



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

October 12, 2014 (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Gabriel's Oboe*

Foothills Wind Quintet

Morricone

(arr. Koehler)

## GATHERING

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

**His steadfast love and mercy endure forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those whom He has redeemed  
from the hand of the enemy and gathered to Himself.

**They cried out to the Lord, and He delivered them;**

**He led them forth and guided them in the wilderness.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His goodness,

and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

**For He satisfies the longing soul,**

**and fills the hungry soul with goodness.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

**His steadfast love is everlasting,**

**and His faithfulness continues through all generations!**

– based on Psalms 107:1-9 and 106:1-2



Agape Feast , Early Christian Art



*All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

O enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

*Bridge:*

Sing to the Lord, exalt His name;  
O, make His praise glorious.  
Pour forth His praise,  
His anthem raise;  
Rejoice in Him forever.

For why? the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

*Bridge*

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

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attributed to William Kethe.  
Hymn tune (verses): *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*, attributed to Louis Bourgeois.  
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## INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

### *Bless the Lord*

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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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**The LORD is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside quiet waters.

*He restores my soul;*

*He guides me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.*

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You have anointed my head with oil;  
My cup overflows.*

**Surely goodness and lovingkindness  
will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 23, John August Swanson,  
Contemp.

– Psalm 23



## 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 Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth.**

**Give me an undivided heart to fear Your name.**

– Psalm 143:1, 8b; 86:11

[Silence]

God of mercy and steadfast love,

You are slow to anger and full of compassion. You lead and guide us, and draw us to Yourself. You welcome all who come to You with repentant and contrite hearts.

**We confess to You, and before one another, that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and be what we have left undone.**

**We have offended Your holiness. We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. Too often we have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

[Silent confessions]

**Forgive us, and restore us, we pray. Seat us together at Your bountiful table of grace, that with all Your children we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the longing heart.**

**– Through Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace.



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's assurance of His love and forgiveness:

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

*"Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances."*

– Ezekiel 36:25-27

**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 103:17-18

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and testimonies of God's covenant love and faithfulness

### *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.

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.



*Chorus:*

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

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.

*Chorus*

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THE WORD

Exodus 32:1-14  
Matthew 21:33-46



Worship of the Golden Calf, Margaret Hofheinz-Döring, 1962

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.**



### *Our Father in Heaven* (sung)

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,  
Your name is holy, our Father.  
Your kingdom come, and Your will be done  
Here on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us, we pray, our bread for today,  
Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,  
Forgiving of what others owe.  
Keep us from trials; save us from our ancient foe!

As we sing the kingdom, we sing the power,  
We sing the glory be Yours – Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

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### *Bread of the World*

Bread of the world in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed;  
By whom the words of life were spoken,  
And in whose death our sins are dead:  
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
Look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be your feast to us the token  
That by your grace our souls are fed.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826);

Hymn tune: RENDEZ À DIEU, Louis Bourgeois, in the *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

### *Flow Like a River*

Flow like a river, fall like the rain;  
Streams of compassion flow from His throne.  
Wide as the ocean, deep as the sea;  
Life-giving fountain, is God's love for me.

Feast at the table of mercy, drink from the cup of His grace.  
Dwell in His infinite goodness, live in His healing embrace.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Foothills Wind Quintet  
(arr. Church Schroeder)

Benediction

People of God, we have worshiped the Lord together in this place –

**We’ve gathered. We’ve heard the word.**

**We’ve come to the Table, the Ancient-Future Feast of the Lord.**

And now, as we go forth, in faith and joy, to love and serve the Lord, may He grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever.

**Amen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“Observe whether or not change occurs in those who listen honestly to the principles of our faith, harmonized with our inborn understanding. For much instruction on perverted things has the same effect—it has implanted minds with the belief that images are gods and that things made of gold, silver, ivory, and stone deserve worship. Yet common sense tells us that God is not a piece of corruptible matter. Neither is He honored when people try to form Him from dead matter or make some image or symbol of His appearance. Therefore, we say that images are not gods and such creations are not to be compared with the Creator. They are small in contrast to God. He is over all, and He created, upholds, and governs the universe. When the rational soul recognizes its relationship (to the Divine), it at once rejects what it once considered to be gods and resumes its natural love for its Creator. Because of its affection toward Him, the soul receives Him.”

– Origen

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

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