



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 19, 2014 (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Sing to the LORD a new song;

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.

Declare His glory among the nations

and His wonders among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;

He is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before Him;

Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

We will ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

We bring an offering, and come into His courts.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Say among the nations, “The Lord is king!”

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, and everything in it!

In the presence of the faithful we proclaim His name, for it is good.

His faithfulness continues through all generations!

— from Psalm 96 and 100:5



Moses in the Cleft of the Rock,
Phillip Prescott Parham, Contemp.



In the Beauty of Holiness

In the beauty of holiness
We see You, Son of righteousness,
So we bring all that we possess
To lay at Your feet.
In the place where Your glory shines,
Jesus lover of all mankind,
You have drawn us with love divine
To make us complete.

Chorus

So I pause at Your gates once more,
As my heart and my spirit soar,
And I wish I could love You more:
My God and my King!

Is there tribute that I could bring,
Was there ever a song to sing,
That could ever express, my King,
The work that You've done?
Could I ever conceive of this,
All the depths and the heights and breadth,
Of the riches I now possess
Because of Your love?

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

The LORD is king! Let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim!
The LORD is great in Zion;
He is exalted over all the peoples!
Let them praise Your great and awesome name.
Holy is He!
Extol the LORD, our God; Worship at His holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

– from Psalm 99



Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.**

All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing
came into being that has come into being.

*In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in
the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and yet the
world did not know Him.

He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become
children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who
were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will
of man, but of God.**

**And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld
His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of
grace and truth. No one has seen God at any time; the only
begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has made
Him known.**

– from John 1:1-14, 18



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.

Examine me, O LORD, and try me; test my mind and my heart.

For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes.

– Psalm 26:2, 8

[Silence]

Let these words of Moses to the LORD be the cry of our hearts:

“Show me now Your ways, so that I may know You and find favor in Your sight.”

– Exodus 33:13

[Silent confessions]

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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us and renew us, that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Send Out Your Light

Send out Your light, Lord, send out Your truth;
Send them that they may guide us.
Lord, may they bring us into Your courts,
To the heart of Your dwelling places.

Send out Your light, Lord, send out Your truth;
Send them that they may guide us.
Come, and restore us, Lord God of Hosts;
Make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

– 2 Corinthians 4:6

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

“My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” – Exodus 33:14

TIME OF OFFERING

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

Glorify Your Name

Your presence, Your glory
You’re welcome here
All honor, dominion
Lord, please come near
We want You, we need You
We live to glorify Your name

Chorus

Glorify Your name
Glorify Your name
Glorify the name above all names

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THE WORD

Exodus 33:12-23

Deuteronomy 31:8





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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He Hideth My Soul

A wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Lord,
A wonderful Savior to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

Refrain:

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
That shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life with the depths of His love,
And covers me there with His hand,
And covers me there with His hand.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Lord,
He taketh my burden away;
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,
He giveth me strength as my day.

Refrain

With numberless blessings each moment He crowns,
And filled with His fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, oh, glory to God
For such a Redeemer as mine!

Refrain

When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise
To meet Him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love
I'll shout with the millions on high.

Refrain

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



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All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
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Benediction

People of God, we are sent from this place with His sure words of promise settled in our hearts: “It is the Lord Himself who goes before you, and will be with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you.”

– Deuteronomy 31:8

Amen!

So now we go forth into the world, with joy, and remembering our baptisms, to love and serve the Lord.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“No one can see the ‘face,’ that is, the appearance of God’s wisdom, and live. For all who strive to love God with all their heart, soul, and mind longs to study this revelation. Through its study, those who love their neighbors encourage them as much as they can. All the Law and the prophets hang on these two commandments. . . . Therefore this ‘appearance’ whisks away every rational soul with the desire for it, and makes the soul even more pure and eager for it. For souls become purer the more they rise to spiritual things. They rise more to spiritual things the more they die to fleshly things. So, while we are absent from the Lord and walk by faith instead of sight, we should see the ‘back parts’ or flesh of Christ. By that very faith, we stand on the solid foundation and rock of faith and we observe it from a safe watch tower. . . . For we come to love to see the face of Christ even more as we recognize how much Christ first loved us in His flesh.”

– Augustine

Lectionary for next week: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:15-22

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