



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

May 22, 2011 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

## GATHERING

The LORD be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving  
and extol Him with music and song.

**The LORD is my rock and my salvation, my shield and fortress.**

**I will call upon the LORD, who alone is worthy to be praised.**

For who is God, but the LORD?

And who is a rock, except our God?

**The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be the God of my salvation!**

– from Psalms 18 and 95:1-2



The Stoning of Stephen, Rembrandt, 1625



### *Made Me Glad*

I will bless the Lord forever;  
I will trust Him at all times.  
He has delivered me from all fear;  
He has set my feet upon a rock.  
And I will not be moved,  
And I'll say of the Lord –

#### *Chorus:*

You are my Shield, my Strength,  
My portion, Deliverer;  
My Shelter, Strong Tower,  
My very present Help in time of need.

#### *Verse 2:*

Whom have I in heaven but You?  
There's none I desire beside You.  
And You have made me glad,  
I'll say of the Lord –

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### INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

### *Made Me Glad (reprise)*

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Coming to Him as to a living stone,  
rejected by men, but chosen and precious in the sight of God;  
we also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house,  
a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God  
through Jesus Christ.

**For in Scripture it says,**

**“Behold, I am laying in Zion a chief cornerstone, chosen and  
precious; and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.  
To us then who believe, this stone is precious.**

– from 1 Peter 2:4-7a

### *All To Us*

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation,  
You are faithful to the end.  
We are waiting on You, Jesus.  
We believe You're all to us.  
(Repeat)

#### *Chorus:*

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.  
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.  
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.  
We believe You're all to us.

Only Son of God, sent from heaven;  
Hope and mercy at the cross.  
You are ev'rything, You're the promise;  
Jesus, You are all to us.

When this passing world is over,  
We will see You face to face,  
And forever we will worship;  
Jesus, You are all to us. Jesus, You are all to us.

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## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to confession:

In You, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in Your righteousness.

*Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of  
refuge, a strong fortress to save me.*

**You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake  
lead me and guide me.**

Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for You are my refuge.  
*Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD,  
faithful God.*

**You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake  
lead me and guide me.**

– Psalm 31:1-5

[Silent Confessions]

*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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Music from the Taizé community



Psalm 31, Moshe Tzvi HaLevi Berger, Contemp.



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Reader:

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own possession, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: People of God,

all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.

**In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a holy community united in faith. Thanks be to God!**

– based on 1 Peter 2:9-10

## TIME OF OFFERING

Prayer of worshipful thanksgiving and devotion

*I See the Lord*

I see the Lord,  
Seated on the throne, exalted;  
And the train of His robe  
Fills the temple with glory.  
And the whole earth is filled,  
And the whole earth is filled,  
And the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy is the Lord.

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## THE WORD

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

*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



Cornish Celtic Cross, Dave Perry, Visual Theology

*The Solid Rock*

*Verse 1*

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.



*Verse 2*

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

*Verse 3*

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.

*Verse 4*

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

*All To Us (reprise)*

*Verse 3:*

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We will see You face to face,  
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Benediction:

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

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

May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened,  
so that we will know what is the hope of His calling,  
and what is the surpassing greatness of His power  
toward us who believe,  
which is in accordance with the working of His mighty power in  
Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His  
right hand in the heavenly places.

And may He make us ready to do His will in every good thing,  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

—based on Ephesians 1:18-21

*A thought about worship...*

“The fact that I take and eat the bread and drink the wine is not nearly so significant as the fact that these are God’s signs through which he communicates his salvation to me. . . . These signs are a comfort to me because they bring me God’s pardon and grace.” Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God’s Mighty Deeds of Salvation* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992, 70.)

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