



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

January 16, 2011 (Second Sunday of Epiphany)

Heaven and Nature Sing! The Lord Has Given Me a New Song

GATHERING

I Waited for the Lord

I waited for the Lord on high,
I waited, and He heard my cry.
(repeat)

Verse 1:

He pulled me out of my despair,
And showed me where to walk.
From fear into security,
From quicksand to the Rock.



Sing to the Lord a New Song, St. Albans Psalter,
early 12th century

There's a new song in my heart to sing,
A new song, praises to the King.
(repeat)

Verse 2:

I'll sing to let the people know
That I have been restored.
And they will kneel and understand,
To return and trust in the Lord.

There's a new song in my heart to sing,
A new song, praises to the King. . . .

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Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7



(I Waited for the Lord [reprise])

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

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 the Son, 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



SINGING THE PSALM

Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently upon the Lord;*

He inclined to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;*

He set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;*

many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

How blessed are they who trust in the Lord!*

they do not turn to the proud, to those who follow false gods.

Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which You have done,*

and Your thoughts toward us;

There is none to compare with You;*

If I were to declare and speak of Your deeds, they would be too numerous to count.

In sacrifice and offering You take no pleasure;*

You have given me ears to hear You;

Burnt-offerings and sin-offerings You have not required,*

and so I said, "Behold, I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:*

'I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.'"

I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness in the great congregation;*

behold, I do not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, You know.

I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;*

I have not concealed Your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not withhold Your compassion from me, O Lord;*

May Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Meditation:

Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O Lord; may Your love and faithfulness continually preserve me. For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; make haste, O Lord, to help me. You are my Help and my Deliverer.

– from Psalm 40:11-13, 17

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the word of the Lord from Isaiah 49:

The Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, has chosen you; He formed you in the womb to be His servant. In the time of His favor He has answered you, and in the day of salvation He has helped you. He will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people.

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts His people and will have compassion on His afflicted ones.



TIME OF OFFERING

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam;
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,:
Forgiving others, take your part
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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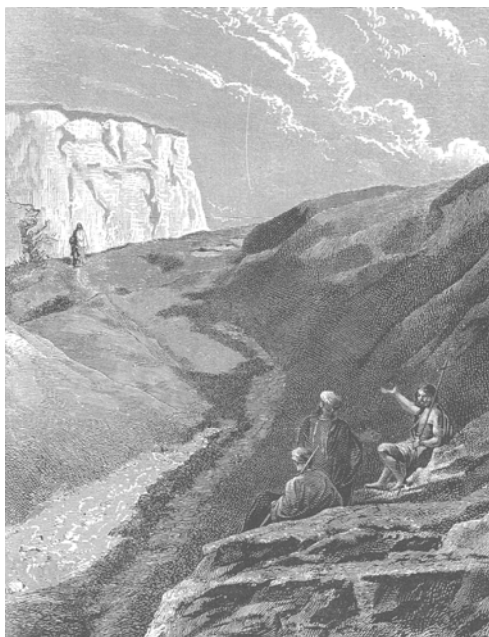


THE WORD

John 1:29-42

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ



The Lord's Prayer

Behold, the Lamb of God, Alexandre Bida, 1874

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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My Lips will Praise You

My lips will praise You, for You are holy.
My voice will ever rise before Your throne.
My heart will love You, for You are lovely,
And You have called me to become Your own.

I am Your own,
And I will worship You alone.
I am Your own, I am Your child.
I am Your own,
And I will worship at Your throne.
I am Your own, And I will love You.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

All Creatures of Our God and King

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below:
O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table, may shine
with the radiance of Christ's glory,
that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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

A thought about worship...

“We are the disciples whom Christ has called in the twenty-first century. . . . We are called to turn away from self-love and self-service, to abandon a lifelived for self-gratification or self-glory, and to serve God as an epiphany of the self-giving service of Jesus. True spirituality longs for, seeks for, and wills this abandonment of self so that Christ may become present through our work, our lives, and our relationships, manifesting his power.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 88.)

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