



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

January 19, 2014 (Second Sunday of Epiphany)

## GATHERING

We are gathered to worship the eternal God,  
the source of love and life, who creates and sustains us.

**Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

**How blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD!**

All creation declares the goodness of our God.

**For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with Him is great power to redeem.**

I waited patiently for the LORD;

And He inclined to me, and heard my cry.

**He also brought me up out of a pit of destruction, out of the miry  
clay, and set my feet upon a rock, making my footsteps firm.**

**He put a new song in my mouth: Praise to our God;**

**Many will see and fear, and will trust in the LORD.**

Let all who seek You rejoice in You; let those who love Your salvation  
say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"

— based on Psalms 124:8, 130:7, 40:1-3, 16

Salvation, Cornelis Monsma, Contemp





*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!

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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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



*Sing Unto the Lord a New Song*

Sing unto the Lord a new song,  
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.  
Sing unto the Lord a new song,  
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

For God is great, and greatly to be praised.  
God is great, and greatly to be praised!

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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



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

How blessed are those who trust in the LORD, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

*O LORD my God, You have multiplied Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.*

Sacrifice and offering You do not desire, but You have given me an open ear.

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

*Do not withhold Your mercy from me, O Lord; let Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness continually preserve me.*

– from Psalm 40:4-8, 11

[Silent confessions]

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may truly delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

*Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;  
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the word of the Lord from the pen of the psalmist:

The Lord is your Help and Deliverer. He does not withhold His mercies and compassion, but is pleased to save. His covenant love and truth will continually preserve you.

*He forgives all your iniquity; He heals all your diseases; He redeems your life from the pit; He crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; He satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Let all who seek Him rejoice and be glad in Him;

Let all who love His salvation say continually,  
**“The Lord be magnified!”**

– from Psalms 40:11, 13, 16; 103:3-5

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise. . .

### *The Solid Rock*

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.

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## THE WORD

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42



## 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* (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 us 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**





*Jesus, I Come*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my weakness, into Thy health,  
Out of my want and into Thy wealth;  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm;  
Out of distress to jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above;  
Upward for aye on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy throne,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold;  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



*The Solid Rock (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.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.

Beloved, receive this benediction as we are sent into the world:  
God is faithful! By Him you were called into the fellowship of His  
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He will also strengthen you to the end, so  
that you may be blameless, and lacking nothing, on the day of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. In this confidence, now, go forth into the world to  
love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“As with the faith of the disciples, we should speak frequently with our Master. For the world is like the sea to us, beloved. We sail on this sea, with our own free will acting like the wind. For we all navigate according to our will. If the Word is our pilot, we enter into rest. But if pleasure takes hold of us, we face the danger of storms and are shipwrecked. For just as the ocean has storms and waves, there are many afflictions and trials in the world. ‘When affliction or persecution ariseth, the unbeliever is offended,’ the Lord said. Because unbelievers aren’t strengthened by the faith and because they favor temporal things, they can’t stand up against difficulties. Like the foolish man’s house built on sand, those without understanding fall under storms of temptation. The saints, however, have exercised their senses to be self-controlled. Because they are strong in faith and understand the Word, they don’t faint under trials. From time to time, ever more powerful trials work against them, yet they continue to be faithful. They wake up the Lord who is with them and are delivered. Because they find relief as they pass through water and fire, they celebrate by offering up thankful prayers to God who has rescued them.”

– Athanasius

*Lectionary for next week:* Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;  
Matthew 4:12-23

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