



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

April 5, 2011 (Maundy Thursday)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Jesus, Messiah*

He became sin, who knew no sin,  
That we might become His righteousness.  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross:  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

### *Chorus*

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel;  
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine,  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God.  
Jesus, Messiah ...

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Christ Washing the Disciples Feet, mosaic, ca 1210



## GATHERING

We are gathered together in the presence of the Lord, the God of all mercies, for a feast of love has been prepared for His own.

**I will bless the Lord at all times,**

**His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Happy are all those who take refuge in Him.**

I sought the Lord, and He answered me;

**He delivered me from all my fears.**

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt His name together.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord,**

**let the humble hear thereof and be glad.**

— from Psalm 34:1-4, 8

## INVOCATION

*Refrain: Ubi Caritas*

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

(Where there is charity and love, there God is.)

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The love of Christ has gathered us together into one.

Let us rejoice and be glad in Him.

*Let us fear and love the living God,*

*and love each other from the depths of our hearts.*

*Refrain*

Therefore when we are together,

let us take heed not to be divided in mind.

*Let there be an end to bitterness and quarrels, an end to strife,*

*and in our midst be Christ our God.*

*Refrain*



**And, in company with the blessed,  
may we see Your face in glory, Christ our God,  
with pure and unbounded joy for ever and for ever.**

*Refrain*

– Text from a hymn of the Ancient Church  
Traditionally sung on Holy Thursday

#### THE PSALM

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

*Response:*

**I will lift up the cup of salvation,  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

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

*Because He inclined His ear to me,  
therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.*

What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me?

*I will lift up the cup of salvation,  
and call upon the name of the Lord.*

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His servants.*

*Response*

O Lord, I am Your servant; I am Your servant and the child of Your handmaid. You have freed me from my bonds.

*I will offer You the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.*

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

*In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you,  
O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!*

*Response*



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have not loved You with all our heart and mind and soul and strength.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

[Silent confession]

We have not loved our neighbors as You have taught us.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

[Silent confession]

We have not fully received the saving grace of Your word and life.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

[Silent confession]

### *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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**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. Renew us in Your covenant love, that we may walk in Your ways and follow His example, loving each other as You have loved us. To the glory of Your name, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

**But Christ suffered and died for us; He was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us; He continues to intercede for us. And nothing shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

— from Romans 8:34, 39



## *Wondrous Love*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down;  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

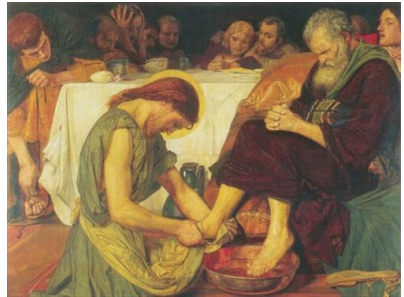
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the Great "I Am,"  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

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## THE WORD

John 13:1-17, 31-35  
Exodus 12:1-14  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

THE GRACE TO LET YOU SERVE ME, TOO  
A service of foot washing



Jesus Washing Peter's Feet at Last Supper,  
Ford Madox Brown, ca 1865

*Scriptures for meditation:*

"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.... If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."  
— John 13:14-17

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends.  
You are My friends, if you do what I command you.  
— John 15:13-14

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.  
—1 John 3:16



### *The Servant Song*

We are trav'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.  
Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony;  
Born of all we've known together, of Christ's love and agony.

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### *Make Us One*

Make us one, make us one; make us one, undivided body.  
Make us one, make us one. For the sake of Your Name, make us one.

Make us love, make us love;  
Make us love, so the world will know we love You.  
Make us love, make us love.  
For the sake of Your Name, make us love.

Make us pure, make us pure;  
Make us pure, and righteous, make us holy.  
Make us pure, make us pure.  
For the sake of Your Name, make us pure.

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### 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)

**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**

*Here is Love*

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Of Your fullness You are pouring Your great pow'r and love anew,  
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out our hearts to You.  
You alone will be our glory, nothing in the world we see.  
You have cleansed and sanctified us, You Yourself have set us free.

Let us all Your love accepting love You ever, all our days;  
Let us seek Your kingdom only and our lives be to Your praise.

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TENEBRAE

The Divine Embrace: Contemplating the Cross

(in silence)



At the Foot of the Cross, Macha Chmakoff,  
no date

SENDING FORTH

“And when they had sung a hymn, they went out...”

– Mark 14:26

*Here Is Love (reprise)*

Let us all Your love accepting  
Love You ever, all our days;  
Let us seek Your kingdom only  
And our lives be to Your praise.

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**You stretched out Your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross  
that everyone might come within the reach of Your saving  
embrace. So clothe us in Your Spirit that we, reaching forth our  
hands in love, may bring those who do not know You to the  
knowledge and love of You, for the honor of Your name. Amen.**

We invite worshipers to leave in silence.

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