



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

May 13, 2012 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things,
His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

The Lord has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness
to the house of Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.

**Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in
it; let the rivers clap their hands and the mountains sing together
before the Lord!**

For He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with
righteousness and the peoples with equity.

I will sing to the Lord, for He has done excellent things;

His lovingkindness and His faithfulness are everlasting.

– Psalm 98



The Baptism of the Selenites, Vittore Carpaccio, 1507



I Will Sing

I will sing (echo) of Your great love (echo),
And I will tell (echo) of all You've done (echo).
With Your praise on my lips, I'll declare Your faithfulness;
I will sing (echo) of Your great love.

Verse 1

I seek You in the morning,
Your tenderness and mercy fill my cup.
Your grace is overflowing,
You satisfy my needs and fill me up.
So I will sing –

Verse 2

The heavens praise Your wonders,
And I will lift my voice and join the song.
Your glory shines around me,
Your faithfulness surrounds me all day long.
So I will sing –

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Highest

Your love, O Lord, is like the oceans:
Deeper than endless seas.
Your faithfulness is like the mountains,
And Your Word never fails.

Glory to God, let every heart sing:
Glory to God in the highest.

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today (verse 3)

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century; transl. in *Lyra Davidica*; 1708 (altered), verse 3, Charles Wesley.
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1817.



We Are All One in Jesus Christ, Soichi Watanabe, 2009

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God;

And everyone who loves the Father loves the child born of Him.

By this we know that we love the children of God;

When we love God and obey His commandments.

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.

**And His commandments are not burdensome,
for whatever is born of God overcomes the world.**

And this is the victory that overcomes the world:

Our faith.

Who are they who overcome the world,

but those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

**This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ;
not with water only, but with the water and the blood.**

It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is truth.

– 1 John 5:1-6



Our Great Savior

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus, Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me;
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing;
He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.

Text: J. Wilbur Chapman; Music: Rowland H. Prichard; Tune: HYFRYDOL

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

– John 15:12-13

[Silence]

Most holy and loving God, 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 others as You have loved us.

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

Have mercy on us, Lord.

Accept our repentance, and 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.



The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said,
“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;
abide in My love.

*“If you keep my commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have
kept my Father’s commandments and abide in His love.*

“I have said these things to you so that My joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be complete.”

– John 15:9-11

Our Great Savior

Jesus! I do now adore Him,
More than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

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TIME OF OFFERING

Gracious God, we are amazed that You think of us,
and shower us with Your love.

You have shown Your love this week

Even more amazing, You call us Your friends.

We bow down in worship, thanksgiving, and surrender.

Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me,
That You hear me when I call?
Is it true that You are thinking of me?
How You love me, it's amazing!

Chorus 1

I am a friend of God (3x); He calls me friend.

Chorus 2

I am a friend of God (3x); You call me friend.

Bridge

God Almighty, Lord of glory, You have called me friend.

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THE WORD

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

I Chose You From This World.
Annie Vallotton, Contemp

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, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heav'n.
Provide each day our daily needs;
Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;
And Thine is the power, forever and ever;
And Thine is the glory, now and forever,
Amen, amen, amen.

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The Servant Song

We are trav'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony;
Born of all we've known together, of Christ's love and agony.

Words: Richard Gillard ©1977 Scripture in Song.

Hymn tune: BEACH SPRING; Benjamin F. White, from the *Sacred Harp* (1844).



SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Friend of God (reprise)

I am a friend of God (3x); He calls me friend.

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Benediction:

Brothers and sisters, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, let us remember with thankful hearts that He has called us into the company of those who trust in Christ and seek to obey His will. He has called us His friends, and has given us the privilege and charge to love and serve others as He has loved us.

May He guide us closer to Him and to one another, in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace, confirming us in His ways, for His glory alone, forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“When the martyrs obeyed the great commandments, they acted by a great will—that is, with great love. The Lord speaks of this great love: ‘Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.’ . . . The Apostle Peter didn’t possess this love when he fearfully denied the Lord three times. ‘There is no fear in love,’ says John the Evangelist in his first epistle, ‘but perfect love casteth out fear.’ Even though Peter’s love was small and imperfect, it was still present when he said to the Lord, ‘I will lay down my life for Thy sake.’ Peter believed he could carry out what he felt he was willing to do by himself. . . . However, God works in us so that we can have the will to obey. Once we have this will, God works with us to perfect us. The apostle Paul says, ‘I am confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.’”

– Origen

Lectionary for next week: Acts 1:1-11; Psalms 47 and 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

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