



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 5, 2012 (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)

GATHERING

Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord;
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.
(Repeat)

Our God, You reign forever;
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God;
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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The Healing of the Lunatic Boy, John Reilly, 1958



INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

I Call You Faithful

I call You faithful, Lord, You are faithful;
You are so faithful to me.
I call you faithful, Lord, You are faithful;
Faithful You are, and faithful You'll be.
(Repeat)

2. Holy
3. Healer
4. Jireh
5. Awesome

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
Great is our God, and abundant in power.

His understanding has no limit.

The LORD builds up His people:

He gathers in the outcasts and wanderers;

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds;

He feeds the hungry, frees the prisoners, and gives sight to the blind. He lifts up the humble and the afflicted.

All creation declares the goodness of our God:

He covers the heavens with clouds, supplies the earth with rain,
and provides for His creatures, great and small.

**The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
in those who hope in His lovingkindness.**

— from Psalms 124:8 and 147:1-11



I Call You Faithful (reprise)

I call You all that; Lord, You are all that.
Lord, You are all that to me.
I call You all that, Lord, You are all that.
All that You are, and all that You'll be.

Faithful You are, and faithful You'll be.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral call to confession

Almighty God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to reconcile the world to yourself. He does not turn away from the shamefulness in our lives, nor abandon us in our distress; He seeks always to redeem us. But too often, in our self-interest, we turn away from others who hurt us, whose actions bewilder us, or whose sorrow burdens us. Remind us of the privileges of your grace. O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and make us daily more like Christ, that we may truly be His body in this world, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

[Silent confessions]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits:

He forgives all your iniquity; He heals all your diseases; He redeems your life from the pit; He crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; He satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.

— from Psalm 103



TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Faithful

Faithful, forever You are faithful;
Father to the fatherless,
You uphold the one who feels forsaken.
You are faithful, God.

Faithful, forever You are faithful;
Lover of the wounded heart.
You defend the poor and the forgotten.
You are faithful, God.

Chorus:

And I will sing to the Maker of heaven and earth.
God, You reign forever and Your love will endure.
Faithful and true is the name of the Lord;
You are faithful, God.

Faithful, forever You are faithful;
Shelter for the fragile soul.
You lift us up, You hold us all together.
You are faithful, God.

Chorus

You are there in ev'ry season of my soul.
You are there, You're the anchor that will hold.
You are there, in the valley of the shadows.
You are faithful, God.

Chorus

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THE WORD

Mark 1:29-39

Sharing Breakforth with You

Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

He gathers the outcasts and lifts up the downtrodden.

The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.

(from Psalm 147)

For the LORD loves justice and does not forsake His godly ones; they are preserved forever.

(Psalm 37:28)

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempe still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

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May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble;

May the name of the God of Jacob defend you.

May He send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Zion. May He remember all your offerings, and accept your sacrifices.

May He grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your purpose.

We will rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer them from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. They have bowed down and fallen; but we have risen and stand upright.

Save, LORD! May the King answer when we call.

– Psalm 20

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.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

His steadfast love and mercy endure forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy and gathered to Himself.

They cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and He delivered them from their distress.

**Let them thank the LORD for His lovingkindness,
and for His wonderful works to the children of men.**

For He satisfies the longing soul,
and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness continues through all generations!

– from Psalms 107:1-9 and 100:5



Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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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

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the Throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose Name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.



Before Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness:
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace:
One in Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His Blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Everlasting God (reprise)

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Benediction:

To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before
His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—
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!

— Jude 24-25

A thought about worship...— “If Jesus ascended into heaven, has he left any signs of his presence among us? . . . If we wish to form congregational and personal spirituality, we will call attention to the ascended Lord who eternally intercedes for us and is always with us through the church and the signs of our identity with him (water) and of his continual nourishment (bread and wine).” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 152-153.)

Lectionary for next week:

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

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