



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

April 22, 2012 (Third Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,
the God of our ancestors has glorified His servant Jesus:

**He is the Holy and Righteous One, the Author of life,
whom God has raised from the dead.**

To this we are witnesses.

Let us praise Him forever for what He has done;

Hope in His name, for it is good.

**As for me, I will hope continually, and will praise Him more and
more. I will go in the strength of the Lord, and proclaim His
righteousness.**

— from Acts 3:13-15, Psalm 52:9, 71:14-16



Healing of the Cripple, Masolino da Panicale, 1426-1427



Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord;
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.
(Repeat)

Our God, You reign forever;
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer.

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God;
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Doxology

Sing to the Lord, exalt His name; O, make His praise glorious.
Pour forth His praise, His anthem raise;
Rejoice in Him forever.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.**
From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**
Amen.

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.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Behold what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called the children of God; and that is what we are.

*Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.*

What we know is this: when He is revealed,
we will be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

*And all who have this hope in Him purify themselves,
just as He is pure.*

— from 1 John 3:1-3

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.

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[Silence]

Most holy and merciful Father:

**We confess to You and to one another,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and
strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Be gracious to us, and hear our prayer.

**Accomplish in us the work of Your salvation,
that we may show forth Your glory in the world;
through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is lovingkindness,
and with Him is abundant redemption.

He redeems His people from all their sins. — Psalm 130:7-8

*I know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for Himself;
the LORD hears when I call to Him.*

**You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their grain
and new wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep,
for You alone, O Lord, make me to dwell in safety.** — Psalm 4:3, 7-8

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (verse 2)

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
God, the well-spring of life.

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TIME OF OFFERING

Prayers of thanksgiving and devotion

**For what You have done I will always praise You in the presence of
Your faithful people. And I will hope in Your name, for it is good.**

— Psalm 52:9

My Hope

You are righteous, You love justice,
And those who honour You will see Your face.

I will arise, and lift my eyes to see Your majesty,
Your holiness; and all I am will bless You.

My hope is in the Name of the Lord,
Where my help comes from;
You're my strength, my song.
My trust is in the name of the Lord;
I will sing Your praise, You are faithful.

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THE WORD

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48



Espiritu Santo, JAIME DOMÍNGUEZ
MONTES, 2005

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

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

But wholly lean on Jesus' name.



Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

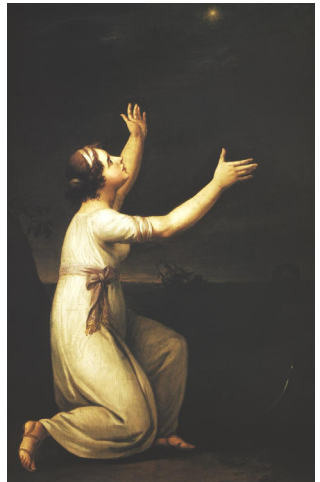
When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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SENDING FORTH The Life of the Body

My Hope (reprise)

My hope is in the Name of the Lord,
Where my help comes from;
You're my strength, my song.
My trust is in the name of the Lord;
I will sing Your praise,
You are faithful.



Hope, Kazimierz Wojniakowski, 1807

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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 hope, 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 from the Ancient Fathers –

"I boldly affirm that He who is above every name has many names in relation to us. And I receive them according to His various ways of dealing graciously with us. He is called the Light when He disperses the gloom of ignorance. He is the Life when He gives us the blessing of eternal life. He is called the Way when He guides us from error to the truth. Also He is called a "Tower of strength," a "City of encompassing," a Fountain, a Rock, a Vine, a Physician, and the Resurrection. All such terms refer to the various righteous blessings He gave to us. But those who set their sights on things beyond human understanding, who see the incomprehensible, but overlook what is comprehensible, use such titles to explain God. They are not only positive that they see Him, but measure Him whom no one has seen or can see. . . . And it seems fitting to warn young archers not to shoot at an impossible target while faith is available to them. We must warn them to drop their useless efforts to understand the incomprehensible, and not to lose the blessings at hand, which are found by faith alone."

– Gregory of Nyssa

Lectionary for next week: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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