



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

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## GATHERING

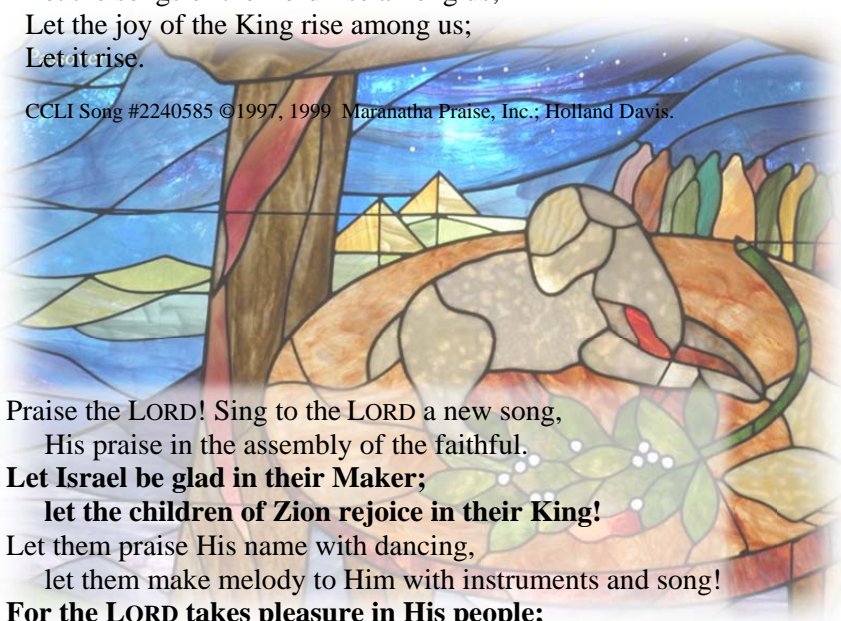
*Let it Rise*

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the praises of the King rise among us;  
Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;  
Let the joy of the King rise among us;  
Let it rise.

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Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
His praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**Let Israel be glad in their Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Let them praise His name with dancing,  
let them make melody to Him with instruments and song!

**For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;  
He adorns the humble with victory.**

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy and be glad!

– based on Psalm 149:1-6



(Sung, to the tune of *Let It Rise*):

Let Israel be glad in their Maker,  
Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King;  
Let the faithful exult in glory,  
Let them sing and be glad.  
Let them praise the name of the LORD with dancing,  
Let them praise His name with harp and song;  
Let the faithful exult in glory,  
Let them sing and be glad.

Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty*

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown:

And together we sing; Ev'ryone sing:

*Chorus*

Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory,  
The earth is filled with His glory.

*Verse*

We stand and lift up our hands,  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now;  
How great, how awesome is He.

*Chorus*

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



## *To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

### *Chorus:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:  
*He has looked favorably on His people and redeemed them.*

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.*

Thus He has shown the mercy promised to our fathers,  
and has remembered 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 serve Him without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness all our days.**

**In the tender mercy 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

You know that it was not with perishable things like silver or gold that you were redeemed from the futile way of life inherited from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

*He was chosen and destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.*

Just as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

– from 1 Peter 1:15-21

[Silence]

Most holy and 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

**Be gracious to us, and hear our prayer. Cleanse us from sin and accomplish the work of Your salvation, that we may walk as Your people in holiness, to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

### *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*

The blood that Jesus shed for me ‘way back on Calvary,  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day;  
It will never lose its pow’r.

#### *Chorus*

It reaches to the highest mountain,  
It flows to the lowest valley.  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day;  
It will never lose its pow’r.



It soothes my doubt and calms my fears,  
And it dries all my tears;  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day;  
It will never lose its pow'r.

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#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you:  
God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

*If we walk in the light, just as He is in the light, then we have fellowship  
with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all  
sin.*

But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

– from 1 John 1:5-9

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and testimonies of God's faithfulness

##### *Lamb of God*

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died;  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.



I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God.

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## THE WORD

Exodus 12:1-14

## 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 us 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**





*Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the Throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose Name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands;  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in Heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Before Him there, the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
The King of glory and of grace:  
One with Himself I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His Blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



*Holy is the Lord God Almighty (reprise)*

Holy is the Lord God Almighty. the earth is filled with His glory.  
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**Benediction**

People of God, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord remembering this:

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, our Father God has seen the blood of His beloved Son in the covenant meal of remembrance we have shared. And in the power of the Holy Spirit, we leave the enslavements of our ancient enemy behind us and head towards the Land of Promise. Now, let us depart from this place, walking out our baptisms into an uncertain wilderness, but still guided by that mighty hand and outstretched arm, as a people delivered and set free.

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

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“The people were released from Egypt by a strong hand and an outstretched arm. This wasn’t the hand of Moses and Aaron, but of God, who set them free by signs and wonders and by destroying the firstborn of Egypt. As a result, those who were at first persistent in keeping the people eagerly urged them to leave at last. 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. Solomon says the same thing: ‘Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.’ Therefore, thoughts are carried out when we commit everything we do to the Lord our Helper, resting our works on the firm and solid rock, and attributing everything to Him.”

– Jerome

**Lectionary for next week:** Exodus 14:19-31, 15:1b-11, 20-21; Psalm 114;  
Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12;  
Matthew 18:21-35

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