



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

January 26, 2014 (Third Sunday of Epiphany)

GATHERING

O come, let us lift up the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to our Rock and our Salvation!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined!

You have multiplied the nation, You have increased its joy.

They rejoice before You with joy and exultation, for the yoke of their burden and the rod of their oppressor You have broken.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me;

Let us offer sacrifices with shouts of joy in His tabernacle!

One thing I have desired of the Lord, that I will seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple.

The Lord is our light and our salvation;

Come, let us sing and make melody to the Lord!

—based on Isaiah 9:1-4 and Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Awake My Soul, Mike Moyers, 2011





Immortal Invisible (Your Great Name We Praise)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Verse 2

Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light;
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might.
Your justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Chorus

Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Verse 3

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true Life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Verse 4

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight.
All praise we will render, oh Father of Grace;
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

(Sung)

Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise.



Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.**

All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing
came into being that has come into being.

*In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in
the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a
witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through
him.

He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

**There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens
every man.**

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the
world did not know Him.

He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become
children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who
were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will
of man, but of God.**

**And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld
His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of
grace and truth. No one has seen God at any time; the only
begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has
explained Him.**

– John 1:1-14, 18

The Lord is My Light

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;
In God I trust, in God I trust.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, "Seek My face."

My heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger,

O You who have been my help.

– Psalm 27:7-9

[Silent confessions]

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that can so easily shroud our lives. Illumined by your word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter.

He will conceal me in the secret place of His dwelling, and set me high on a rock.

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

– Psalm 27:1, 5, 13

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(spoken)

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

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise. . .

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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THE WORD

Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23



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**





I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
The Star of my life is Jesus.

Chorus

In Him there is no darkness at all,
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2

I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.

Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to follow Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Christ, Be our Light

Longing for light, we were in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turned to You.
Make us your own, Your holy people, Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church sent forth today.

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Benediction:

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 forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“We, whose spiritual eyes have been opened by the Word, Jesus Christ, and who see the difference between light and darkness, prefer to take our stand ‘in the light.’ We won’t have anything at all to do with darkness. In addition, the true Light, endowed with life, knows who to reveal His full splendor to and to whom His light. For He doesn’t just display His brilliance due to the weakness in the recipient’s eyes. And whose eyes are affected and injured if we must speak of them at all? Those who are ignorant of God and whose passions prevent them from seeing the truth. Christians, however, aren’t blinded by the words of those who opposed worshipping God. But let those who know they are blinded by following crowds who are in error and groups that keep festivals to demons, draw near to the Word, Jesus Christ. He can give the gift of sight. Like the poor and blind whom . . . Jesus healed because they said to Him, ‘Son of David, have mercy upon me,’ those who draw near to Him will also receive mercy and recover their eyesight, created fresh and beautiful by the Word of God.”

– Origen

Lectionary for next week: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

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