



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 13, 2011 (Sixth Sunday of Epiphany)

Heaven and Nature Sing! On Earth As it Is in Heaven

GATHERING

Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of His name,
sing the glory of His praise!

**May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of His countenance and come to us.**

Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! All the earth bows down
before You, sings to You, sings out Your name."

**Let Your name be known upon the earth,
Your saving health among all nations.**

Come now, and see the works of God,
how wonderful He is in His doing toward all people.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples
with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.**

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!

**May God give us His blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of Him.**

– from Psalms 66 and 67



Beatitudes



Shout to the North

Verse 1

Men of faith, rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.

Chorus:

Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2

Rise up women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts,
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome King of love.

Verse 3

Rise up church with broken wings;
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God, who reigns on high;
By His grace again we'll fly.

Bridge:

We've been through fire, we've been through rain,
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You,
You've burned the truth on our lips.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



Holy, Holy

Lift up His name with the sound of singing,
Lift up His name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,
For He is worthy to be praised.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.
Who was and is, and is to come; Who was and is, and is to come –

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the hope of the gospel, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, the mystery which was hidden from past ages and generations but has now been manifested to us, His saints:

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

In Him all things in the heavens and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created through Him and for Him.

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

He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to 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 to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.

And although we were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet now He has reconciled us in His fleshly body through death, in order to present us before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach.

**God has made known to us the riches of the glory of this mystery:
Christ in us, the hope of glory.
Thanks be to God!**

– from Colossians 1:15-28



Psalm 119:1-8 (chant)

Blessed are those whose way is blameless*
who walk in the law of the Lord!
Blessed are they who observe His decrees*
and seek Him with all their hearts!
Who never do any wrong,*
but always walk in His ways.
You laid down Your commandments,*
that we should fully keep them.
Oh, that my ways were steadfast*
that I might keep Your statutes!
Then I should not be put to shame,*
when I look upon all Your commandments.
I will thank You with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned Your righteous judgments.
I will keep Your statutes;*
do not utterly forsake me.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for me.

*If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.*

But truly God has listened;

He has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer
or removed His steadfast love from me.**

– from Psalm 66:16-20

READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

TIME OF OFFERING

Prayers of thanksgiving and dedication

Made to Worship

Before the day, before the light,
Before the world revolved around the sun;
God on high stepped down into time,
And wrote the story of His love for everyone.

Chorus

He has filled our hearts with wonder

So that we always remember –

You and I are made to worship, you and I are called to love,
You and I are forgiven and free.

When you and I embrace surrender,

When you and I choose to believe,

Then you and I will see who we were meant to be.

Verse 2

All we are and all we have is all a gift from God that we receive.

Brought to life, we open up our eyes

To see the majesty and glory of the King.

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THE WORD

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Matthew 5:21-37



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord's Prayer

Choices, Duncan Long, Contemporary

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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Take My Life

Verse 1

Holiness, holiness is what I long for;
Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Chorus:

So take my heart and form it;
Take my mind, transform it;
Take my will, conform it
To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

Verse 2

Faithfulness, faithfulness...

Verse 3

Righteousness, righteousness...

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

Lord I want to be a Christian
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord I want to be a Christian
In my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian
In my heart.

Lord I want to be like Jesus...

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Benediction

The God of peace,
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the Great Shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good
so that you will choose life that you and your descendants may live,
loving the Lord your God, obeying Him, and holding fast to Him
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever!

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

—from Hebrews 13 and Deut. 30:20-21, NRSV

A thought about worship...

“Worship is the Gospel in motion. Worship celebrates the victory of Christ over the powers of evil. This is the first and most fundamental principle of worship. It declares what worship really is and helps us to focus on the most essential action of what we are called by God to do in worship.” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God’s Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 38-39.)

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