



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

April 7, 2013 (Second Sunday of Easter)

## GATHERING

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.

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## **Praise the Lord!**

Praise God in His sanctuary;

*Praise Him in His mighty firmament!*

Praise Him for His mighty acts;

*Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;

*Praise Him with the lute and harp!*

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;

*Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!*

Praise Him with loud cymbals;

*Praise Him with clashing cymbals!*

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!**

– Psalm 150

## *Jubilate Deo*

Jubilate Deo, jubilate Deo, Alleluia!

(In the Lord rejoicing! Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!)

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## INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

### *That Eastertide With Joy Was Bright*

O Lord of all, with us abide

In this our joyful Eastertide;

From every weapon death can wield

Thine own redeemed forever shield.

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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### *Sing to the Lord*

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

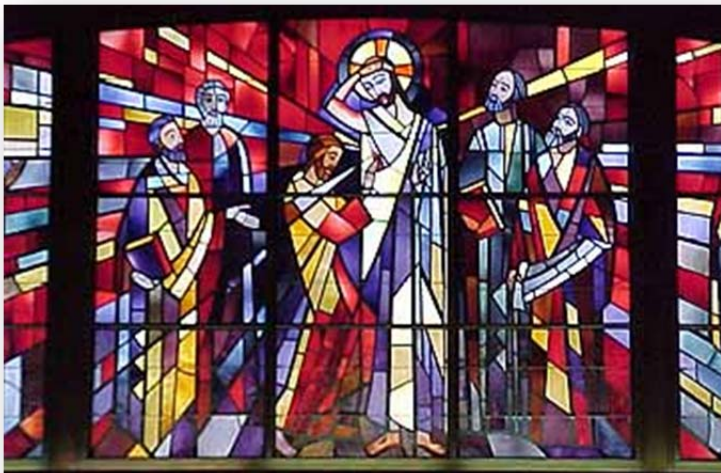
Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,  
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;  
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,  
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

#### *Chorus:*

And 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

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.*

– 1 John 1:1-2

**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 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

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, Whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: You shared our frailty in human flesh. In Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You and against others.



[silence]

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us. Reveal Yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the living one – the one who was, and is, and is to come – our immortal Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;  
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of God's salvation and His promise of pardon:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

*He loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father.*

**To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

And behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him.

*And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.*

**He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.**

– from Revelation 1:4-8



## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise:

Lord, You plainly show us Your love and goodness over and over.  
We are grateful ...

### *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*

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## THE WORD

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* (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.**

*Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty. (repeat)  
Who was and is, and is to come. (repeat)

Lift up His name with the sound of singing,  
Lift up His name in all the earth.  
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,  
For He is worthy to be praised.

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## SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



*That Eastertide With Joy Was Bright (reprise)*

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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**Benediction:**

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.  
Because He lives, and has triumphed over death, you also live.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Since we have been raised with Christ, let us go forth as His  
witnesses in the joy and power of His resurrection.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless you now and  
forever, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the risen  
Christ.

**Amen. Thanks be to God! 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 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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