



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 28, 2011 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary;
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

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Sanctuary: Green and Blue, Yoram Raanan, 2002

O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples.

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

tell of all His wonderful works.

Glory in His holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

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

Remember the wonderful works He has done,

His miracles, and the judgments He has uttered.

The LORD made His people very fruitful,

and made them stronger than their foes.

We will make known His deeds among the peoples,

and proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

For He has remembered His covenant forever,

the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

In the presence of the faithful we proclaim His name, for it is good.

His faithfulness continues through all generations!



I Will Sing

I will sing (echo)
Of Your great love (echo),
And I will tell (echo)
Of all You've done (echo).
With Your praise on my lips
I'll declare Your faithfulness;
I will sing (echo)
Of Your great love.

Verse 1:

I seek You in the morning,
Your tenderness and mercy fill my cup.
Your grace is overflowing,
You satisfy my needs and fill me up.
So I will sing –

Verse 2:

The heavens praise Your wonders,
And I will lift my voice and join the song.
Your glory shines around me,
Your faithfulness surrounds me all day long.
So I will sing –

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Sanctuary

Lord, transform us into Your sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, we will be living
Sanctuaries for You.

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(Lyric alteration: Ellen Koehler)



PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I am called Christian
because by faith I am a member of Christ,
and so I share in His anointing.**

**I am anointed
to confess His name,
to present myself to Him as a living sacrifice of thanks,
to strive with a good conscience
against sin and the devil in this life,
and afterward to reign with Christ
over all creation, for all eternity.**

**We call him “our Lord” because —
not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood —
He has set us free
from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,
and has bought us, body and soul,
to be His very own.**

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A’s 32, 34

Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts, thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues, telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to confession:

I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your true and proper, reasonable and spiritual service of worship.

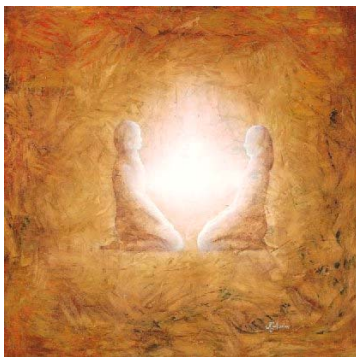
And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

– Romans 12:1-2

[Silent confessions]

Lord, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go. Flood our souls with Your spirit and life. Shine through us, and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel Your presence in our soul. Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus! Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as You shine... Let us preach You without preaching, not by words but by our example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to You.

A prayer of John Henry Newman



Union of Souls, Kate Austin, Contemp



Psalm 26:1-8 (chanting)

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;*
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

Test me, O LORD, and try me;*
examine my heart and my mind.

For Your love is before my eyes;*
I have walked faithfully with You.

I do not sit with the worthless,*
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I hate the company of evildoers;*
I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,*
that I may go in procession round Your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving*
and recounting all Your wonderful deeds.

LORD, I love the house in which You dwell*
and the place where Your glory abides.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is what the Lord says:

If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve Me and stand before Me.

—Jeremiah 15:19

Since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. —Hebrews 12:28-29



TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies of God's providence and faithfulness

The Heart of Worship

When the music fades, all is stripped away,
And I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth,
That will bless Your heart.

Bridge:

I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.

Chorus:

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You,
All about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You,
All about You, Jesus.

Verse 2:

King of endless worth, no one could express
How much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours,
Every single breath.

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THE WORD

Romans 12



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 (sung)

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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All Consuming Fire

All Consuming Fire,
You're my heart's desire;
And I love You dearly, dearly, Lord.
You're my meditation,
And my consolation;
And I love You dearly, dearly, Lord.

Glory to the Lamb;
I exalt the Great I Am.
Reigning on Your glorious throne,
You are my eternal home.



Holy Spirit and Fire, Roderick Hinson,
Contemp

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Benediction

Beloved, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, may we have always such an awareness of His love and mercies and transforming power, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth His praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to His service and walking before Him in holiness and righteousness all our days. Through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

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

The Stand

So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned,
In awe of the One who gave it all.
I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered,
All I am is Yours.

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A thought about worship...— “In worship our focus is not on self, not on our problems, not on other people or circumstances, but on God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. . . . Our calling is to be present to the action that is taking place, to focus on the moment, to center on the Christ whom we have come to celebrate.” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992, 99-100).

Lectionary for next week: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

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