



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

October 30, 2011 (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

**His steadfast love and mercy endure forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed  
from the hand of the enemy and gathered to Himself.

They cried out to the Lord, and He delivered them.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord for His goodness,  
and for His wonderful works to the children of men!**

For He satisfies the longing soul,  
and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!**

**His steadfast love is everlasting,  
and His faithfulness continues through all generations!**

— from Psalms 107:1-9 and 100:5





## *I Call You Faithful*

I call You faithful, Lord, You are faithful;  
You are so faithful to me.

I call you faithful, Lord, You are faithful;  
Faithful You are, and faithful You'll be.

(Repeat)

2. Holy

3. Awesome

4. Healer

5. Jireh

6. All that

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## INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

### *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

O enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

### *Bridge:*

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



For why? the Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

*Bridge*

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.

Words from *Fourscore and Seven Psalms of David* (Geneva, 1561), attributed to William Kethe. Music: *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*, attributed to Louis Bourgeois.  
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us express our belonging to the church of all ages by professing our faith in these words from the Heidelberg Confession:

**I believe that the Son of God,  
through his Spirit and Word,  
out of the entire human race,  
from the beginning of the world to its end,  
gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself  
a community chosen for eternal life  
and united in true faith.**

**And of this community I am and always will be a living member.**

**The communion of saints—**

**believers one and all—as members of this community,  
share in Christ and in all His treasures and gifts.**

**Each member should consider it a duty**

**to use these gifts readily and cheerfully**

**for the service and enrichment of the other members.**

—Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 54-55



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession: Matthew 23:1-12

**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.**

[Silent confessions]



Be Restored, Alexander Sadoyan, 2003

*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

Hear the word of the Lord from the first epistle of Peter:

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

*Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.  
**In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith. Thanks be to God!**

— based on 1 Peter 2:9-10



St. Paul Preaching to the Thessalonians, Gustave Dore', 1865

## TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies of thanksgiving and blessing.

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being.  
In the company of the upright, let us honor God  
for the blessings and goodness we have received.

— based on Psalm 111:1



## *The Servant Song*

We are trav'lers on a journey,  
Fellow pilgrims on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you,  
In the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

Will you let me be your servant?  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.  
Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
Till we've seen this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony;  
Born of all we've known together,  
Of Christ's love and agony.

Words: Richard Gillard ©1977 Scripture in Song.

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The Humble Seat, Jan Richardson, Contemp

## THE WORD

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13



## 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 in heaven, hallowed by Your Name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
On earth as in heav'n.  
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours,  
Now and forever. Amen.

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### *Take My Life*

Holiness, holiness is what I long for;  
Holiness is what I need.  
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

#### Chorus:

So take my heart and form it;  
Take my mind, transform it;  
Take my will, conform it  
To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

#### Verse 2

Faithfulness, faithfulness...

#### Verse 3

Righteousness, righteousness...

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## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

#### *All People That On Earth Do Dwell (Bridge)*

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

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#### Benediction:

As we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,  
May He make you increase and abound in love to one another and  
to all,  
so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before  
our God and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

For we boldly proclaim:

**We believe, we belong, we behave. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

—from 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

*A thought about worship...*— “The new identity is an identity with the second Adam. Now it is Jesus who shapes our self-understanding and action. The new self is called through the image of baptism to ‘be like Jesus,’ to be transformed in the image of Jesus, the one person who truly images what authentic humanity looks like. Jesus is not only our Savior; he is also the image of perfect humanity. He models what we were originally created to be, and now, in our new creation, we are to imitate him in his humanity.” (Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2006, 150).

**Lectionary for next week:** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13; Revelation 7:7-19; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

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