



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

April 1, 2011 (Liturgy of the Palms)

GATHERING

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your King is coming to you;

He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

– Zechariah 9:9

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples.

He said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord has need of it,’ and immediately he will send it here.”

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street; and they untied it. Some of the bystanders were saying to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”

The disciples answered just as Jesus had commanded them. And they allowed them to take it.

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks on it. And He sat on it. And many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields.

Those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting:

“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest!”

And Jesus went into Jerusalem, and into the temple.

– Mark 11:1-11a



PROCESSION INTO THE CHAPEL

Hosanna

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!
(Repeat)

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Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!...

Sing praises, sing praises, sing praises to the King!...

All glory and honor and praises to the King!...

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!...





INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever. Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank You that You have answered me

and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and He has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are God, and we will give thanks to You;

You are our God, we will extol You. — from Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

All Glory, Laud and Honor

All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,

Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels is praising Thee on high,

And mortal men and all things created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;

Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;

To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring,

Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The word of the Lord:

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world, and who is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature.

*When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
born a descendant of David according to the flesh;
born of a woman, born under the Law;
in the likeness of sinful flesh, to be an offering for our sin;
so that He might redeem us,
that we might receive adoption as His children.*

God also highly exalted Him

**and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

—from Hebrews 1:1-3; Romans 1:3,8:3-4; Galatians 4:3-4, Philippians 2:9-11

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Righteous God of all time, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We have joyfully praised Him with shouts of Hosanna. Yet we confess that we have not always bowed before Him, and are often slow to acknowledge His rule. We too easily give allegiance to the powers and principalities of this world, and fail to live as Your covenant people. In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken and to receive us as Your own. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we may walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name.



Agnus Dei

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.
Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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Entry into Jerusalem, Fra Angelico, 1450

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the word of the Lord from Psalm 118:
Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

— based on Psalm 118:4,5,14,17



TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies of God's covenant faithfulness

Jesus said, "If these people were to keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out!"

**Lord, our lips will praise you! May our lives and our offerings
resound as worship and reflections of Your love.**

My Lips will Praise You

My lips will praise You, for You are holy.
My voice will ever rise before Your throne.
My heart will love You, for You are lovely,
And You have called me to become Your own.

I am Your own,
And I will worship You alone.
I am Your own, I am Your child.
I am Your own,
And I will worship at Your throne.
I am Your own, And I will love You.

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THE WORD

Mark 11:1-11

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.



Borrowing a Donkey, Sadao Watanabe,
1968



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by Your Name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done
On earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours.
Now and forever, Amen.

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Redeemer Saviour Friend

I know You had me on Your mind when You climbed up on that hill,
For You saw me with eternal eyes, while I was yet in sin.
Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.

Chorus

Oh, Redeemer, redeem my heart again;
Saviour, come and shelter me from sin.
You're familiar with my weakness, devoted to the end.
Redeemer, Saviour, Friend,

Every stripe upon Your battered back,
Every thorn that pierced Your brow,
Every nail drove deep through guiltless hands
Said that Your love knows no end.
Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.

So the grace You pour upon my life
Will return to You in praise,
And I'll gladly lay down all my crowns
For the name by which I'm saved.
Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Benediction:

Now brothers and sisters, we go forth into the world to live out our baptisms, loving and serving the Lord. Just as we have carried these branches, and in praise declared Jesus Messiah and King, may we now follow Christ in the way of the cross – journeying with Him in this week of remembrance and hope – and taking on His likeness, for the honor of His holy name, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (verse 3)

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n, our King;
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

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A thought about worship... “Between the wedding feast in Cana and the impending death of Jesus, a progressive unveiling of his glory will appear. The season of Epiphany . . . celebrates this progressive unveiling of God’s glory manifest in Jesus and invites us to order our spiritual journey around the Christ manifest in history, manifest in us. . . . Spirituality is Christ living his life in us and through us. The manifestation of the glory of God made present in Jesus is to continue in his followers.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality Through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 85-86.)

Lectionary for next week: Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

(Readings for each day of Holy Week can be found at The Revised Common Lectionary: <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>)

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