



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 14, 2012 (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Of old You founded the earth,

and the heavens are the work of Your hands.

The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty;

He has clothed and girded Himself with strength.

Your throne is established from of old;

You are from everlasting.

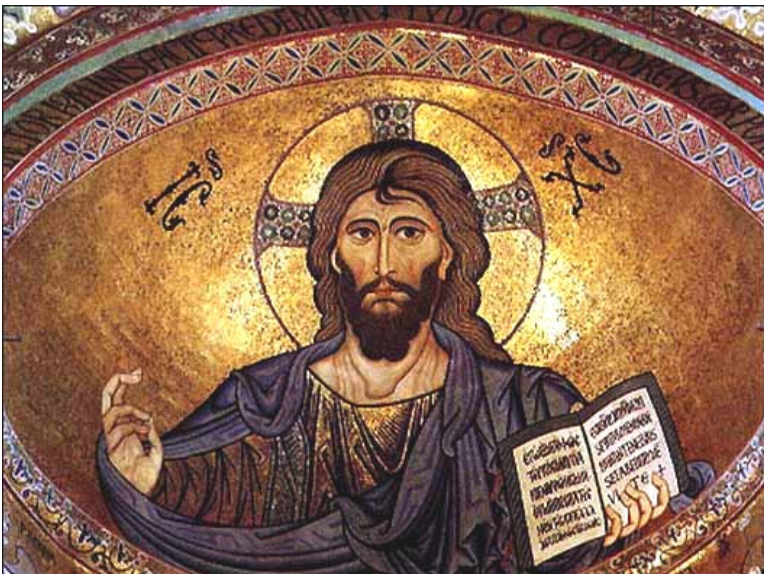
Who is like You, O God, Majestic in holiness,

Awesome in praises, working wonders?

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

Your dominion endures throughout all ages.

– from Psalms 8, 93, 102, 145; Exodus 15:11



Christ Pantocrator, Cathedral of Monreale, Sicily



Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power,
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From ev'ry nation, all of creation,
Bow before the Ancient of Days.
Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to Your matchless worth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Highest

Your love, O Lord, is like the oceans:
Deeper than endless seas.
Your faithfulness is like the mountains,
And Your Word never fails.

Glory to God, let every heart sing:
Glory to God in the highest.

Let us adore,
Wonderful, Saviour;
Crown Him forever our King.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom also He made the universe.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word.

When He had made purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven, having become as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is superior to theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"?

Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my son"?

And again, when God brings His firstborn into the world, He says, "Let all God's angels worship Him."

In speaking of the angels He says, "He makes His angels spirits, and His servants flames of fire."

But about the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of Your kingdom."

— Hebrews 1:1-8

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending, He
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent;
Every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore.

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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]

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

[Silent confessions]

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison,
Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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Accept our repentance, and accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world; through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God demonstrates His own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

— Romans 5:1, 8; Colossians 1:13-14



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thanksgiving and praise. . .

You Are Beautiful

Source of life to wood and stream,
Sovereign Lord and gentle King,
More than we could ever dream:
You are beautiful.
Father to the fatherless,
Healer of our brokenness,
How You fill our emptiness:
You are beautiful.

Chorus

Jesus, You are beautiful;
There is none to compare with You.
Jesus, You are beautiful;
And you show Your love to me,
And it gives me grace to see:
You are everything my heart desires.
You are beautiful.

Son of God upon a cross,
Tasting death for all of us,
Reaching out when we were lost:
You are beautiful.
Risen Lamb upon the throne,
Roaring Lion coming soon,
Every eye will see it's true:
You are beautiful.

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The Name of God and the Salvation of Humanity, Soichi Watanabe, Contemp.



THE WORD

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ



Epiclesis

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, 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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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Of the Father's Love Begotten (reprise)

Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

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Benediction:

And now, as we go forth, in faith and joy, to love and serve the Lord,
may He grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in
our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in
our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“The mystery of Christ runs the risk of being disbelieved precisely because it is so incredibly wonderful. For God was in humanity. He who was above all creation was in our human condition; the invisible one was made visible in the flesh; he who is from the heavens and from on high was in the likeness of earthly things; the immaterial one could be touched; he who is free in his own nature came in the form of a slave; he who blesses all creation became accursed; he who is all righteousness was numbered among transgressors; life itself came in the appearance of death. All this followed because the body which tasted death belonged to no other but to him who is the Son by nature.”

– Cyril of Alexandria

Lectionary for next week: Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9, 24-35c;
Isaiah 53:4-12 ; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 4:12-16, 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

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