



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

April 14, 2013 (Third Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The grave is empty!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

Come, sing praises to the Lord, O you His faithful ones,
and give thanks to His holy name.

We will extol you, O Lord, for You have lifted us up.

You have turned our mourning into dancing;

You have filled us with joy

So that our souls may praise You and not be silent.

O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to You forever,
and with the saints of all the ages we proclaim,

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

**to receive power and riches and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and praise!**

— from Psalm 30 and Revelation 5



Conversion of St. Paul, Benjamin West, c.1786



Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side –
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail thro' out eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave;
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Jubilate Deo

Jubilate Deo, jubilate Deo, Alleluia!
(translation: Rejoice in God! Alleluia!)

English lyric:

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

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved,
and in which we stand:

**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; He was buried,
and was raised on the third day according the Scriptures,
and He appeared to many faithful witnesses.**

In Christ, the Lamb, we have redemption through His blood, the
forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of His grace.

**For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, despising the
shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

He reigns far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and
every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the age to
come – King of kings, and Lord of lords!

– from 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Ephesians 1:7, 20-21, Hebrews 12:2

Reading:

Revelation 5:11-14

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him the Lord of lords,
Who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, th'incarnate Word,
For ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light,
Where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night,
Their God, Redeemer, King.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

^c Thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, “I dwell in the high and holy place, and with the contrite and lowly of spirit, in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

– Isaiah 57:15

^c *For though the Lord is exalted, yet He regards the lowly, but the proud He knows from afar.*

– Psalm 130:6

[Silent confessions]

Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us. You took what we are so that we might become what You are. But we confess that often we ignore our sin. Too often we do not confess. We keep silent about the sin that clings to us. But our sins are too great a burden for us. Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your name. Amen.

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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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, God's faithful ones – this is the good news of God's salvation:

**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

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God!

– Romans 5:1-2

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise:

Worthy is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross, Lord;
Thank You for the price You paid:
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came,
And gave amazing grace.

Thank You for this love, Lord;
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know,
Your forgiveness and embrace.

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious.
High and lifted up, Jesus Son of God,
The Treasure of heaven crucified:
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

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THE WORD

Acts 9:1-20

John 21:1-19



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 in heaven,
Hallowed be Your Name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
On earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are Yours.
Now and forever, Amen.

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Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song
To Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You.

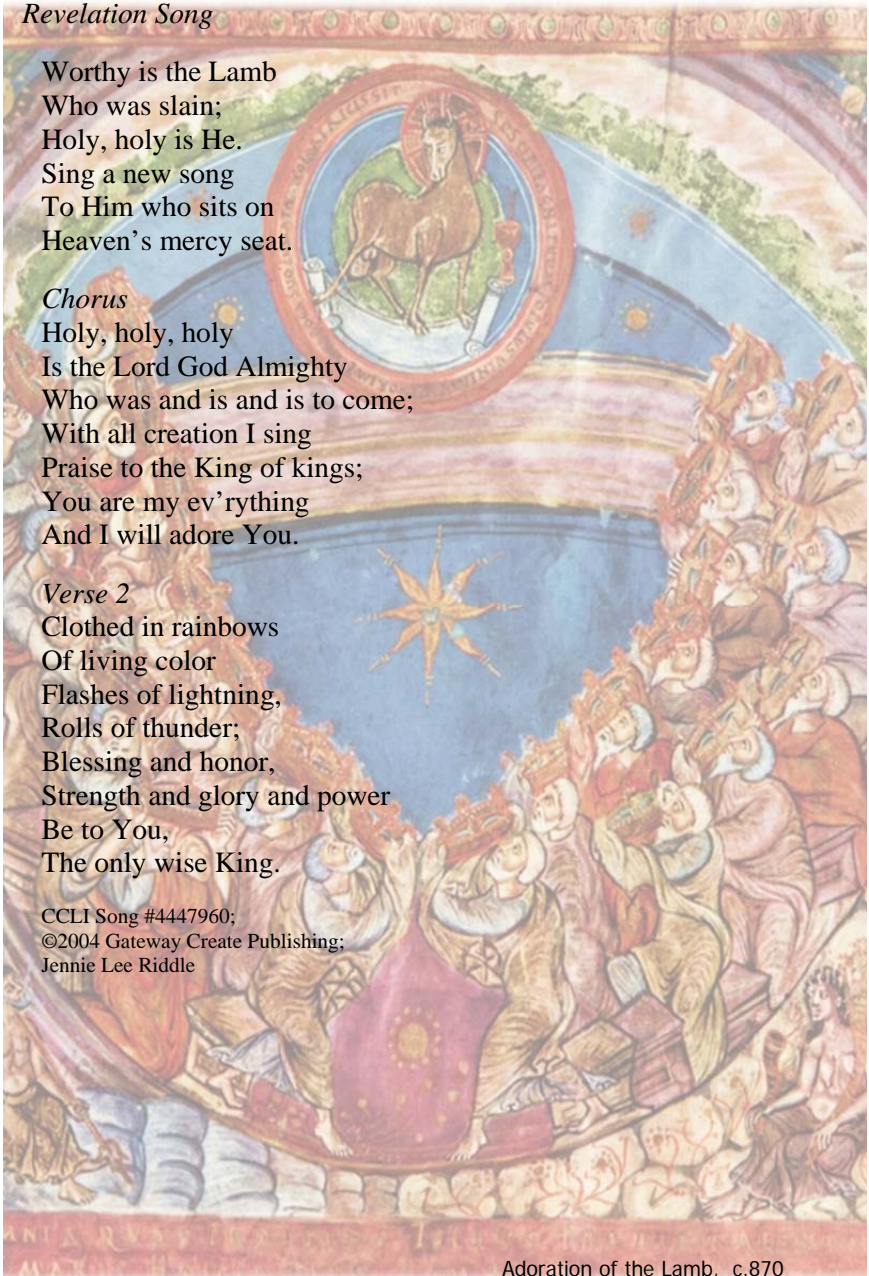
Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows
Of living color
Flashes of lightning,
Rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor,
Strength and glory and power
Be to You,
The only wise King.

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Adoration of the Lamb, c.870
Munich, Germany



SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Crown Him with Many Crowns (reprise)

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.
Be Thou, O Lord, thro' endless days adored and magnified!

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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...

“The primary metaphor for the Easter season is the church as the resurrected people living a resurrected spirituality. Because of Easter we are in union with Christ and are called to live in our baptismal identity in his resurrection. This essential theme of Easter cannot be communicated in a day. It takes a season. . . . It is in worship that resurrection spirituality is learned and experienced.”
(Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 148-151).

Lectionary for next week: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

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