



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 5, 2012 (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Shout to the North

Men of faith, rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.

Chorus:

Shout to the North and the South;
Sing to the East and the West.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2

Rise up women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts,
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome King of love.

Verse 3

Rise up church with broken wings;
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God, who reigns on high;
By His grace again we'll fly.

Bridge:

We've been through fire, we've been through rain,
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You,
You've burned the truth on our lips.



Rise Up (detail), Rebecca Primeau, Contemp



Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
Sing the glory of His name; tell of His deeds among the peoples;
Make His praise glorious!

The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

There is none like You, O LORD, nor are there any works like Yours.

**All the nations You have made shall come and bow down before
You, and shall glorify Your name.**

Glory in His holy name.

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.

Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

For the LORD is good and His mercy endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations

Let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!

— Psalms 66, 86, 100, 105

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy, Lord God, Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
He has come to His people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of His servant David.
Through His holy prophets He promised of old,
that He would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember His holy covenant.
This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies:

Free to worship Him without fear,
holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.
In the tender compassion of our God, the Dayspring from on high
has come to us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

— adapted from Canticle 16, “The Song of Zechariah” (Luke 1:68-79)



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

Refrain:

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cantor: Create in me a clean heart, O God

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God

Cantor: And renew a right spirit within me

People: And renew a right spirit within me

All: Cast me not away from Thy presence

And take not Thy holy spirit from me.

Carl F. Mueller (1892-1982)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;
according to Your abundant mercy 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, You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in
Your sight; and so You are justified in Your sentence
and upright in Your judgment.**

[Silence]

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

**Yet behold, You desire truth in my inward being;
therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

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.**

– Psalm 51:1-8,12



Refrain (*Create in Me a Clean Heart*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.*

— Psalm 51:15-17

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

TIME OF OFFERING

Meditation: 2 Peter 1:3-8

Fountain of Grace

You have been faithful when I have been faithless,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.
Forever giving when I have been selfish,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

Still the beginning of all that is holy, unsearchable Ancient of Days.
I kneel before You, and offer this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

You were the constant when I chose to wander,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.
You were forgiveness when I cried for mercy,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

You are the author of all that is finished,
I owe You my life and my praise.
I kneel before You, and offer this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

Pour out the water of life on this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

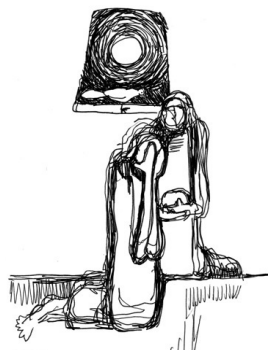
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THE WORD

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalm 51



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Bread Sharers, Daniel Bonnell, Contemp

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 in heaven, hallowed be 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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Yet I Will Praise You

I will praise You, Lord, my God;

Even in my brokenness I will praise You, Lord.

I will praise You, Lord, my God;

Even in my desperation I will praise You, Lord.

And I can't understand all that You allow,

I just can't see the reason.

But my life is in Your hands,

And though I cannot see You, I choose to trust You.



Chorus 1

Even when my heart is torn, I will praise You, Lord.
Even when I feel deserted, I will praise You, Lord.
Even in the darkest valley, I will praise You, Lord.
And when my world is shatter'd, and it seems all hope is gone,
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

Verse 2

I will trust You, Lord, my God;
Even in my loneliness I will trust You, Lord.
I will trust You, Lord, my God;
Even when I cannot hear You I will trust You, Lord.
And I will not forget that You hung on a cross,
Lord, You bled and died for me.
And if I have to suffer I know that You've been there,
And I know that You're here now.

Chorus 2

Even when my heart is torn I will trust You, Lord.
Even when I feel deserted I will trust You, Lord.
Even in the darkest valley I will trust You, Lord.
And when my world is shatter'd, and it seems all hope is gone,
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

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Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name,
When I'm found in the desert place;
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name,
On the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Fountain of Grace (reprise)

Pour out the water of life on this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

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Benediction:

Beloved, we go in joy and with thankful hearts,
because God Himself, the God of all grace and Creator of all things,
both seen and unseen, tabernacles in us and is pleased to make His
dwelling among us.

Now may the grace, power, and joy of Christ dwell always in us,
as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Amen! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Jesus said, ‘Ye cannot serve God and mammon.’ Let us shudder to think what we have brought Christ to say; with the name of God, to put that of gold. But if this be shocking, its taking place in our deeds, our preferring the tyranny of gold to the fear of God, is much more shocking.”

– Chrysostom, *Homilies on Matthew*

Lectionary for next week: 2 Samuel 18:5-6,15,31-33; Psalm 130; 1 Kings 19:4-8;
Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51

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