



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 22, 2013 (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Lord, open our lips
and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.
**Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Alleluia!**

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

Let it Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.
Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

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Holy is the Lord God Almighty

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown:
And together we sing; Ev'ryone sing:



Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory,
The earth is filled with His glory.

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now;
How great, how awesome is He.

And together we sing; Ev'ryone sing:

Chorus

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Psalm 113

Refrain (sung):

Praise the Lord! I will thank Him with my whole heart.
Bless His Name! I will delight in His great works.
Honor and majesty, righteous forever;
Holy and awesome is He!

(spoken)

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD;
Praise the name of the LORD.

**Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!**

*From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the LORD is to be praised.*

**The LORD is high above all nations,
His glory is above the heavens.**



Refrain

Who is like the LORD our God, who is enthroned on high,
*Who humbles Himself to behold
the things that are in the heavens and in the earth?*

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash
heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home, as a joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

Refrain

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD:

**Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!**

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is a trustworthy statement and worthy of full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

God, our Savior, desires all people to be saved
to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**For there is one God,
and one Mediator between God and humankind,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.**

By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness:

**He was revealed in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.**

— based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 2:4-6, 3:16

Come Thou, Almighty King (verse 4)

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence evermore; Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old, with sacrifices for my transgressions and the sin of my soul?

God has told you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

– from Micah 6:4-8

For though the Lord is high and exalted, yet He regards the lowly; but the proud and haughty He sees only from afar.

– Psalm 138:6

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

[Silence]

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

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.
– Psalm 34:17, 18

For thus says the high and exalted One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, “I dwell in the high and holy place, and with the contrite and lowly of spirit, in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”
– Isaiah 57:15

TIME OF OFFERING

Sharing words of thanksgiving and praise

Take My Life and Let It Be

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.

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

Luke 16:1-13

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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Fountain of Grace

You have been faithful
When I have been faithless,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.
Forever giving
When I have been selfish,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

Still the beginning of all that is holy,
Unsearchable Ancient of Days.
I kneel before You, and offer this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

You were the constant
When I chose to wander,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.
You were forgiveness
When I cried for mercy,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

You are the author of all that is finished,
I owe You my life and my praise.
I kneel before You, and offer this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

Pour out the water of life on this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.



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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness; O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son;
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Benediction:

And now, beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, ever mindful of our stewardship of all God's creative gifts. Now to Him be glory in the church through Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 1-16;
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Luke 16:10-31

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“I long to say truthfully of you, O Lord, Thou gavest me five talents, behold I have gained five other talents. Then, I could show the precious talents of your righteousness! ‘For we have a treasure in earthen vessels.’ These are the talents which the Lord begs us to trade with spiritually: the two coins of the New and the Old Testament that the Samaritan left for the robbed man to get his wounds healed. . . . Therefore, we must not keep the Lord's money buried and hidden in the flesh. Don't hide your one talent in a napkin, but like a good business person, always work with your mind, body, and a steady, ready will to distribute it. Then the Word will be near you, in your mouth and heart. The Word of the Lord is the precious talent that redeems you. Such money must often be seen on people's tables so that, by constantly trading the good coins, they can go into every land and purchase eternal life. ‘This is eternal life,’ which You, Almighty Father, give freely: that we may know ‘Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.’

– Athanasius

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