



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

January 29, 2012 (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)

## GATHERING

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth:

Sing the glory of His name; tell of His deeds among the peoples;

Make His praise glorious!

**There is none like You, O LORD, nor are there any works like Yours.**

**All the nations You have made shall come and bow down before**

**You, and shall glorify Your name.**

Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

Remember His covenant forever,

the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

**We will remember His wonderful deeds which He has done;**

**His marvels and His judgments are in all the earth,**

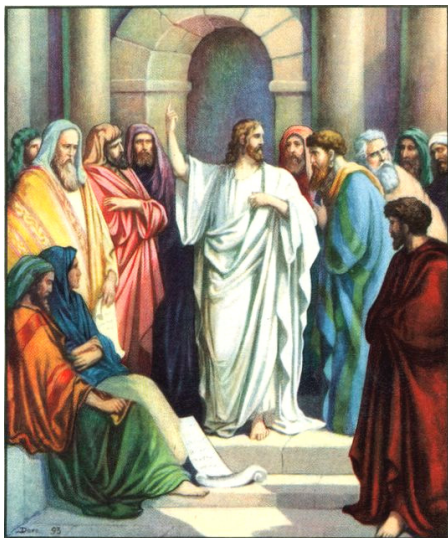
**plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

Come, let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!

**For the LORD is good and His mercy endures forever;**

**His faithfulness continues through all generations!**

—Psalms 66, 86, 100, 105



Jesus Teaching in the Temple,  
after Gustave Dore, c. 1925



*All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

O enter then His gates with praise; approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, for it is seemly so to do.

*Bridge:*

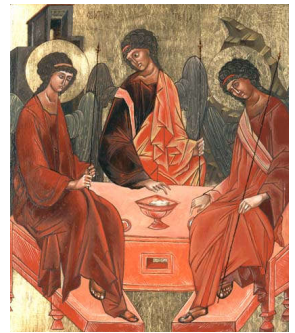
Sing to the Lord, exalt His name;  
O, make His praise glorious.  
Pour forth His praise, His anthem raise;  
Rejoice in Him forever.

For why? the Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

*Bridge*

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

Words from *Fourscore and Seven Psalms of David* (Geneva, 1561),  
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Trinity, Nicu Darasteen, 2003

INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.  
**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.**



## *Psalm 111*

*Refrain (sung):*

Praise the Lord! I will thank Him with my whole heart.

Bless His Name! I will delight in His great works.

Honor and majesty, righteous forever;

Holy and awesome is He!

**Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD;

they are studied by all who delight in them.

*Full of honor and majesty is His work,*

*and His righteousness endures forever.*

He has gained renown by His wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful; He is ever mindful of His covenant.

*Refrain*

*The works of His hands are faithful and just;*

*all His precepts are trustworthy.*

They are established forever and ever,

to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

*He sent redemption to His people;*

*He has commanded His covenant forever.*

**Holy and awesome is His name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

*Refrain*

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us join with the saints of the ages in our profession of faith and praise in the words of the Nicene Creed:



**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

### *The Lord Thy God*

The Lord thy God (echo) in the midst of thee (echo)

Is mighty (echo), is mighty (echo).

The Lord thy God (echo) in the midst of thee (echo)

Is mighty (echo), is mighty (echo).

And I saw Him (I saw Him) high and lifted up (high and lifted up)

With power and grace and authority.

And He shall reign (echo) in the midst of thee (echo)

Forever, and ever, amen.



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.  
Let us lift our hearts and our hands to God in heaven.

– Lamentations 3:40-41

[Silent confessions]

**Most holy and loving God, You have called us to join Your story, and we have joyfully accepted Your invitation. Yet too often we have wandered from Your path. We have not always remained faithful, to You or to each other. We have not always been persistent in the tasks You have given us, and have been slow to acknowledge Your authority. In Your infinite mercy, forgive us and renew us, that we may walk always in Your ways, and fulfill our purpose in You to the glory of Your name.**

### *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 God's covenant promise to His people:

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

– Jeremiah 31:33-34

It is because of the LORD'S lovingkindness that we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning.  
Great is Your faithfulness.

**"The LORD is my portion," says my soul; "therefore I have hope in Him." The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good to hope in the salvation of the LORD.**

– from Lamentations 3:21-26



## TIME OF OFFERING

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise

### *He's Always Been Faithful*

Morning by morning I wake up to find  
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine.  
Season by season I watch Him amazed,  
In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways.  
All I have need of His hand will provide;  
He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain  
He did not recycle to bring me gain.  
I can't remember one single regret  
In serving God only and trusting His hand.  
All I have need of His hand will provide;  
He's always been faithful to me.

### *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

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This is my anthem, this is my song,  
The theme of the story I've heard for so long:  
God has been faithful, He will be again;  
His loving compassion, it knows no end.  
All I have need of His hand will provide. He's always been faithful,  
He's always been faithful, He's always been faithful to me.

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## THE WORD

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Mark 1:21-28

## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ



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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

*Behold the Lamb*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:  
And we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: Eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.



The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:

Drink and remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,

And to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

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## SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

*Sing to the Lord (reprise)*

Sing to the Lord, exalt His name; O, make His praise glorious.

Pour forth His praise, His anthem raise; rejoice in Him forever.

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## Benediction:

To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

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

*A thought about worship...*— “Worship does God’s story. It proclaims God’s story in the reading and preaching of the Word; in prayer, the church prays for the world God has reclaimed; in the Eucharist, the church ascends into the heavens and experiences the consummation of God’s story in the new heavens and the new earth.” (Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006], 233.)

**Lectionary for next week:** Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

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