



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

March 25, 2012 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

GATHERING

Your covenant love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,

Your faithfulness extends to the skies.

Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

Your testimonies are fully confirmed;

Holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Whom have I in heaven but You?

And on earth, I desire nothing besides You.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

As for me, the nearness of God is my good;

I have made the LORD God my refuge,

that I may tell of all Your works.

O continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,

And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

— from Psalms 36, 93, 73



The Voice from On High, James Tissot, c. 1875



All To Us

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation,
You are faithful to the end.
We are waiting on You, Jesus.
We believe; You're all to us.
(repeat)

Chorus:

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.
We believe; You're all to us.

Only Son of God, sent from heaven;
Hope and mercy at the cross.
You are ev'rything, You're the promise;
Jesus, You are all to us.

CCLI Song No. 5869860 ©2010 worshiptogether.com songs. Chris Tomlin/Jesse Reeves/Matt Maher/Matt Redman. CCLI License # 3097801

INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift High the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Refrain



Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Him who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be;
Praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

Public domain. Words: George W. Kitchin, modified by Michael R. Newbolt in 1916. Hymn
tune: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**God was pleased, in His eternal purpose,
to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son,
to be the mediator between God and human beings.
As the mediator, He is the prophet, Priest, and King,
the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things,
and the Judge of the world.
God gave to Him, from all eternity,
a people to be His seed and to be by Him, in time,
redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.
The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself –
which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God –
has fully satisfied the justice of His Father.
He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting
inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the
Father has given to Him.**

– from Westminster Confession (MESV), Chap. VIII, Sec. 1, 5

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION



Psalm 51

Call to Confession:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Refrain:

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.

Donnie McClurkin. © 2003 Seven Summits Music and Don Mac Music

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;
in Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.*

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

*Against You only have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight;
and so You are justified when you speak,
and upright in Your judgment.*

Surely, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and a sinner from my mother's womb.

*Yet behold, You desire truth deep within me,
and in the hidden places You will make me know wisdom.*

Refrain



Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
*Make me to hear joy and gladness,
that the bones You have broken may rejoice.*
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
and sustain me with a willing spirit.
*Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
and sinners will turn back to You.*
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God of my salvation;
then my tongue will sing of Your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise.
For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;
You are not pleased with burnt offering.
*The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.*

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.

Donnie McClurkin. © 2003 Seven Summits Music and Don Mac Music

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's covenant promise to His people: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall all know Me, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sins no more." – Jeremiah 31:33-34

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and devotion

...

And now we offer ourselves, all we are and all we have, as an expression of our worship and a reflection of Your love. Amen.
I Will Bow to You



Lord, I will bow to You, to no other God but You alone.
Lord, I will worship You, nothing hands have made, but You alone.

I will lay down my idols, thrones I have made,
All that has taken my heart.
Lord, I will bow to You, to no other God but You alone

CCLI Song No 3262139; ©2001 Integrity's Praise! Music; Pete Episcopo

THE WORD

Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

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 (spoken)

The Last Supper, Christ Church,
Pompton NJ

**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**



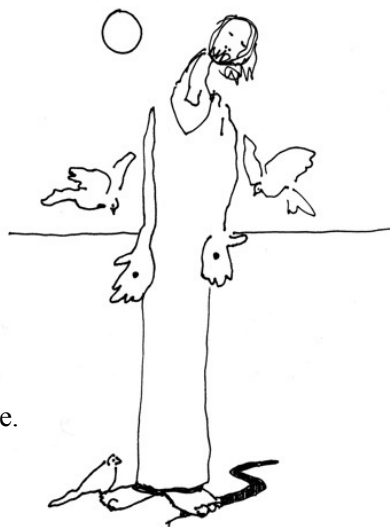
Worthy is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross, Lord;
Thank You for the price You paid:
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love You came,
And gave amazing grace.

Thank You for this love, Lord;
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,
Now all I know,
Your forgiveness and embrace.

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns,
You reign victorious.
High and lifted up, Jesus Son of God,
The darling of heaven crucified:
Worthy is the Lamb,
Worthy is the Lamb.



The Christ, Daniel Bonnell, Contemp.

CCLI Song No. 3217555; ©2000 Hillsong Publishing; Darlene Zschech

Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. You are holy.
Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

CCLI Song No. 626713 © 1990 Sony/ATV Milene Music; Michael W. Smith

SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



All To Us (chorus)

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.
We believe; You're all to us.

CCLI Song No. 5869860 ©2010 worshiptogether.com songs. Chris Tomlin/Jesse Reeves/Matt Maher/Matt Redman

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!

A thought about worship from the ancient fathers...— “Death is destroyed. The cross has triumphed over it. It no longer has any power but is truly dead. This is why all of Christ's disciples despise death and no longer fear it. They take the offensive against it. And by the sign of the cross and by faith in Christ they trample it down as dead. Before the Savior came, death was terrible to the saints. Everyone wept for the dead as though they perished. But now that the Savior has risen, death isn't terrible anymore. For everyone who believes in Christ tramples over death. . . . They testify of Christ's victorious Resurrection.”
— Athanasius

Lectionary for next week: Psalm 118:1-2. 19-29; Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-16;
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;
Mark 14:1-15:47

Epiclesis: An Ancient-Future Faith Community

www.Epiclesis.org

Sunday mornings at The Carmichael Chapel, 4600 Winding Way
(Corner of Winding Way and Pasadena), Sacramento, CA 95841.

Informal gathering: 10:00 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM.

Info line: (916)572-9113

©2012 E.K.