



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

January 25, 2015 (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

GATHERING

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

You have set Your glory above the heavens.

From the praises of children and infants You have established strength.

When I consider the heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which You have set in place:

**What is mankind, that You are mindful of them,
and the children of men that You care for them?**

Yet You have made us a little lower than the angels, crowned us with
glory and honor, and given us dominion over the works of Your
hands.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

All creation declares the goodness of our God!

**We give thanks to You, O LORD, with our whole heart, and sing of
Your ways; for great is the glory of the LORD!**

— from Psalms 8 and 138



God as Architect/Builder/Geometer/Craftsman,

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Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height.
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail.
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, His power proclaim.
Heaven and earth and all creation,
Laud and magnify His Name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee.
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore Thee;
We would bow before Thy throne.
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.



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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

(Sung)

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee.
Young and old, Thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.



Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ.**

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

*In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to
Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of
the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the
Beloved.*

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our
trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished
upon us.

*In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will,
according to His kind intention which He purposed in Himself:*

That is, in the fullness of the times, He might sum up all things in
Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth.

*In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined
according to His purpose, who works all things after the counsel of
His will, to the end that we should be to the praise of His glory.*

**By grace we have been saved through faith; and that not of
ourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works so that no one may
boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for
good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we should
walk in them.**

– from Ephesians 1:3-12, 2:9-10



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

I shall not be greatly shaken.

My soul, wait in silence for God alone, for my hope is from Him.

On God rests my salvation and my glory;

He is the rock of my strength, and my refuge.

Trust in Him at all times, O His people

pour out your heart before Him, for He is our refuge.

- from Psalm 62:1-8

Almighty and merciful God,

We confess to You and to one another 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.

[Silent confessions]

In Your mercy, forgive us and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation. So draw our hearts to You, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly Yours, utterly dedicated unto You. And then use us as You will, that we may show forth Your glory in the world; through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear what God the Lord speaks, for He speaks peace to His people,
to His faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts:

*Surely God's salvation is near to those who fear Him,
that His glory may dwell among us.*

– Psalm 85:8-9

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we also have obtained access
by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of
the glory of God.

– Romans 5:1-2

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise:

*Sharing glimpses and experiences of the work of our constantly
creative Creator God this week ...*

Open My Eyes That I May See

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.

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THE WORD

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Mark 1:14-20

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.



Calling Disciples, He Qi, 2001

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



Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One

Sovereign Lord, Creator, righteous One,
Most high and holy King;
My Redeemer, Father, dearest Friend,
My praise to You I bring.
I will praise Your name forever,
Knowing that You loved me first;
For You feed my every hunger,
And quench my every thirst.
With my heart I'll ever worship You,
My voice will sing Your praise;
For Your everlasting mercy
And grace for every day.

All creation bows in humbleness
Before Your heavenly throne;
And I shall forever thank You
For making me Your own.
You are higher than the highest,
And the God of all who live.
You are worthy of all honor
And praise that I can give.
All my life shall be a witness
Of Your majesty and grace,
And in heav'n I'll bow before You,
And see You face to face. Amen.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him (reprise)

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee.
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore Thee;
We would bow before Thy throne.
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.

Benediction:

Now beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord
remembering this: God has created us in Christ Jesus for good
works, which He prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Amen.

So may God the Father, who is rich in mercy,
bless you with the presence of His Spirit always;
Jesus, who received the Spirit and manifested the Father, abide in you
and make you a beautiful *poiema* in response to His salvation;
And God the Spirit, live in you and empower you to walk out your
baptisms daily. –

To the glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lectionary for next week: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111,
1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

A thought about worship...

“God’s story is a true picture of the world and our place in it. And through this picture we hear the voice of God who says . . . ‘I opened the way for you to live in my embrace of you and the world. Through my Son Jesus and by my Spirit I have embraced you so that now, united with me, you may embrace me as a child learns to embrace a mother because the mother first embraced the child. Now go and live the spiritual life, embrace me and my purpose in creating you and putting you in this world to be the priests of my creation. Make your life and this world the theater of my glory.’” Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006, 142.)

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