



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

February 16, 2014 (Sixth Sunday of Epiphany)

## GATHERING

We are gathered to worship the LORD,  
the God of all creation, maker of heaven and earth;

**We are gathered to declare the glory, majesty, and steadfast love  
of our God.**

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!**

– from Psalms 66, 86, 100, 105

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

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*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship,  
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God;  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives;  
Willingly our knees will bow.  
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength  
We gladly praise You now.

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*Come, Christians, Join to Sing (verse 2)*

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend, to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

*I Give You My Heart*

This is my desire: to honor You;  
Lord, with all my heart I worship You.  
All I have within me, I give You praise;  
All that I adore is in You.



Lord, I give You my heart,  
I give You my soul;  
I live for You alone.  
Ev'ry breath that I take,  
Ev'ry moment I'm awake,  
Lord, have Your way in me.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

**For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.**

This is the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe:

*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, 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, 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.*

**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. To Him be glory forever!**

– from Romans 11:33, 36 and Ephesians 1:3-14, 18



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!  
*Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,  
who seek Him with their whole heart;  
who also do no wrong, but walk in His ways!*

[Silence]

You have commanded Your precepts to be kept diligently.  
**Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes!**  
*Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all Your  
commandments.*

**I will praise You with an upright heart, when I learn Your  
righteous judgments. I will keep Your statutes; do not utterly  
forsake me!**

– Psalm 119:1-8

[Silent confessions]

### *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

Beloved, this is the promise of the God of steadfast love:

*Blessed are those who fear the LORD,  
who find great delight in His commands.  
Their children will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.*

**Praise the LORD! Thanks be to God!**

– from Psalm 112:1-3



## TIME OF OFFERING

*Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory  
due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!  
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before Him, all the earth.  
Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"*

– Psalm 96:7-9a

Meditations and reflections . . .

**Holy and loving God, in Your goodness, You have blessed us with  
the riches of Your grace. No words could ever express all that  
You've done, nor all that we have because of Your love. So we lay  
at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, as expressions of  
our worship, gratitude, and love.**

### *In the Beauty of Holiness*

In the beauty of holiness we see You, Son of righteousness,  
So we bring all that we possess to lay at Your feet.  
In the place where Your glory shines, Jesus lover of all mankind,  
You have drawn us with love divine to make us complete.

### *Chorus*

So I pause at Your gates once more,  
As my heart and my spirit soar;  
And I wish I could love You more:  
My God and my King!

Is there tribute that I could bring,  
Was there ever a song to sing,  
That could ever express, my King,  
The work that You've done?  
Could I ever conceive of this,  
All the depths and the heights and breadth,  
Of the riches I now possess  
Because of Your love?

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## THE WORD

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Isaiah 58:1-12

## 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 in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your Name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On earth as in heav'n.  
Give us today our daily bread;  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us;  
Save us from the time of trial,  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
And the glory are Yours.  
Now and forever, Amen.

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### *Fountain of Grace*

You have been faithful  
When I have been faithless,  
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.  
Forever giving  
When I have been selfish,  
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

Still the beginning of all that is holy,  
Unsearchable Ancient of Days.  
I kneel before You, and offer this vessel,  
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

You were the constant  
When I chose to wander,  
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.  
You were forgiveness  
When I cried for mercy,  
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

You are the author of all that is finished,  
I owe You my life and my praise.  
I kneel before You, and offer this vessel,  
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

Pour out the water of life on this vessel,  
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

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SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body



*Come, Christians, Join to Sing (verse 3)*

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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**Benediction:**

Brothers and sisters, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, ever mindful that the true riches are found in the bounty of His grace and in walking before Him with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength.

Now to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations who love Him and choose life, forever and ever.

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

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

"God made you as perfect as seemed good to Him. He has given you a free mind. He has set many objects before you so that you can distinguish their nature and choose the good things for yourself. He has set the heavens before you and placed the stars in them. He has set the sun and the moon before you. They run their courses every day. He has set all of the waters before you and restrained them by His Word. He has set the whole wide world before you, which remains at rest and continues to thrive without changing. For fear that you might assume the earth continues because of its own nature, He makes it quake when He pleases. He has set the clouds before you, which, by His command, rain water from above and satisfy the earth. Consequently, you should know that the One who puts these things into motion is superior to them all. Accept His goodness with gratitude because He has given you a mind to distinguish these things from one another. Therefore, I advise you: know yourself and know God." – Melito

***Lectionary for next week:*** Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40;  
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

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