



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 3, 2013 (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)

The Light of the world ... is hated by the people.

GATHERING

Leader: We have gathered to worship the LORD, our God, and to proclaim His story.

Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens;

You have done great things; O God, who is like You?

My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, and Your deeds of salvation all day long, though I do not know the sum of them!

We will hope in You continually;

we will yet praise You more and more.

My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!

We will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples;

and sing praises to Your name among the nations.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

Let Your glory be over all the earth.

– from Psalms 71:14-19, 57:9-11



Chapel of the Holy Cross - Sedona, Doug Asche, 2007



Behold the Lord

Great and marvelous are Your works,
Oh Lord Almighty.
True and righteous are all Your ways,
King of the ages.
Who will not fear You, oh Lord,
And glorify Your Name?

Chorus

Behold the Lord,
God is my salvation;
In Him I trust
And will not be afraid.
And I will give thanks,
And sing among the nations forever;
Behold the Lord, behold the Lord,
Behold the Lord.

So rejoice and be glad in this,
Our God is with us;
Messiah, Emmanuel, Lion of Judah;
Lift up your voice and declare
The glory of our King.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Sung:

Behold the Lord, behold the Lord, behold the Lord.



Jesus Christ is Risen Today (verse 3)

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century; transl. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, Music: Robert Williams

PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the hope of the gospel, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, the mystery which has now been manifested to us, His saints:

Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

In Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through Him and for Him.

He is before all things, and in Him all things consist and hold together.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He may have first place in everything.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.

This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might, which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.

– from Colossians 1:15-28 and Ephesians 1:19-21



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to confession:

In You, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in Your righteousness.

*Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.*

**Be to me a rock of refuge to which I may continually come;
You have given the commandment to save me,
for You are my rock and my fortress.**

[Silence]

Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for You are my refuge.

*Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.*

**You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake
lead me and guide me.** – from Psalms 31:1-5, 71:1-6

[Silent Confessions]

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me; let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is faithful and true. This is His promise of pardon:
Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD.
Look to the Rock from which you were hewn.

For the LORD will comfort His people; joy and gladness will be found
in them, thanksgiving and the voice of song. And His justice will be a
light to the peoples: His salvation will be forever, and His deliverance
will never be ended. – from Isaiah 51:1-6



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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TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and devotion.

You're Worthy of My Praise

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart);
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all my strength);
I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days);
I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways).

I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.

We will bow down (We will bow down),
And hail You as King (and hail You as king);
We will serve You (We will serve You),
Give You everything (give You everything).
We will lift up (We will lift up)
Our eyes to Your throne (Our eyes to Your throne);
We will trust You (We will trust You)
Trust You alone (You alone).

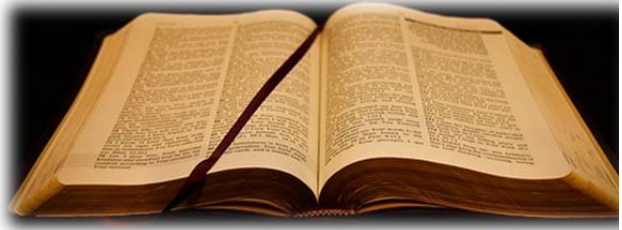
We will give You all our worship, We will give You all our praise.
You alone we long to worship, You alone are worthy of our praise.

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THE WORD

Luke 4:14-29



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 (sung)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heav'n.
Provide each day our daily needs;
Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;
And Thine is the power, forever and ever;
And Thine is the glory, now and forever,
Amen, amen, amen.

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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.

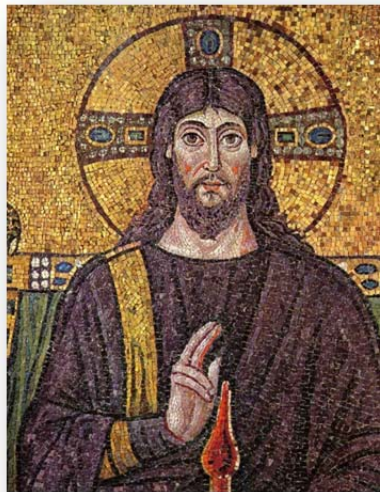
Verse 2

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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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.

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Benediction:

Now, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord –
Let us go in the strength of the Lord our God,
proclaiming His righteous works and His saving power,
and reflecting to the world the wonder of His story.
Amen. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Confess Christ, we will become like Peter. We are considered blessed as he was. Flesh and blood haven’t revealed to us that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of the living God, but the Father in heaven has, so that we can be citizens of heaven. This revelation carries to heaven those who unveil their hearts and receive ‘the spirit of the wisdom and revelation’ of God. And if we say like Peter, ‘Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God,’ not because flesh and blood revealed it to us, but because our heavenly Father’s light has shone in our hearts, we become a rock, or a Peter. . . . Christ is the spiritual Rock from whom His people drank and every disciple of Christ is a rock. Every word of the church and its government is built upon every such rock. For the church is built by God through each of the perfect ones who provide blessing through their words, deeds, and thoughts.”

– Origen

Lectionary for next week: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2;
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

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