



### *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

My faith looks up to Thee,  
 Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
 Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;  
 O, let me from this day be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart  
 Strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.  
 As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee,  
 Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,  
 And griefs around me spread, be Thou my Guide.  
 Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
 Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

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### SENDING FORTH

#### The Life of the Body

As you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, may you be made strong with all the strength that comes from His glorious power, filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work; and growing in the knowledge of God, stand firm.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

—based on Colossians 1:9-11

#### *The Stand*

So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned,  
 In awe of the One who gave it all.  
 I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered,  
 All I am is Yours.

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## Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

October 3, 2010 (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

### GATHERING

We have gathered to praise and worship the LORD.

**He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.**

Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of wrongdoers.

For they will soon wither like the grass and fade like the green herb.

**Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him and He will bring it to pass.

**He will bring forth your righteousness as the light of dawn, and your justice as the noonday sun.**

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him.

**Those who wait for the LORD will inherit the earth, and will delight themselves in the abundance of peace.**

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;

He is their strength in time of trouble.

**The LORD helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.**



— from Psalm 37

#### *A thought about worship...*

"The God who acted, acts. In worship God is present, loving me, caring for me, bringing me to himself, and offering me the benefits of his work on my behalf. How can I not respond to his work? How can I remain silent, or passive, or indifferent? I can't. So I respond with an appropriate "Amen" or "Alleluia" and more." (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 9).



*The Solid Rock*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Chorus:*

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in thewhelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

*Gloria Patri*

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,  
Forever. Amen.

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Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father,

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changeest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morn'g by morn'g new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

This is my anthem, this is my song,

The theme of the story I've heard for so long;

God has been faithful, He will be again;  
His loving compassion, it knows no end.

All I have need of His hand will provide.  
He's always been faithful, He's always been faithful,  
He's always been faithful to me.

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THE WORD

Lamentations 1:1-6; Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive our debts as we forgive  
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever. Amen



### *Chorus 2*

Even when my heart is torn I will trust You, Lord.  
 Even when I feel deserted I will trust You, Lord.  
 Even in the darkest valley I will trust You, Lord.  
 And when my world is shatter'd, and it seems all hope is gone,  
 Yet I will praise You, Lord.

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### *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place;  
 Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.  
 Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering;  
 Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

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### TIME OF OFFERING

Testimony of God's faithfulness

### *He's Always Been Faithful*

Morning by morning I wake up to find  
 The power and comfort of God's hand in mine.  
 Season by season I watch Him amazed,  
 In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways.  
 All I have need of His hand will provide;  
 He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain  
 He did not recycle to bring me gain.  
 I can't remember one single regret  
 In serving God only and trusting His hand.  
 All I have need of His hand will provide;  
 He's always been faithful to me.



### PROFESSION OF FAITH

#### *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended to heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
 From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.  
 Let us lift our hearts and our hands to God in heaven...

— Lamentations 3:40-41

#### *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
 When I call answer me.  
 O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
 Come and listen to me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let us call to mind the reason for our hope:

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning.  
Great is Your faithfulness.  
**I say to my soul, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to those who seek Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.**

—from Lamentations 3:21-26, NIV

MEDITATION ON THE PSALM

*Wait for the Lord*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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Psalm 137:1-8

*Chant:*  
By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,\*  
when we remembered you, O Zion.  
As for our harps, we hung them up\*  
on the trees in the midst of that land.  
*Spoken:*  
For those who led us away captive demanded of us songs,  
and our oppressors called for mirth, saying,  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."  
How shall we sing the songs of the Lord upon alien soil?



*Chant:*

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,\* Let my right hand forget its skill.  
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you,\* If I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.  
*Spoken:*  
Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord, against the people of Edom,  
who said, "Down with it! Tear it down to its foundations!"  
O daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction,  
happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!  
*Sung:* Wait for the Lord...

*Yet I Will Praise You*

I will praise You, Lord, my God;  
Even in my brokenness I will praise You, Lord.  
I will praise You, Lord, my God;  
Even in my desperation I will praise You, Lord.  
And I can't understand all that You allow,  
I just can't see the reason.  
But my life is in Your hands,  
And though I cannot see You, I choose to trust You.

*Chorus I*

Even when my heart is torn, I will praise You, Lord.  
Even when I feel deserted, I will praise You, Lord.  
Even in the darkest valley, I will praise You, Lord.  
And when my world is shatter'd, and it seems all hope is gone  
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

I will trust You, Lord, my God;  
Even in my loneliness I will trust You, Lord.  
I will trust You, Lord, my God;  
Even when I cannot hear You I will trust You, Lord.  
And I will not forget that You hung on a cross,  
Lord, You bled and died for me.  
And if I have to suffer I know that You've been there,  
And I know that You're here now.