



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

September 29, 2013 (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

Leader: Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

I will praise the LORD as long as I live!

*I will sing praises to my God while I have my being!*

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

How blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

*He made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.*

**He keeps faith forever!**

The LORD executes justice for the oppressed; He gives food to the  
hungry; He sets the prisoners free.

*The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; He lifts up those who are  
bowed down; He loves the righteous.*

Leader: He watches over the stranger; He upholds the orphan and  
widow, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

**The LORD will reign forever, our God, to all generations.**

**Praise the LORD!**

– from Psalm 146





*Shout to the North*

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

*Chorus:*

Shout to the North and the South; sing to the East and the West.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

*Verse 2*

Rise up women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts,  
Who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome King of love.

*Verse 3*

Rise up church with broken wings; fill this place with songs again  
Of our God, who reigns on high; by His grace again we'll fly.

*Bridge:*

We've been through fire, we've been through rain,  
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.  
We've fallen deeper in love with You,  
You've burned the truth on our lips.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

*O, Worship the King*

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. Oh, girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is the path on the wings of the storm. Oh, sing of His grace.



Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.  
Oh, worship the King, worship the King.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.  
Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,  
Oh, worship the King. Worship the King.

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: YOU WHO DWELL IN THE SHELTER OF THE MOST HIGH, WHO ABIDE IN  
THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY – SAY TO THE LORD:

**My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust!**

For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper, and from  
the deadly pestilence.

*He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find  
refuge.*

**His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.**

You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,  
*Nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the destruction that  
lays waste at noon.*

For He will give His angels charge concerning you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

*They will bear you up in their hands, lest you strike your foot against a  
stone.*

When you call on Him, He will answer.

*He will be with you in trouble; He will rescue you and honor you and  
you will see His salvation.*

LEADER: “BECAUSE YOU HAVE LOVED ME,” DECLARES THE LORD, “I WILL  
DELIVER YOU. I WILL SET YOU SECURELY ON HIGH, BECAUSE YOU HAVE  
KNOWN MY NAME.”

– from Psalm 91:1-6, 11-16



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Lord, You have called us to become Your own. We were bought with a price, the price of Your life and blood. We love You, and we want to live for You.

[Silence]

Lord, help us to spread Your fragrance everywhere we go.

**Flood our souls with Your spirit and life. Shine through us, and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel Your presence in our soul. Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus!**

[Silence]

Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as You shine.

**Let us preach You without preaching, not by words but by our example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to You.**

– adapted from a prayer by John Henry Newman

*May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.

May the love of Jesus fill me,  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

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#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is good news, people of the church:  
The word of the LORD:

Those who love Me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know My name.  
*When they call to Me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.*  
With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them My salvation.

– Psalm 91:14-16

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Sharing words of thanksgiving and praise

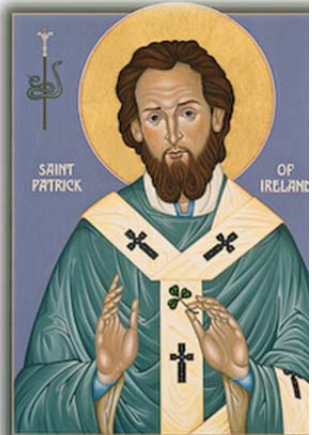
#### *Christ Be Beside Me*

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts, thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues, telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

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## THE WORD

1 Timothy 6:6-19

## COMMISSIONING AND AFFIRMATION OF ELDERS

Introduction of the elder candidates  
Liturgy of ordination  
Candidates kneel for the laying on of hands

## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

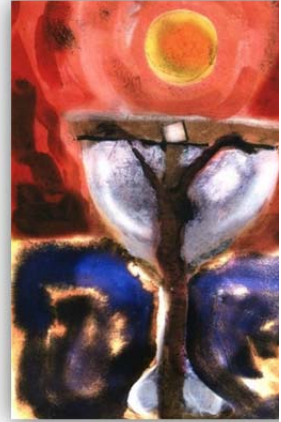
The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*The Lord's Prayer* (spoken)

**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**

*O Church Arise*

O church arise and put your armour on;  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.



Eucharist, Daniel Bonnel  
Contemp.



Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side,  
We know the outcome is secure;  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:  
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride;  
Give grace for every hurdle.  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.

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SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body

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*Shout to the North (reprise)*

*Chorus:*

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Sing to the East and the West.  
Jesus is Savior to all,  
Lord of heaven and earth.

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**Benediction:**

And now, beloved, go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord with this calling ever in your hearts and on your lives:  
Pursue righteousness; fight the good fight of faith; take hold of eternal life; hold fast the testimony of Him who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. – from 1 Timothy 6:11-15  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Lectionary for next week:** Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26; Psalm 137;  
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9;  
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

***A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –***

“Behold a great and noble battle with the glorious reward of a heavenly crown. In so far as God observes us as we struggle and watches over those He has stooped to make His sons, He enjoys the spectacle of our contest. God watches us fight for our faith. His angels watch us, and Christ watches us. How great is the dignity, joy, and glory of competing and being crowned in the presence of God with Christ as the Judge! Beloved, let us be armed with our whole strength and let us be prepared for the struggle with uncorrupted minds, solid faith, and devoted courage. Let the army of God march forward to the appointed battle-field. Let the stable ones be armed, lest they be defeated. Let the backsliders also be armed, so that even they might regain what they lost. Let honor motivate all.”

– Cyprian

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