



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 12, 2012 (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)

GATHERING

We extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted us up:

You have restored us, and have given us life.

Sing praises to the LORD, all you His faithful ones,

And give thanks to His holy name.

O LORD, by Your favor You have given us strength,

You are our Rock and our Salvation.

You have turned our mourning into dancing.

You have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

So that my soul may praise You and not be silent.

O LORD, our God, we will give thanks to You forever!

— from Psalm 30



Christ Healing a Leper, Rembrandt, c. 1657



Sing to the Lord

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

Chorus:

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise –
Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

Bridge:

God of compassion and God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
You dance around me,
You dance around me.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Sing to the Lord

And I, I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise – Sing to the Lord.



Doxology

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

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.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God's word assures us, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

—1 John 1:8-9

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

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.

[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.



The Repentance of Saint Peter
Jean André

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O LORD, my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

**O LORD, You brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life
from among those gone down to the Pit.**

His anger is but for a moment; His favor is for a lifetime.

**LORD, You have clothed Your people with joy, so that our souls may
praise You and not be silent.**

— from Psalm 30

Bless the Lord

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Cantor:

It is God who forgives all your guilt,

Who heals ev'ry one of your ills,

Who redeems your life from the grave,

Who crowns you with love and compassion.

Refrain

Cantor:

The Lord is compassion and love,

Slow to anger and rich in mercy.

God does not treat us according to our sins

Nor repay us according to our faults.

Refrain

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TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies of God's faithfulness
Prayers of thanksgiving and devotion

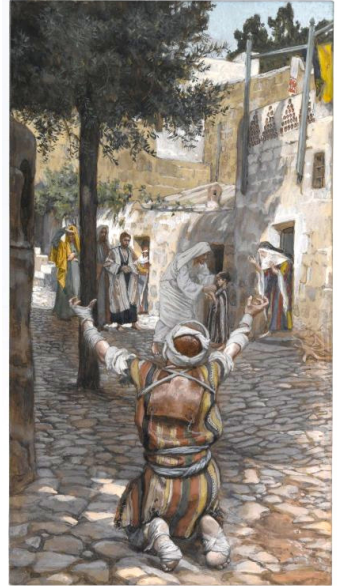
Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer: mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.



Healing of the Lepers at Capernaum.
James Tissot, c. 1886

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THE WORD

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

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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Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest 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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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

The Stand

So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned,
In awe of the One who gave it all.
I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered,
All I am is Yours.

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Benediction:

May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful; He will do it.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now, brothers and sisters, go forth in joy into the world to love and serve
the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers – “The cross of Christ made those who abused their authority subject to their former subjects. The cross teaches us, first of all, to resist sin to the point of death and to die willingly for the sake of religion. It also sets an example of obedience for us, and in the same way it punishes the stubbornness of those who once ruled us. Listen to how the Apostle Paul taught us obedience by the cross of Christ: ‘Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking upon Him the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and, being found in fashion as a man, He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.’ So, then, as a skilled master teaches both by example and command, so Christ taught us obedience, even to the point of death, by dying Himself in obedience.” – Rufinus

Lectionary for next week: 2 Kings 1:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6,
Mark 9:2-9

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