



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 26, 2012 (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us
– *so that Your ways may be known on the earth,*
Your salvation among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!**

For the LORD has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**O LORD, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth
beneath, keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your
servants who walk before You with all their heart.**

Glory in His holy name:

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

Come, let us praise and worship our gracious God!

– from Psalms 67, 86, 98, 105; 1 Kings 8:23

Let the Peoples Praise

Let the peoples praise You, O God.
(4 times)

Only One, only One worthy (3x)
Worthy is the Lamb.

Glory to the Righteous One (3x)
From the ends of the earth we hear songs.
(Hallelujah! The Lamb has won).

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Come Thou, Almighty King

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be, hence evermore;
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

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Better Is One Day

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied,
Within Your presence;
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God;
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen, Your gift of love to me;
I will draw near to You, I will abide in You.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Beati/Psalm 84

Refrain:

Beati, in domo Domini.

(Happy are they who dwell in God's house)

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Refrain

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young, at your altars,

O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

How blessed are those who dwell in Your house

They are ever praising You.

Refrain

Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;

the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

Refrain

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; He bestows grace and glory.

No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, how blessed are those who trust in You!

Refrain



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, “I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

– Isaiah 57:15

[Silence]

Most holy and merciful God:

We confess to You and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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 others as You have loved us. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord. Accept our repentance, and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world; through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
(repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.

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.

The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

– from Psalm 34:15-22

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of God's work in our lives

Faith – Goodness; Goodness – Knowledge; Knowledge – Self-control; Self-control – Perseverance; Perseverance – Godliness; Godliness – Mutual affection; 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 1:5-8

God of glory, You have created us and called us by Your own glory and goodness. In gratitude, we now offer ourselves, all we are and all we have, as expressions of our worship. We live to glorify Your name.

Glorify Your Name

Your presence, Your glory,
You're welcome here.
All honor, dominion,
Lord, please come near.
We want You, we need You,
We live to glorify Your name.

Chorus

Glorify Your name, glorify Your name,
Glorify the name above all names.



The Glory, Cornelis Monsma, Contemp.



THE WORD

1 Kings 8:1-43



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

Shekinah Glory, Unknown

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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Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.
Who was and is, and is to come,
Who was and is, and is to come –

Lift up His name with the sound of singing,
Lift up His name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,
For He is worthy to be praised.

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The Glory that Excels, Mark Lawrence, Contemp.

Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia,
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia,
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, holy,
Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb,
Worthy is the Lamb.
You are holy.
Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb,
Worthy is the Lamb;
Amen.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Let the Peoples Praise (reprise)

Glory to the Righteous One (3x)
From the ends of the earth we hear songs.

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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...

“True worship generates the sense of ‘What a great story,’ or ‘I can’t believe that God would do that for the world and for me,’ or ‘What a God to become human and to restore all things through Christ.’ For some people the truth declared in worship will be received with exuberance, and for others the truth of God’s story will be received with reserve, with a quiet sense of joy, or even with relief. But for us all, a worship that sings, proclaims, and enacts God’s story should result in a delight that produces an ongoing participation in the purposes of God in life.” Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006), 238.

Lectionary for next week: -Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9;
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

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