



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

May 11, 2014 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

## GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The grave is empty!

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

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before Him with joyful singing.**

Know that the LORD Himself is God.

**It is He who made us and not we ourselves.**

**We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise;

Give thanks to Him and bless His name.

**For the LORD is good:**

**His lovingkindness is everlasting;**

**and His faithfulness continues to all generations.** — Psalm 100





### *I Call You Faithful*

I call You faithful,  
Lord, You are faithful;  
You are so faithful to me.  
I call you faithful,  
Lord, You are faithful;  
Faithful You are, and faithful You'll be.

- 2. Jireh
- 3. Healer
- 4. Holy

5. I call You Shepherd;  
Lord, You're my Shepherd;  
You're the Good Shepherd to me.  
I call You Shepherd;  
Lord, You're my Shepherd;  
Shepherd You are,  
And Shepherd You'll be.

6. All that

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### INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



## *To God Be the Glory*

### *Chorus*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

### *Chorus*

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

### Leader:

WE KNOW, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND WE HOLD WITH FIRMEST FAITH,  
THAT CHRIST DIED FOR US BUT ONCE:

the Righteous for sinners,  
    *the Master for slaves,*  
the Free for captives,  
    *the Doctor for the sick,*  
the Happy for the miserable,  
    *the Rich for the needy,*  
the Seeker for the lost,  
    *the Redeemer for the sold,*  
the Shepherd for the sheep,

AND WHAT IS MOST AWE-INSPIRING OF ALL:

**the Creator for the created.**

– Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (354-430)



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.

*For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.*

– 1 Peter 2: 24-25

[Silence]

**I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.**

– Psalm 119:176

[Silent Confessions]

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;  
And deliver us and forgive our sins, for Your name's sake.

**So we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture,  
will give thanks to You forever;  
to all generations we will proclaim Your praise.**

– Psalm 79:9,13

### *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ Who died for me.  
How He left His home in glory for the cross of Calvary.

*Chorus:*

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ Who died for me.  
Sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,  
Threw His loving arms around me, drew me back into His way.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The words of Jesus, sure words of promise:

*I am the Good Shepherd;*

*the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.*

I am the Good Shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,  
even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father;  
and I lay down My life for the sheep.

*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish;

No one will snatch them out of My hand.

– from John 10:11-28

**Thanks be to God!**

## TIME OF OFFERING

Reading:

The LORD is my shepherd,

*I shall not want.*

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

*He leads me beside quiet waters.*

He restores my soul;

*He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

*Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

*You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,

*and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

– Psalm 23

Reflections on the Psalm and prayers of thanksgiving



### *You Have Been Good*

O Lord, You have been good;  
You have been faithful to all generations.  
O Lord, Your steadfast love  
And tender mercy have been our salvation.

For by Your hand we have been fed,  
And by Your Spirit we have been led.  
O Lord, You have been good;  
You have been faithful to all generations.

For by Your hand we have been fed,  
And by Your Spirit we have been led.  
O Lord, Almighty God,  
Father unchanging, upright and holy.

O Lord, You have been good;  
You have been faithful, You have been good.

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### THE WORD

Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

### 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, which art in heaven, hallowèd 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.

Text: Matthew 6:9-13. Music: Albert Hay Mallotte. ©1935 G. Schirmer.

### *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways,  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death  
His presence is my stay;  
One word of His supporting breath  
Drives all my fears away.  
His hand, in sight of all my foes,  
Doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows,  
His oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



*To God Be the Glory (reprise)*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

**Benediction**

Go forth in joy and hope to love and serve the Lord in all that you do.

**We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.**

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

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

– based on Hebrews 13:20-21

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“Isn't God good? Consider how He fed thousands of the people in the wilderness with bread from heaven. He prevented famine and the people didn't even need to work for it. They enjoyed rest for forty years, their clothing didn't grow old, and their shoes didn't wear out. Isn't He good? He brought earth up to heaven, so that, just as the stars reflect His glory in the sky like a mirror, the choirs of apostles, martyrs, and priests shine like glorious stars and give light throughout the world. So then, He is not only good, but is more. He is a Good Shepherd . . . to His sheep, ‘for the good shepherd layeth down his life for his sheep.’ . . . It is to my advantage to believe that God is good, for ‘It is a good thing to trust in the Lord.’ It is good to confess that He is Lord, for it is written: ‘Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.’”

– Ambrose

**Lectionary for next week:** Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10;  
John 14:1-14

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