



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

August 4, 2013 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

**His steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those whom He has redeemed  
from the hand of the enemy and gathered to Himself.

**They cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
and He delivered them from their distress.**

Let them thank the LORD for His lovingkindness,  
and for His wondrous works to the children of men.

**For He satisfies the longing soul,  
and fills the hungry soul with goodness.**

All creation declares the goodness of our God:

He covers the heavens with clouds, supplies the earth with rain,  
and provides for His creatures, great and small.

**The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,  
in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

Come, let us sing praises to the LORD with songs of thanksgiving!

— from Psalms 107:1-9 and 147:1, 8-11





### *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along:  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! . . .

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness:  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia! . . .

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### INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

#### *The Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
And my spirit exults in God my Savior.  
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness,  
And His name will be forever exalted.



For the mighty God has done great things for me,  
And His mercy will reach from age to age.

And holy, holy, holy is His name.

He has mercy in ev'ry generation;  
He has revealed His power and His glory.  
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance,  
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly.  
He has come to help His servant Israel;  
He remembers His promise to our fathers.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

**For we have died and our life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then we also will be revealed with Him in glory.**

Put to death, therefore, whatever is earthly in you:

immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry.

**For it is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.**

**And in them we also once walked, when we were living in them.**

But now you also are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your lips. Do not lie to one another, since you put off the old self with its practices.

**We have put on the new self which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of our Creator, in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free, but Christ is all, and in all.**

— Colossians 3:1-11



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

You are great and do wondrous things;

You alone are God.

*Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.*

– Psalm 86:10-11

[Silent confessions]

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and against others, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

*All Creatures of Our God and King* (verse 4)

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part;

O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear:

Praise God and on Him cast your care.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

*The LORD is good to all,*

*and His tender mercies are over all His works.*

He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;

He also will hear their cry and save them.

*The Lord preserves those who love Him.*

**All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,  
and Your saints shall bless You.**

– Psalm 145: 8-10, 19-20a



## TIME OF OFFERING

Almighty and gracious God, we give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all that You have made.

We bless You for the gift of life ...

We bless You for Your protection round about us ...

We bless You for Your provisions to us ...

We bless You for Your guiding hand upon us ...

We thank You for the expressions of Your love You continually lavish upon us every day ...

**With joy, we present our offerings, returning to You what You have first given to us, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### *When It's All Been Said and Done*

When it's all been said and done, there is just one thing that matters:  
Did I do my best to live for truth? Did I live my life for You?

When it's all been said and done, all my treasures will mean nothing;  
Only what I've done for love's reward will stand the test of time.

Lord, Your mercy is so great, that you look beyond our weakness;  
And find purest gold in miry clay, making sinners into saints.

I will always sing Your praise, here on earth and ever after;  
For You've shown me Heaven's my true home,  
When it's all been said and done;  
You're my life when life is gone.

When it's all been said and done, there is just one thing that matters:  
Did I do my best to live for truth? Did I live my life for You?  
Lord, I'll live my life for You.

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## THE WORD

Luke 12:13-21

## 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, 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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*I Will Bow to You*

Lord, I will bow to You,  
To no other God but You alone.  
Lord, I will worship You,  
Nothing hands have made, but You alone.

I will lay down my idols,  
Thrones I have made,  
All that has taken my heart.  
Lord, I will bow to You,  
To no other God but You alone

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SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body



*All Creatures of Our God and King (reprise)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below:  
O Praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**Benediction:**

Brothers and sisters, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, walking before Him with a whole heart, ever mindful that our treasure is not in earthly things, but in heavenly things. Let us be known not as those who greedily store up treasures for ourselves, but as those who are rich toward God.

Now to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations who fear Him, forever and ever.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Lectionary for next week:*** Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Genesis 15:1-6;  
Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

***A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –***

“Let those who are thirsty come and with a full mouth drink the water of salvation from an ever-flowing fountain. By this divine food and drink the blind shall see, the deaf hear, and the dumb speak; the lame will walk, the foolish will be wise, the sick will be strong, and the dead will come to life again. The supreme and honest Judge will raise to life and to eternal light whoever has trampled on the corruptions of the earth by their righteousness. Let no one trust in riches, in badges of authority, or even in royal power. These things don't make a man immortal. For those who disregard the discipline of maturing by seeking present things throw themselves face first to the ground and will be punished as deserters from their Lord, Commander, and Father. Therefore, let us strain toward righteousness. It alone, as an inseparable companion, will lead us to God.”

– Lactantius

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