



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 2, 2012 (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Our hearts are overflowing with a good theme;
we address our verses to the King;
our tongues are the pens of ready writers!

**O Mighty One, You are clothed in splendor and majesty!
Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.**

You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

**We will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever.**

— from Psalm 45



Christ in Majesty , Unknown, c. 1200



You're Worthy of My Praise

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart);
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all my strength);
I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days);
I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways).

I will give You all my worship,
I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.

We will bow down (We will bow down),
And hail You as King (and hail You as king);
We will serve You (We will serve You),
Give You everything (Give you everything).
We will lift up (We will lift up)
Our eyes to Your throne (Our eyes to Your throne);
We will trust You (We will trust You)
Trust You alone (You alone).

We will give You all our worship,
We will give You all our praise.
You alone we long to worship,
You alone are worthy of our praise.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Lord, open our lips

and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.



My Hope

You are righteous, You love justice,
And those who honour You will see Your face.

I will arise and lift my eyes
To see Your majesty, Your holiness.
And all I am will bless You.

My hope is in the Name of the Lord,
Where my help comes from;
You're my strength, my song.
My trust is in the name of the Lord;
I will sing Your praise,
You are faithful.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a
living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead.**

In fulfillment of His own purpose He gave us birth by the word of
truth, so that we could become a kind of first fruits of His creatures.

*Because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were
dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ,*

And raised us up together with Him, and seated us with Him in the
heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

*So that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His
grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

For by grace we have been saved through faith; and that not of
ourselves;

It is the gift of God, not of works so that no one may boast.

**For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared beforehand so that we should walk
in them.**

– from 1 Peter 1:3; James 1:18; Ephesians 2:4-10



All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 5)

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!

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?
And who may dwell on Your holy hill?

[Silence]

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
Whose walk is blameless, who do what is righteous;
Who speak the truth from their hearts,
Who do no wrong to a neighbor;
Who honor those who fear the Lord.
They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and righteousness from
the God of their salvation; they will never be shaken.
This is the generation of those who seek Him,
of those who seek Your face, O God.

– from Psalms 15 and 24

[Silence]



The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved children of God, hear His promise of pardon:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
And we all, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, the Spirit.
– from 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of God's work in our lives

Faith – Goodness – Knowledge – Self-control – Perseverance –
Godliness – 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

Lord, every good and perfect gift comes from You; all we have, and all we are, are gifts from Your gracious hand. Accept, we pray, our offerings and ourselves as expressions of our worship and thankfulness. May we be pleasing to You.



Psalm 19

May the words of my mouth,
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You.
(repeat)

Chorus:

You're my Rock and my Redeemer,
You're the reason that I sing;
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes.
Ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment,
Lord, I want to be Your servant;
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes
In Your eyes.

Ending:

May the words of my mouth,
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God.

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THE WORD

James 1:17-27

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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Take My Life

Verse 1

Holiness, holiness is what I long for;
Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Chorus:

So take my heart and form it;
Take my mind, transform it;
Take my will, conform it
To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

Verse 2

Faithfulness, faithfulness...

Verse 3

Righteousness, righteousness...



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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



You're Worthy of My Praise (reprise)

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Benediction

Beloved, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, may we have always such an awareness of His covenant love and transforming power, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth His praise – as faithful doers of the word and not forgetful hearers – walking in His ways all our days. Through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory throughout all ages.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

You, Lord, are the one who judges me. For, although no "man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him," there is something in a person that "the spirit of man which is in him" doesn't know about itself. But You, Lord, who made us, know us completely. Although I despise who I am in Your sight and consider myself but "dust and ashes," I undeniably know something about You that I don't know about myself. To be sure, "now we see through a glass darkly" and not yet "face to face." So, as long as I am "absent" from You, I am more "present" with my body than with You. I know that You can't sin, but I don't know what temptations I can resist and which ones I can't. But there is hope because You are faithful. You won't allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to endure, but will always make a way to escape the temptation so that we can bear it. Therefore, I will confess what I know about myself. I will also confess what I don't know about myself. What I do know about myself, I know by Your enlightenment. And what I don't about myself, I won't know until the time when You will see my "darkness as the noonday."

– Augustine

Lectionary for next week: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;
Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

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