



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 16, 2012 (Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
and their expanse declares the work of His hands.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard.

**Their line has gone out through all the earth,
and their utterances to the end of the world.**

In them He has placed a tent for the sun,
Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;
it rejoices as a strong man to run his course.

**Its rising is from one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the other end of them;
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**Praised and blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!**

—Psalm 19:1-6; 113:1-3



Christ of Creation, David Perry, Contemporary



We Sing the Mighty Power of God

We sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed where'er we turn our eyes,
If we survey the ground we tread, or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Your glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Your throne.
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,
And everywhere that we can be, You, God, are present there.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature;
O Thou of God, and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows; fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.



Christ, Eileen McGuckin, 2011



Fair is the sunshine; fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.*

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried.*

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
*He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.*

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father, and with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Chant:

How blessed are those whose way is blameless,*
who walk in the law of the Lord.

How blessed are those who observe His testimonies,*
who seek Him with all their heart.

The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;*
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the
innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;*
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;*
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,*
sweeter by far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is great reward.

– Psalm 119:1-2, 19:7-11

[Silence]

But who can discern their own errors?

Cleanse me from hidden faults.

**Keep back Your servant from willful sins;
do not let them rule over me.**

**Then I will be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.**

[Silent confessions]

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing to You, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

– Psalm 19:12-14



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because He inclined His ear unto me,

therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Return to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

He has delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling. We will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

– from Psalm 116:1-9

Fairest Lord Jesus

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of man:

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be Thine

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TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of God's work in our lives

Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to 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



Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Chorus:

Here am I, all of me;
Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Verse 2

Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as Your choose.

Verse 3

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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THE WORD

James 3

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 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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My Lips will Praise You

My lips will praise You, for You are holy.
My voice will ever rise before Your throne.
My heart will love You, for You are lovely,
And You have called me to become Your own.

I am Your own,
And I will worship You alone.
I am Your own, I am Your child.
I am Your own,
And I will worship at Your throne.
I am Your own, And I will love You.

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Revelation Song (Chorus)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Revelation Song (Chorus Reprise)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.

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Benediction

Now, beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.
Having gazed into the perfect law of liberty, may we be faithful
doers of the word and not forgetful hearers, showing our faith by our
deeds and loving our neighbors as ourselves, as we walk always in
His holy ways.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“The greatest wisdom is a praiseworthy life kept pure or being purified for God, the Holy One. He demands that we be purified as His only sacrifice—that is, He demands a repentant heart, a sacrifice of praise, and a new creation in Christ. . . . I will praise true wisdom and welcome it. By it, the lowly have won fame and the despised have gained the highest honors. By it, a crew of fishermen took the whole world in the mesh of the gospel-net. Through it, they overcame polished words and cut short useless wisdom. I don't consider the person who is clever in words to be wise, nor one who has a quick tongue but an unstable and undisciplined soul, ...but those who only speak a little about righteousness but exemplify it in life are wise. Such people prove the trustworthiness of their language by their lives.”

– Gregory Nazianzen

Lectionary for next week: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22; Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 4, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

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