



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 19, 2012 (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

We are gathered to praise and worship the eternal God,
Almighty, the source of all life and blessing.

**There is none like You, O LORD,
Holy and awesome; righteous and just;
nor are there any works like Yours.**

For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

**We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole hearts,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Praise the LORD!**

— from Psalms 86 and 111



Wisdom, German, Hildesheim, c. 1170



Immortal Invisible (Your Great Name We Praise)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Verse 2

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light;
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might.
Your justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Chorus

Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Verse 3

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true Life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Verse 4

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight.
All praise we will render, oh Father of Grace;
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy name;
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
 All on earth Thy scepter claim,
 All in Heaven above adore Thee;
 Infinite Thy vast domain,
 Everlasting is Thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
 While in essence only One,
 Undivided God we claim Thee;
 And adoring bend the knee,
 While we own the mystery.



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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Our faith rests not on human wisdom, but on the power of God.

This is the power of God: Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

**We declare the wisdom of God, a mystery that was hidden and that
 God ordained for our glory from before time began.**

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would
 not have crucified the Lord of glory.

**But as it is written: “No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human
 heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love
 Him.” But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.**

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How
 unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

**For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things;
 To Him be glory forever.**

– from 1 Corinthians 2:1-10 and Romans 11:33, 36



Psalm 111

Refrain (sung):

Praise the Lord! I will thank Him with my whole heart.

Bless His Name! I will delight in His great works.

Honor and majesty, righteous forever; Holy and awesome is He!

Great are the works of the LORD;

they are studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is His work,

and His righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by His wonderful deeds;

the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Refrain

He provides food for those who fear Him;

He is ever mindful of His covenant.

He has shown His people the power of His works,

in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of His hands are faithful and just;

all His precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever,

to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Refrain

He sent redemption to His people;

He has commanded His covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is His name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Refrain

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20



O LORD, You desire truth in our innermost being;

Teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Send out Your light and Your truth;

Let them lead us, and bring us to Your tabernacle.

Take away from us the guilt of our sin;

Then our tongues shall joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

[Silence]

O LORD, You desire truth in our innermost being;

Teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

— from Psalm 43:4, 51:6

Lord, Have Mercy

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken,
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom;
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

Chorus:

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on me.

I have longed to know You, and all Your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the LORD:

*He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant
forever. Holy and awesome is His name.*

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who
practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

— Psalm 111:9-10



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of God's work in our lives

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— 2 Peter 1:3-8

Call Us From the Outer Court

Call us from the outer court, Lord,
Draw us with Your incense sweet;
Help us to lay the cares of this day
At Your feet, at Your feet.

Laying down all earthly idols,
Taking up Your gifts of grace;
We enter in, for we find a Friend
In Your face, in Your face.

Chorus:

Our spirits cry out, we long for more;
Our freedom comes as we adore You.

Cause a holy hunger in us,
For nothing here on earth compares;
No treasure so fair, no jewel so rare
As the love that You show in Your courts.

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THE WORD

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

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 (spoken)

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

King of Wisdom and Light

Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and might:
Heaven is filled with Your glory,
King of wisdom and light.

We worship You, We praise You,
God Most High;
We worship You, We praise You,
King and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Immortal Invisible (reprise, verse 4)

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Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

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Benediction:

Now, beloved, we go forth in joy and with thankful hearts,
into the world to love and serve the Lord –
remembering that God Himself tabernacles in us, and He is
increasing in us the character of Christ, so that the measure of our
lives might be the fullness of the stature of Christ the Lord.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Solomon says, ‘Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not upon thine own understanding: in all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.’

Understand what He says: we must not trust in our wisdom, but in the Lord alone. For He directs a person's steps. We are also called to show Him our ways, to reveal our plans to Him. For they aren't made straight by our own work, but by His assistance and mercy. It is written, "Make my way right before Thy face." Then what is right to You will also seem also right to me.”

– Jerome

Lectionary for next week: 1 Kings 8:1-43; Psalm 84; Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18;
Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

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