



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

April 24, 2011 (Resurrection of the Lord)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Jesus Won It All*

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GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

**In our anguish we cried to the LORD,**

**and He answered by setting us free.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

**The LORD is our strength and our song;**

**He has become our salvation.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

**We will not die but live,**

**and will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

**The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone;**

**The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**This is the day the LORD has made;**

**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

— from Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24



The Resurrection of Christ, Hippolyte Flandrin, 1860



*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save. Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise





## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm together the testimony of the apostle Peter:

God shows no partiality,  
but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is  
accepted by Him.

*This is the message God sent, announcing the good news of peace  
through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.*

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power;  
He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by  
the devil, for God was with Him.

*And yet they put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree;  
but God raised Him to life on the third day and revealed Him to  
those who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and  
drank with Him after He rose from the dead.*

**He is the One ordained by God as Judge of the living and the  
dead. Of Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who  
believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.**

—based on Acts 10:34-43

Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things  
above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your  
minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you have died, and  
your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our  
life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

—Colossians 3:1-4

### *Jesus Christ is Risen Today (verses 2 and 3)*

Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

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, 14<sup>th</sup> century; transl. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, Music: Robert Williams



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, when you raised Jesus from the grave you shattered the power of sin and death. You have crowned Him Lord of all, and we joyfully acclaim His resurrection. Yet we confess that we have not always bowed before Him, and are often slow to acknowledge His rule. We too easily give allegiance to the powers and principalities of this world, and fail to live as partakers of Christ's victory. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we may follow Him and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

### *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

**We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. In Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.**

– from Colossians 1:12-20



## TIME OF OFFERING

### *The Wonder of Your Cross*

The wonder of Your cross shall be our meditation,  
To gather in that shadow as the sun went down;  
To weep with those who thought that You were leaving,  
You were leaving, Jesus;  
The humble King who never wore an earthly crown.

To steal away at night when they took down Your body,  
With love and tears to leave You in a borrowed grave;  
To go with Mary to that place they laid You,  
Where they laid You, Jesus;  
And in the morning find the stone was rolled away.

Chorus:

The cross, O the wonderful cross;  
What glory, what vict'ry I've found;  
I'll come to the wonderful cross  
And my whole life I lay down.

Were heaven's praises silent in those hours of darkness?  
Your Holy Spirit brooding 'round that empty throne?  
Until the declaration, 'He is risen.'  
You are risen, Jesus;  
He is not dead; behold, He lives forevermore!

Chorus

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## THE WORD

Matthew 28:1-10

Colossians 3:1-4

## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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.



The Risen Lord, He Qi, 2001

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### *Jesus is Lord*

“Jesus is Lord,” the cry that echoes through creation;  
Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our Rock.  
The Son of God, the King, whose glory fills the heavens,  
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord, whose voice sustains the stars and planets;  
Yet, in His wisdom, laid aside His crown.  
Jesus, the man who washed our feet, who bore our suff’ring,  
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.



Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty!  
Not even death could crush this King of love!  
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,  
And we can run into the arms of God.

“Jesus is Lord,” a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,  
As He returns, and ev'ry knee bows low.  
Then ev'ry eye and ev'ry heart will see His glory;  
The Judge of all will take His children home.

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## SENDING FORTH The Life of the Body

### *Christus Victor*

He is the Christ,  
He is the one who destroyed death.  
He is the Christ,  
He triumphed o'er the enemy.  
He is the Christ,  
He trampled Hades under foot;  
He bound the strong one,  
And carried man to the heights of heav'n.  
He is the Christ!



Christus Victor, Fra Angelico, 1450, Florence, Italy

Text from an early Easter sermon preached by Melito, a bishop of Sardis (died c.180 AD):  
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Benediction:

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.  
When Christ who is your life is revealed,  
then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,  
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Christ has gone there to prepare a place for us.

May his resurrection bring you all joy and perseverance so that as you  
remember and walk out your baptisms you may also abound in hope.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—  
bless you now and forever.

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

*A thought about worship...*

“As I contemplated the spiritual journey of Holy Week ... I knew this was not a week for shopping, vacation, parties, or hilarity. I sensed this was the week that, above all weeks, was to be set aside for the journey into death. I knew the worship of the church would take me by the hand and lead me step-by-step into the experience of death and rebirth, if I would allow it to do so. I resolved then and there to walk in the way of the cross. I purposed to make this the week God intended it to be for me, a week of intense spiritual struggle – and reward!”

(Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 118-119.)

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