



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 30, 2012 (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless His name;

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

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless His holy name

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all your iniquities,

Who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the pit,

Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;

Who satisfies your years with good things,

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,

and His sovereignty rules over all.

Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

— from Psalms 96:and 103



Autumn Patience; James 5:7, Mark Lawrence, Contemp.



Bless the Lord

For He is great and mighty.
For He is great and greatly to be praised.
For He is great in mercy.
I will bless His holy name.
For He is great in power.
For He is great, a fortress is our God.
For He is great in strength and honor.
I will bless the Lord of all.

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord,
At all times, at all times.
Bless the Lord, bless the Lord,
At all times, at all times –
I will bless You with all that is within me,
I will bless the Lord.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Doxology

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

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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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**Oh, the depth of the riches
of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments
and unfathomable His ways!
For from Him and through Him and to Him
are all things; to Him be glory forever.**

The law of the LORD is perfect,
restoring the soul;

*The testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple.*

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

*The commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes.*

The fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;

*The judgments of the LORD are true;
they are righteous altogether.*

They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

*Moreover, by them Your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.*

**Your testimonies are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.**

**I have inclined my heart to keep your statutes forever,
even to the end.**

– Rom. 11: 33, 36; Psalm 19:7-11, 119:111-112

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

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.**

– Psalm 19:12-13



[Silent confessions]

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

– Psalm 19:14

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
(repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the
law of sin and death.

*Those who look intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abide
in it, not having become forgetful hearers but effectual doers, these
will be blessed in what they do.*

– Romans 8:1-2, James 1:25



TIME OF OFFERING

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

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.
Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight,
Thou my whole armor, and Thou my true might.
Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower.
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

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THE WORD

James 1:17-27;
2:1-17;
3:1 - 4:3, 7-8;
5:13-20



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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King of Wisdom and Light

Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and might:
Heaven is filled with Your glory,
King of wisdom and light.

We worship You, We praise You,
God Most High;
We worship You, We praise You,
King and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Be Thou My Vision (verse 5)

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun;
Grant me its joys e'er the victory is won.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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Benediction

Now, beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord. May we be faithful doers of the word and not forgetful hearers – always reflecting in our lives the wisdom from above, walking in love, 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 –

“Everyone looks at what we do and not what we say. Scripture says, ‘Thou shalt be a witness unto all men,’ not just to friendly people, but also to unbelievers. For witnesses aren't meant to persuade those who already know, but those who don't know. Let us be trustworthy witnesses. . . . He has sent us to testify of Him. Let us testify and persuade those who need to decide who He is. If we don't testify, then we also have to answer for their mistake. If people wouldn't accept an exceedingly wicked witness in an earthly court, much less would they accept one here when considering such great issues. We say that we have heard Christ and that we believe the things He has promised. Then, they say, show it by your works. For your life testifies of the opposite—that you don't believe. . . . We and not just the martyrs will be witnesses for Christ. They are called martyrs because they endured everything to speak the truth when told to reject the faith. So, we must not be overcome when our passions tell us we are to reject Him.”

– Chrysostom

Lectionary for next week: Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Genesis 2:18-24;
Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

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