
With yearning hearts, we've seen Him in His pow'r.
We've heard His voice, we've broken bread;
Our eyes are opened wide.
With burning hearts, we now go forth in joy;
With burning hearts, we now go forth in joy.

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Benediction:

As Christ burst forth from the tomb into glorious day, may new life burst forth also from us, His witnesses, and show itself in covenant-keeping acts of love and healing to a hurting world.

And may our encounter with the living Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, compel us to go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

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

A thought about worship...

"In his resurrection [Jesus] conquered the result of sin—which is death—so that death is not the last word written over our life."

Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006, 135.)

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