



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

April 15, 2012 (Second Sunday of Easter)

## GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### *Haven't You Heard?*

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!

Haven't you heard that Jesus is risen?  
Cleopas told us. Evening drew on.  
Walking and talking, traveling with them,  
Jesus was present: now grieving is gone.

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!

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The Community of the First Christians,  
Laurent de La Hire, 17<sup>th</sup> Century



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**By His covenant love, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you:

**God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.**

God has claimed us as His own:

**He has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, and made us with Him to be light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Alleluia! He is risen indeed!**

— from 1 Peter 1:3, 2:9; Matt. 5:14; 1 John 1:5

### *We Are Walking in the Light of God (Siyahamba)*

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Si-ya-hamb' e-ku-kha-nyen kwen-khos (repeat)

Si-ya-ham-ba—Ooo, Si-ya-hamb' e-ku-kha-nyen kwen-khos (repeat)

We are walking in the light of God,

We are walking in the light of God. (Repeat)

We are walking, walking, we are walking, oh

We are walking in the light of God.

Verse 1: Anders Nyberg and Andrew Maries; originally composed c. 1950 in South Africa  
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### INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

#### *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature

O Thou of God, and man the Son

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor

Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair is the sunshine; fairer still the moonlight

And all the twinkling starry host.

Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer

Than all the angels heav'n can boast.



Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard,  
what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched  
with our hands, concerning the Word of Life.

*This Life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to  
you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us.*

We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have  
fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His  
Son Jesus Christ. In this, our joy is complete!

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that  
God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.

*If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and yet walk in darkness, we  
lie and do not walk in the truth.*

But if we walk in the light, as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship  
with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

— 1 John 1:1-7

### *We Are Walking in the Light of God (Siyahamba)*

We are walking in the light of God,  
We are walking in the light of God. (Repeat)  
We are walking, walking, we are walking, oh  
We are walking in the light of God.

We are hoping in the word of truth....

We are living in the love of Christ...

Additional verses adapted by Chris Alford and Ellen Koehler, based on Psalm 130 and Ephesians  
4:25-5:2



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### Call to Confession

Reading: 1 John 1:7-:2:2

[Silent 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

### *Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.  
(repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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If We Confess 1 John 1:9, Mark Lawrence  
Contemporary





#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

These are sure promises of the Lord:

If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve Me and stand before Me.  
— Jeremiah 15:19

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
— 1 John 1:9

Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.  
— Ephesians 5:8

**Thanks be to God!**

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Meditation: "... And great grace was upon them all." (Acts 4:33b)

Prayers of thanksgiving and devotion...

**Lord, we are amazed at Your grace. With grateful hearts,  
in joyful worship, we bring Your tithes and our offerings.**

*What Grace is Mine*

(Solo)

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light  
Called through the night to find my distant soul,  
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me  
That I might live, and in His name be known?

*Chorus*

So, I will go wherever He is calling me.  
I lose my life to find my life in Him.  
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies.  
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me?  
Beneath His wings, my wakened soul may soar.  
All fear can flee, for death's dark night is overcome;  
My Savior lives and reigns forevermore.

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## THE WORD

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

John 20:19-31

## 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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*Behold the Lamb*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:  
And we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.





So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you:  
Eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:  
Drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,  
And to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n  
Around the table of the King.

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SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body



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**Benediction:**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. **Amen.**

And as we go forth, in faith and joy, to love and serve the Lord, may He grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever.

**Amen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***A thought about worship...***

*“Who gets to narrate the world?”* is not a mere academic question. If Christians are to witness to God’s mission to restore the world, to recover the Garden, to establish once again the communion of God’s creatures within the communion and fellowship of the triune God, then we must know the narrative, proclaim it and live it—to the death if necessary. Surely, this is the most pressing issue of our time.” (Robert E. Webber, *Who Gets to Narrate the World? Contending for the Christian Story in an Age of Rivals* [Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2008], 132-133).

***Lectionary for next week:*** Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

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