



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 25, 2013 (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

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We will exalt You, our God and King,

And we will bless Your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless You,

and I will praise Your name forever and ever.

*One generation shall praise Your works to another,
and shall declare Your mighty acts.*

All Your works shall praise You, O Lord,

and Your saints shall bless You.

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power;

To make known to the children of men Your mighty acts

and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;

let every creature praise His holy name forever and ever.

– from Psalm 145

Holy, Holy, Holy (verse 4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

A hymn of glory let us sing;

New songs throughout the world shall ring.

Christ, by a road before untrod

Ascendeth to the throne of God.



O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to Thee let earth accord.
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One.

O grant us thitherward to tend,
And with unwearied hearts ascend,
Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou
As is our faith, art seated now.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved,
and in which we stand:

**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; He was buried,
and was raised on the third day according the Scriptures, and
He appeared to many faithful witnesses.**

In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our
sins in accordance with the riches of His grace.

**Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,
He endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

There He reigns far above all rule and authority and power and
dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age,
but also in the age to come – King of kings, and Lord of lords.

**Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice
will be the scepter of Your kingdom.**

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
let us give thanks by which we offer to God an acceptable worship
with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

– based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Ephesians 1:7, 20-21, Hebrews 1:9, 12:2, 28-29



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

—Hebrews 12:3

[Silence]

Most holy and merciful Father:

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 our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

[Silent confessions]

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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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.



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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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 works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of
Israel.

*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 103:6-13

Refrain



TIME OF OFFERING

Sharing words of praise and thanksgiving

Holy and loving God, You have graced us with abundant blessings – with Your light, Your life, Your awesome presence. With gratitude and in worship, we bow down before You. Accept with these offerings, we pray, our whole selves: all that we have, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk always in Your way. For Jesus' sake and for His glory alone. Amen.

Bow Down

Bow down before the Lord,
Worship Him, O worship Him.
Bow down before our God,
Enter in, O enter in.
Consuming fire and sweet perfume,
His awesome presence fills this room.
This is holy ground, so come and bow down.

Holy, holy, holy Lord of hosts;
Saints and angels give You glory, now and forevermore.

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THE WORD

Hebrews 12

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.**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul;
All consuming fire is in Your gaze.
Jesus, I want You to know
I will follow You all my days.
For no one else in history is like You,
And history itself belongs to You;
Alpha and Omega, You have loved me,
And I will share eternity with You.

It's all about You, Jesus.
And all this is for You,
For Your glory and Your fame.
It's not about me,
As if You should do things my way;
You alone are God
And I surrender to Your ways.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

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Benediction:

And now, beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord – with thankful hearts, ever mindful that we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken. Now to God be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations who fear Him, forever and ever.

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

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“There are two kinds of blessings: temporal and eternal. Temporal blessings are health, honor, friends, wealth, children, a home, a wife, and other things from our journey in life. But we reside in the hotel of life as travelers moving on, not as owners intending to remain. For eternal blessings are eternal life, the body and soul’s incorruption and immortality, the allegiance of angels, the heavenly city, unfailing glory and the Father—the former without death, the latter without an enemy. These blessings make us desire them with eagerness and ask for them with perseverance. We don’t ask with lengthy words, but with groans. A longing desire is always praying even though the tongue is silent. For if you ever long for these things, you are praying. When does prayer sleep? When desire grows cold. So then, let us beg for these eternal blessings with eager desire. Let us seek these good things with entire earnestness. Let us ask for them with assurance.”

– Augustine

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