



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

January 15, 2012 (Second Sunday of Epiphany)

GATHERING

Blessed are You, God of all creation.

You spoke in the beginning, and all things came into being.

**You spoke, and Your Word came to live with us,
full of grace and truth.**

Bless this place where we would hear Your voice.

Bless this place where we would hear and know Your story.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

the voice of the Lord is majestic.

The voice of the Lord thunders;

the voice of the Lord gladdens our hearts.

Attune our ears to hear Your voice.

Speak, Lord, for we Your servants are listening.



Teaching the Crowd, Corinne Vonaesch, 2007



Call Us From the Outer Court

Call us from the outer court, Lord, draw us with Your incense sweet;
Help us to lay the cares of this day at Your feet, at Your feet.

Laying down all earthly idols, taking up Your gifts of grace;
We enter in, for we find a Friend in Your face, in Your face.

Chorus:

Our spirits cry out, we long for more;
Our freedom comes as we adore You.

Cause a holy hunger in us, for nothing here on earth compares;
No treasure so fair, no jewel so rare, as the love that You show
In Your courts.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

You understand my thought from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down;

You are familiar with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, You know it completely.

You have hedged me in – behind and before –

and have laid Your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

It is too high, I cannot attain to it.

I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

Your works are wonderful; I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret,

when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes have seen my unformed substance,

and in Your book were written all the days that were ordained for me,

when as yet there were none of them.

How precious are Your thoughts to me, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they would outnumber the grains of the sand.

When I am awake, I am still with You.

– Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

All Around Me

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

If I settle on the far side of the sea,

Even there Your hand will lead and guide;

You're all around me.

Chorus:

And I'm surrounded everywhere I go;

Your presence covers me.

And Your constant love makes me know:

You're all around me.



Verse 2

Where can I go that I won't find you there?
If I try to hide you know just where I'd be.
You sustain me with Your faithfulness,
You're all around me.

Chorus

Bridge: (4 times)

All around, all around, all around You're...
All around, all around, all around You're...
All around, all around, all around me.

Chorus

Bridge: (3 times)

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there be any hurtful way in me; and lead me in the everlasting way.

— Psalm 139:23, 24

[Silent confessions]

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:**

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. 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

This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you:
God is light, and there is no darkness at all in Him.

If we walk in the Light, just as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

— from 1 John 1:5-7

Amen. Thanks be to God.

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thanksgiving and devotion

Open My Eyes That I May See

Text and music: Clara H. Scott;
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Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.



THE WORD

1 Samuel 3:1-20
John 1:43-51



Samuel Reading to Eli the Judgements of God Upon His House, John Singleton Copley, 1780

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 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**



Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus:
Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?



SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

To God Be the Glory (chorus)

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And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

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Benediction:

Go forth, remembering to whom you belong.
We will remember our covenant with God the Father.
Go in peace as the reaffirmed church of Jesus, God's Son.
We go to be the Body of Christ in a broken world.
And may you go in the power of God the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...—“As pastors of the Word, there is a strong need to soak ourselves in the Triune story of God with its detailed exposition of the central role of Christ in the greatest drama of human history—the *drama of God who becomes one of us to rescue the world*. This theme of God's rescue of us all—not inspirational topics, motivational speakers, or massive therapy sermons—needs to be recovered as the central message of our church.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Worship: Proclaiming and Enacting God's Narrative* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2008], 121.)

Lectionary for next week: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

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