



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

January 13, 2013 (Baptism of the Lord)

*The Light of the world ... is affirmed by the Father and the Spirit*

## GATHERING

Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name.*

**We will worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is powerful;

*The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.*

**In His temple all cry, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood,

*Yes, the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.*

**Splendor and majesty are before Him,**

**Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

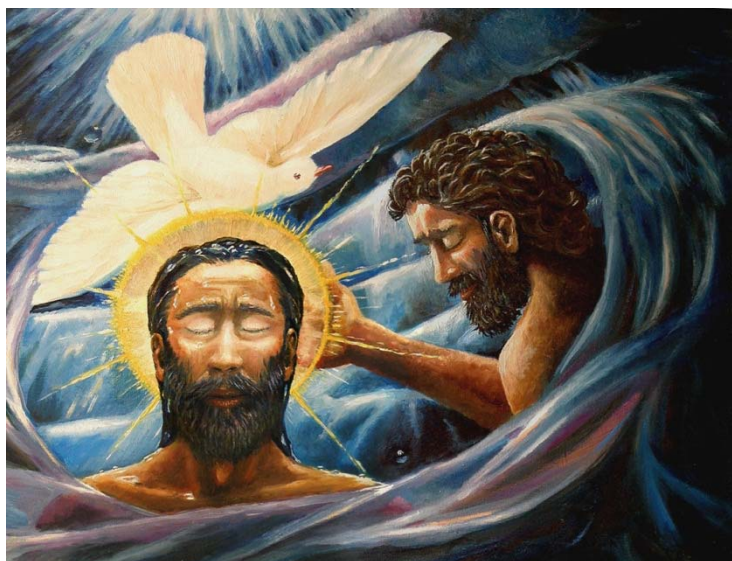
The LORD will give strength to His people;

*The LORD will bless His people with peace.*

Come, let us magnify the LORD.

Let us sing to God, our light and salvation!

– from Psalms 29 and 96



Baptism of Christ, Dave Zelenka, Contemp.



## *How Great is our God*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty:  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

### *Chorus*

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God,  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands:  
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End.  
The Godhead Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.

### *Bridge*

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing, How great is our God.

You're the name above all names, You're worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God

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## INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Cantor:

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God,  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God.





## *Doxology*

Sing to the Lord, exalt His name; O, make His praise glorious.  
Pour forth His praise, His anthem raise;  
Rejoice in Him forever.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

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Doxology text from *Fourscore and Seven Psalms of David* (Geneva, 1561), *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*, vs. 4, attributed to William Kethe.; doxology tune: *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*, attrib. to Louis Bourgeois.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.*

**Through Him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;  
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried.*

**The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.**

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
*He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.*

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.**

He proceeds from the Father, and with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.*

*We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

Nicene Creed



### *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God, and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine

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### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### Call to Confession

Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness of sins and newness of life. But too often we fail to live out our baptisms – putting off the *old* self who has been buried with Christ in His death and putting on the *new* self, raised to the new life of the Spirit.

[Silence]

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves. ...

we cling to destructive habits ...

we hold grudges ...

we are reluctant to welcome one another ...

we allow the past to hold us hostage ...

**In Your loving-kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises You make in baptism, that we may die to sin and live in resurrection to new life made possible by Your divine embrace.**



### *Bless the Lord*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the promise of God's pardon:

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

**When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.**

Praise God for His promise of pardon! In Christ, we are forgiven!

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

– from Romans 8:15-17

### TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thanksgiving and devotion.

God of heaven and earth, You call us to come in humility before You, bringing the offering of our very selves. As You revealed Jesus to be Your Son in His baptism, so You claimed our lives in baptism, that we might walk in newness of life.

**Accept all we have and all we are, O God, as expressions of our devotion, love and worship. May Your presence flow through us always.**



*Let the Rain of Your Presence*

Let the rain of Your presence fall on me  
Every day that I live, with every breath I breathe;  
Let the rain of Your presence fall on me,  
Everywhere that I go, Lord, let Your presence flow,  
Rain on me.

Love divine, joy unspeakable  
Overflowing in my soul;  
This heart of mine is refreshed and at rest  
In Your presence, in Your presence.

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THE WORD

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



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 by 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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*Take My Life*

Holiness, holiness is what I long for;  
Holiness is what I need.  
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

*Chorus:*

So take my heart and form it;  
Take my mind, transform it;  
Take my will, conform it  
To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

*Verse 2*

Faithfulness, faithfulness...

*Verse 3*

Righteousness, righteousness...

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## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

#### *How Great is our God (chorus)*

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God,  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God.

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#### Benediction:

God the Father, who sent His Spirit upon His Son,  
    bless you with the presence of His Spirit.  
Jesus, who received the Spirit and manifested the Father,  
    abide in you and make you a manifestation of His life.  
And God the Spirit, who came upon Christ in the fullness of power,  
    empower you to live in the pattern of baptismal spirituality  
    revealed in Jesus.  
To the glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship...*— “The baptized life is a life that is lived in the *pattern of death and resurrection*. . . . The way of being in Jesus, the way of living the new resurrected life, is through participation. . . . We participate in Christ by living the life of our baptism into his death and resurrection. This is a daily, existential, moment-by-moment experience as we choose in this or that situation to die to the sins for which Christ died and choose the life of the Spirit for which Christ was raised to a new life.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 146-147.)

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**Lectionary for next week:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11;  
John 2:1-11

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