



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

April 10, 2011 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

## GATHERING

Let us worship the eternal God,  
the author of life and source of salvation.

**We are new creations in Christ;  
the old has passed away; behold, all things become new!**

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD upholds those who fall  
and raises up those who are bowed down;

**He causes us to stand upright,  
and breathes into us anew the breath of life.**

Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;

**For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with Him is great power to redeem.**

— based on Psalms 145:14, 146:8, 130:7



Resurrection Valley, Cornelis Monsma, Contemporary



### *Let it Rise*

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the praises of the King rise among us;  
Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the joy of the King rise among us;  
Let it rise.

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### INVOCATION

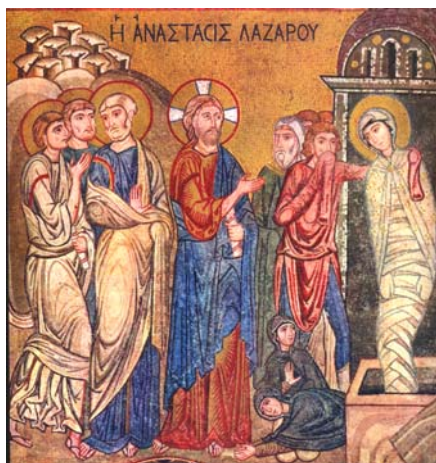
Prayers of welcome and praise

### *Garments of Praise*

Put on the garments of praise  
For the spirit of heaviness;  
Let the oil of gladness flow  
Down from Your throne.  
Put on the garments of praise  
For the spirit of heaviness;  
Your joy is my strength alone,  
My strength alone.

Make these broken, weary bones  
Rise to dance again;  
Wet this dry and thirsty land with a river.  
Lord, our eyes are fixed on You,  
And we are waiting for Your garland  
Of grace, as we praise Your name.

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Raising of Lazarus, Mid 12<sup>th</sup> Century,  
Cappella Palatina di Palermo



### *Holy is the Lord God Almighty*

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
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And together we sing; Ev'ryone sing:

Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory,  
The earth is filled with His glory.

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### PROFESSION OF FAITH

The word of the Lord:

The mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

*The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.*

However, we are not in the realm of the flesh but in the realm of the Spirit, because the Spirit of God lives in us and we belong to Christ.

*Christ is in us, and though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.*

**But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through His Spirit who lives in us.**

— from Romans 8:6-11



### *The Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
And my spirit exults in God my Savior.  
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness,  
And His name will be forever exalted.  
For the mighty God has done great things for me,  
And His mercy will reach from age to age.

And holy, holy, holy is His name.  
(repeat)

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### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths I have cried to You.

Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.  
*If you kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*

But with You there is forgiveness;  
so that we can, with reverence, serve You.

—Psalm 130:1-4

**Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be Your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow Your commands and proclaim Your love and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



### *Create In Me a Clean Heart*

Create in me a clean heart,  
And purify me, purify me.  
Create in me a clean heart,  
So I may worship Thee.

Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
Please don't take Your spirit from me.  
And restore the joy of salvation,  
So that I may worship Thee.

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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,  
and in His word I put my hope.

I wait for the Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning.  
*Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love,  
and with Him is abundant redemption.  
He redeems His people from all their sins.*

– from Psalm 130:5-8



De Profundis [Out of the Depths], Georges Rouault, 1928



## TIME OF OFFERING

Gracious Lord, we live and breathe because of Your life in us.  
Acknowledging Your goodness, we offer with joy and thanksgiving  
what You have first given us –ourselves, our time, and our possessions.  
Willingly we give back to You what always has been Yours. Receive,  
we pray, Your tithes and our offerings as expressions of our worship.

### *Breathing the Breath*

We have nothing to give that didn't first come from Your hands.  
We have nothing to offer You which You did not provide.  
Every good perfect gift comes from Your kind and gracious heart;  
And all we do is give back to You what always has been Yours.

### *Chorus*

Lord, we're breathing the breath that You gave us to breathe  
To worship You, to worship You.  
And we're singing these songs with the very same breath  
To worship You, to worship You.

### *Verse 2*

Who has given to You that it should be paid back to him?  
Who has given to You as if You needed anything?  
From You and to You and through You come all things, O Lord;  
And all we do is give back to You what always has been Yours.

### *Bridge:*

We are breathing the breath that You gave us to breathe (repeat)

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READING: Ezekiel 37:1-4, 7-14

Meditation on the Lenten portrait: *Prophet in a Dry Valley*



## THE WORD

Ezekiel 37:1-14

## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

*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.



*I Can Hear Your Voice*

I'm in the river that flows from Your throne;  
Water of life, Water of life.  
It covers me and I breathe again;  
You love is breath to my soul.  
I can hear Your voice as You sing over me,  
It's Your song of hope breathing life into me.  
I can feel Your touch as I come close to You,  
And it heals my heart, You restore and renew.

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Debbie Smith, Michael W. Smith, Whitney Smith

## SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



## Benediction

Now brothers and sisters, as you go forth into the world to live out your baptisms, loving and serving the Lord, be encouraged to observe a holy Lent, walking in Christ's own footsteps and taking on His likeness.

And whether the Spirit asks you to put something off, or take something on, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, who was obedient even to the point of death.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

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## *A thought about worship...*

"Perhaps we should be concerned about the apparent failure of our churches to tell the story of Christ through the order of worship. . . . A non-storytelling form of worship has been frozen in place in many evangelical churches. These haphazard forms are frequently regarded as biblical, even though they don't tell the story, and relevant, even though they are dull and out of touch with the human need."

(Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 59.)

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