



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

April 6, 2014 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

CALL TO WORSHIP

None But Jesus

Words and Music: Brooke Fraser

GATHERING

Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.

Who is like You, O God:

Majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

You, O God, are mighty forever, glorious in power;

Your faithfulness surrounds You.

You sustain the living, and give life to the dead;

You support the falling, loose those who are bound,

and keep your faithfulness to all generations.

Who is like you, O LORD God of hosts?

All Your works praise You, and Your faithful servants bless You.

This is my God, and I will praise Him;

this is our God; we will exalt Him.

– from Exodus 15; Psalm 89

Come, let us praise and bless His glorious name.

The Raising of Lazarus, James R.C.
Martin, Contemp.





Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever,
Forever. Amen, amen, amen.

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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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First Reading: John 11:1-4

INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!



Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

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Second Reading: John 11:5-16

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

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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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 heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against others, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

[Silence]

We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.

Revive us by your Holy Spirit. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

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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Third Reading: John 11:17-27



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because He inclined His ear unto me, therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

He has delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling. We will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

– from Psalm 116:1-9

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.

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.

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)



THE WORD

Fourth Reading: John 11:28-41

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.



The Raising of Lazarus,
Walter Sickert, c.1929

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What Grace is Mine

What grace is mine
That He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night
To find my distant soul,
And from His scars
Poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live,
And in His name be known?

Chorus

So, I will go wherever He is calling me.
I lose my life to find my life in Him.
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies.
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.

What grace is mine
To know His breath alive in me?
Beneath His wings,
My wakened soul may soar.
All fear can flee,
For death's dark night is overcome;
My Savior lives
And reigns forevermore.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Fifth Reading: John 11:41b-45



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All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
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Benediction

Now, dear ones, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord – like Lazarus, let us walk out, freely, understanding that our journey is from death to life, in Him.

To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

Amen. Thanks be to God!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“We read and believe many things in light of the Incarnation. But even in our human feelings, we can observe God’s greatness. For example, Jesus is wearied by His journey so that He can refresh the weary. He desires a drink when He is about to give spiritual water to the thirsty. He was hungry when He was about to supply the food of salvation to the hungry. He dies to live again. He is buried to rise again. He hangs on the dreadful cross to strengthen those in dread. He veils the heaven with thick darkness so that He can give light. He makes the earth shake so that He may make it strong. He rouses the sea so that He can calm it. He opens the tombs of the dead so that He can show that they are the homes of the living. He is born of a virgin so that people can believe He is born of God. He pretends not to know so that He can make the ignorant know. As a Jew He is said to worship so that the Son may be worshiped as the true God..”

– Ambrose

Lectionary for next week: Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

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