



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 21, 2011 (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Give thanks to the LORD with a whole heart;
tell of all His wonderful works.

**We will be glad and exult in Him;
and sing praises to the name of the Most High.**

Bow down toward His holy temple in worship, and give thanks
to His name for His unfailing love and faithfulness.

For He has exalted His name and His word above all things.

On the day I called, He answered me;

He increased the strength of my soul.

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for us;

His steadfast love endures forever.

**O give thanks to the LORD and sing of His ways,
for great is the glory of the Lord!**

– from Psalm 138



Saint Peter, Peter Paul Rubens, c. 1616



Sing to the Lord

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

Chorus:

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise – Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

Bridge:

God of compassion and God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
You dance around me, You dance around me.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Doxology (All People That On Earth Do Dwell)

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.



Sing to the Lord, exalt His name; O, make His praise glorious.
Pour forth His praise, His anthem raise;
Rejoice in Him forever.
(Repeat)

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

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Verse: words from *Fourscore and Seven Psalms of David* (Geneva, 1561), attributed to William Kethe. *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*, vs. 4: Music: *Old 100th*, attrib. to Louis Bourgeois.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The word of the Lord, from Matthew 16:13-20:

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,

He asked His disciples,

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

And they said,

**“Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”**

He said to them,

“But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered,

“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him,

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Then He sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Messiah.



Could You Be Messiah?
Gary Valenciano

Teresa Gardner
Worship in dance

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to confession:

Though the Lord is high and exalted, yet He regards the lowly; but the proud and haughty He sees only from afar.
– Psalm 138:6

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.
– Psalm 34:17, 18

“These are the ones I look on with favor,” says the Lord, “those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at My word.”
– Isaiah 66:2

For thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, “I dwell in the high and holy place, and with the contrite and lowly of spirit, in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”
– Isaiah 57:15

[Silent confessions]

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.



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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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD.
Look to the Rock from which you were hewn. For the LORD will
comfort His people; joy and gladness will be found in them,
thanksgiving and the voice of song. And His justice will be a light to
the peoples: His salvation will be forever, and His deliverance will
never be ended.

– from Isaiah 51:1-6

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and devotion:

Lord, You are Messiah to me ...

Lord, You are Messiah to us ...

**And now, Messiah and Lord, we offer ourselves, all we are and all
we have, as an expression of our worship and a reflection of
Your love. Amen.**



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.

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Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us;
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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THE WORD

Matthew 16:13-20

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.



Saint Peter, Michele Giambono, c. 1445



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.

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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

Jesus Messiah (reprise)

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

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Benediction

Beloved, Jesus Christ is Messiah, the Son of the living God. Our all-powerful Father in heaven has, in His unlimited grace, revealed Him to us and sealed us through His Spirit. As He reigns as King and Messiah in our hearts, may we rejoice in His peace and justice, and live in His love as we go forth into the world to love and serve Him.

Glory to God in the church!

Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!

Glory to God throughout all the generations!

Glory to God forever and ever! Amen!

(Eph. 3:21)

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...— “Here [is the last of] five practical suggestions that will help Communion become a more powerful medium for communicating God’s saving work and our appropriation of it. 5. *Sing [songs] during Communion that reflect both God’s work and our response.* Music itself is both a verbal and symbolic form of communication. . . . What we say and do as a congregation produces a union between Christ’s self-giving and the giving of ourselves in the world. This is ritual communication, which shapes our lives and forms our attitudes and perspectives.”

(Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God’s Mighty Deeds of Salvation* Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992, 98-99).

Lectionary for next week: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Epicleris: An Ancient-Future Faith Community

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