



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

September 14, 2014 (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

Lord, open our lips,  
**and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.**

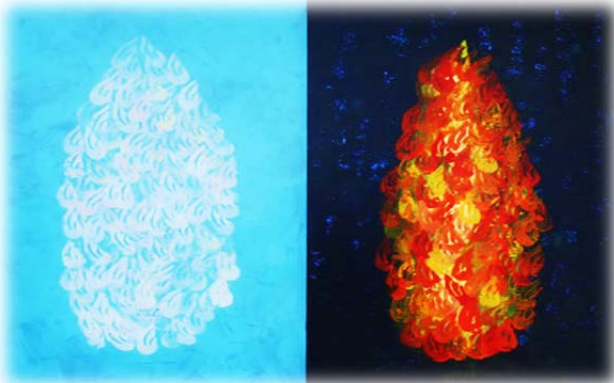
Who is like You, O LORD –  
majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?  
**The LORD is my strength and song;  
He has become my salvation.  
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.**

Who is like You, O LORD –  
majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?  
**He is the God who works wonders,  
And He has displayed His might among the peoples.**

Remember the deeds of the LORD, and meditate on all His work,  
For He is great, and His way is holy.  
**His way was through the sea, His path through the mighty waters;  
His footprints were unseen, yet He led His people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

Who is like You, O LORD –  
majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?  
**This is my God, and I will praise Him;  
this is our God; we will exalt Him!**

– from Exodus 15, Psalms 118 and 77



Cloud By Day: Fire By Night, Mordecai Colodner, Contemp



*Oh, the Lord, Our Strength and Song (Song of Moses)*

Oh, the Lord, our strength and song;  
Highest praise to Him belongs.  
Christ, the Lord, the conquering King;  
Your name we raise, Your triumphs sing.

*Chorus:*

Praise the Lord, our mighty warrior;  
Praise the Lord, the glorious One;  
By His hand we stand in victory,  
By His name we overcome.

*Verse 2:*

Though the storms of hell pursue  
In darkest night we worship You.  
You divide the raging sea;  
From death to life You safely lead.

*Verse 3:*

All the saints and angels bow,  
Hosts of heaven crying out,  
“Glory, glory to the King.  
You reign for all eternity.”

*Bridge:*

The Lord shall reign forever and ever. (repeat)

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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

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in the words  
of this creed of the ancient church:

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

**born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day He rose again;**

**He ascended to heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications.

Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!

*Teach me the way in which I should walk, for to You I lift up my soul.*

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; let Your good Spirit lead me into a level country and into the land of uprightness.

– Psalm 143:1, 8b, 10 (NASB, Amp.)

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray,  
By a thousand snares surrounded:  
Keep us without sin today,  
Never let us be confounded.  
Lo, I put my trust in Thee;  
Never, Lord, abandon me.

[Silence]

Most merciful God,

**You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Yet too often we have strayed from Your way. 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.**

[Silent confessions]

**We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

[Silence]

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In Your mercy, forgive us and raise us from sin that we may be Your faithful people, delighting in Your will and walking in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### *Bless the Lord (Refrain)*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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(spoken)

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits –*

**Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

– Psalm 103:1-5

### *Refrain*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will He keep His anger forever.

*He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.*

**As far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for His children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear Him.**

– Psalm 103:8-13

### *Refrain*

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and testimonies of God's faithfulness



### *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.  
Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight,  
Thou my whole armor, and Thou my true might.  
Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower.  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance now and always.  
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun;  
Grant me its joys e'er the victory is won.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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Ancient Irish Hymn (SLANE); trans. Mary Byrne, 1905; versified by Eleanor Hull, 1912.

### THE WORD

Exodus 14:19-31

### 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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### *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou are mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,  
Feed me 'til I want no more;  
Feed me 'til I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv'rer, Strong Deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan bid my anxious fears subside.  
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

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## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

*Oh, the Lord, Our Strength and Song (Song of Moses) [reprise]*

Praise the Lord, our mighty warrior;  
Praise the Lord, the glorious One;  
By His hand we stand in victory,  
By His name we overcome; by His name we overcome.

### 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. Like His people in the long ago, 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, led forth by His power and His presence, to walk out our baptisms in the world as a people delivered and set free.

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

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

“Admonition is the judgment of loving care and produces understanding. The Instructor demonstrates such admonitions when He says in the Gospel, ‘How often would I have gathered thy children, as a bird gathers her young ones under her wings, and ye would not!’ . . . Further, He says to Moses, ‘Go and tell Pharaoh to send My people forth; but I know that he will not send them forth.’ He shows both things: His Divinity by His foreknowledge of what would take place, and His love by providing an opportunity for the soul to choose repentance. Caring for people, He also admonishes by Isaiah when He says, ‘This people honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.’ What follows is reprovng judgment: ‘In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.’ Here His loving care shows their sin and salvation side by side.”

– Clement of Alexandria

***Lectionary for next week:*** Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6,37-45; Jonah 3:10-4:11;  
Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

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