



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

April 27, 2014 (Second Sunday of Easter)

## GATHERING

*Reading:* Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Come, let us sing for joy,  
and worship the risen Lord!

*That Eastertide With Joy Was Bright*

That Eastertide with joy was bright,  
The sun shone out with fairer light,  
When, to their longing eyes restored,  
The glad apostles saw their Lord.

He bade them see His hands, His side,  
Where yet the glorious wounds abide;  
The tokens true which made it plain  
Their Lord indeed was risen again.

Jesus, the King of gentleness,  
Do Thou Thyself our hearts possess  
That we may give Thee all our days  
The tribute of our grateful praise.

All praise be Thine, O risen Lord,  
From death to endless life restored;  
All praise to God the Father be  
And Holy Ghost eternally.

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## INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

### *Sing to the Lord*

#### *Bridge*

God of compassion and God of all gladness and  
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and  
God of compassion and God of all gladness and  
You dance around me,  
You dance around me.

I sing praise, I give You my heart,  
I sing praise, I give You my all,  
I sing praise –  
Sing to the Lord.

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,  
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;  
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,  
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

#### *Chorus:*

I sing praise, I give You my heart,  
I sing praise, I give You my all,  
I sing praise –  
Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,  
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;  
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,  
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

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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.

**This inheritance is 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.**

*In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold which, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

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 1:3-9

**By his resurrection He has overcome death so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death.**

**By His power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.**

**Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.**

– from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 45





## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral call to confession

Lord, You have called us to be Your own. You have given us new life and a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We love You, and we want to live for You. Yet we confess that we do not always follow Your ways.

**Lord, in Your grace and mercy, forgive us.**

[Silent confessions]

Lord, help us to spread Your goodness 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! ... 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. Amen.**

— from a prayer by John Henry Newman

*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

I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.”  
*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 make known to me the path of life.  
In Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.  
Thanks be to God!**

– from Psalm 16

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and wonder

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.

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.

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.

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## THE WORD

John 20:19-31

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

## 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* (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 us 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**



### *Beneath the Cross*

Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
I find a place to stand;  
And wonder at such mercy,  
That calls me as I am.  
For hands that should discard me,  
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."  
Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
His fam'ly is my own.  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,  
Now one, through grace alone.  
How could I now dishonor  
The ones that You have loved?  
Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
The path before the crown,  
We follow in His footsteps,  
Where promised hope is found.  
How great the joy before us  
To be His perfect bride.  
Beneath the cross of Jesus,  
We will gladly live our lives.

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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**

Beloved, the glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of Jesus Christ overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Now, as He stood in the midst of His disciples, the conqueror of sin and death, and spoke peace to them and breathed the Holy Spirit into their hearts, so may our encounter with the living Christ compel us to go forth into the world, giving witness to what we have seen and believed, to love and serve the Lord.

**Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### *A thought about worship from the ancient Fathers –*

“Our confession must not contain lazy or deliberately vague words. There must not be any space between our heart and lips, lest what should be the confession of true reverence become a mask for evil. The Word must be near us and within us. There must not be any delay between the heart and the lips. We must have a faith of conviction as well as of words. . . . The Apostle Paul explains the prophet's words: "That is the word of faith, which we preach; because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised Him up from the dead, thou shalt be saved." . . . Faith lies in simplicity, righteousness in faith, and true godliness in confession. For God doesn't call us to the blessed life through tiring investigations. He doesn't tempt us with rhetoric. The way to eternity is plain and easy: believe that God raised Jesus from the dead and confess that He is the Lord. . . . Jesus Christ died so that we could live in Him.”

– Hilary of Poitiers

**Lectionary for next week:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

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