



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 9, 2011 (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, call on His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the LORD, all the earth;

Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

Glory in His holy name;

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

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.

Remember His wonderful deeds which He has done,

His marvels and His judgments are in all the earth.

Remember His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You;

**I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

Splendor and majesty are before Him,

Strength and joy are in His place.

Let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!

– from 1 Chronicles 16; Isaiah 25:1, 9



Above All 1 Chronicles 29:11, Mark Lawrence, Contemporary



Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice the Lord is King; Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –
The Lord is King!

Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love.
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –
The Lord is King!

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –
The Lord is King!

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Alleluia. The Lord has shown forth His glory.
Come, let us adore Him.



Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty. (repeat)
Who was and is, and is to come. (repeat)
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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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

Call to Confession:

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,
and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

– Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

[Silent confessions]

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

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear Him.*

For He knows how we were made; He remembers that we are dust.

But the steadfast love of the LORD

*is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep His covenant
and remember to do His commandments.*

– Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18



TIME OF OFFERING

Prayers of thanksgiving and dedication

**With joy and gratitude, we offer our gifts to God
as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.
We are ever thankful to You for showing us the greatness of Your
loving heart.**

Jesus, I am Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Chorus:

Jesus, I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea.
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise and have made it mine.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art.
And Thy love so pure, so changeless satisfies my heart,
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
Compasseth me 'round with blessings, This is love indeed.

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of the Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

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THE WORD

Philippians 4:1-9

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23



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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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I Will Remember Thee

According to Thy gracious Word
In meek humility,
This will I do my dying Lord:
I will remember Thee.

Thy body broken for my sake,
My bread from heaven shall be.
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee.

Chorus

I will remember, I will remember,
I will remember, remember Thee.

When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
And rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember Thee.

Remember Thee and all Thy pains,
And all Thy love to me;
Yea while a breath, a pulse remains,
Will I remember Thee.

Chorus

And when these failing lips grow dumb,
And mind and memory flee,
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.

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Retablo de la Crucifixion... Jaime Dominguez Montes, 1992



SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –
The Lord is King!

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Benediction:

Now beloved, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord

- Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's saving power;
- Go in confidence, in the knowledge of His keeping strength.
- Go in joy, in the knowledge His everlasting love.

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...– “God’s story is not a thing apart from God but the very life of God in the life of the world. Consequently, we are called to this story, not as an idea that needs to be defended with intellectual argument as if its validity depends on proof, but we are called to enter the story by delighting in it and participating in it. For true spiritual life is not an escape from life but a passionate embrace of life itself, which, it turns out, is an embrace of God and God’s purposes for our life here in this world and in the eternal praise of God in the new heavens and the new earth.” (Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2006, 28).

Lectionary for next week: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 25:15-22

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