



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

November 6, 2011 (Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

*Lord, You Are Good*

Lord, You are good,  
and Your mercy endures forever.

(Repeat)

People from every nation and tongue,  
From generation to generation –

We worship You.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

We worship You for who You are.



Communion: Christ Blessing Two  
People, Jean-Louis Forain, no date

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Leader: We have gathered to praise our gracious God;  
let us exalt His name together.

Antiphonal Reading:

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

*My soul makes its boast in the LORD;*

*let the humble hear and be glad.*

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.

*I sought the LORD, and He answered me,*

*and delivered me from all my fears.*

Look to Him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

*This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,*

*and was saved from every trouble.*

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him,  
and delivers them.

*O taste and see that the LORD is good;*

*how blessed are those who take refuge in Him!*

– Psalm 34:1-8



## *You are Lord*

You are my light and salvation,  
Whom shall I fear?  
You are the strength of all my days,  
Of whom shall I be afraid?  
Though war may rise against me,  
Of this will I be sure; that –

### *Chorus:*

I will bless the Lord forever,  
I'll bless Your holy Name.  
Yes, I will bless the Lord forever,  
I'll bless Your holy Name.

Lord, it is You I desire,  
It's You that I seek;  
To live with You in Your house forever,  
Beholding Your beauty.  
And in the time of trouble,  
Of this will I be sure; that –

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## INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



A Soul Is Brought to Heaven, William-Adolphe Bouguereau, 1878



### *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! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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### PROFESSION OF FAITH

#### *The Apostles' Creed*

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



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

See what love the Father has given us,  
that we should be called the children of God; and that is what we are.

*Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet  
been revealed.*

What we know is this: when He is revealed,  
we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is.

*And all who have this hope in Him purify themselves,  
just as He is pure.*

– from 1 John 3:1-3

[Silent confessions]



The Prayer of Jabez, Michael Dudash,  
Contemp

**Most holy and merciful Father:**

**We confess to You and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,  
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, mind, and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.  
Have mercy on us, Lord.**

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



### *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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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Be encouraged in these words of pardon from the Psalmist:

The LORD is righteous in all His ways, and faithful in all He does.  
*The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.*

He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will hear their cry and save them.

*The LORD keeps all who love Him.*

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will  
bless His holy name forever and ever.**

– Psalm 145:17-21

### *Bless the Lord*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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## TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and blessing.

### *Revelation Song*

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;  
Holy, holy is He.  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat.

### *Chorus*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come;  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You.

### *Verse 2*

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power  
Be to You, the only wise King.

### *Verse 3*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,  
At the mention of Your name;  
Jesus, Your name is power,  
Breath and living water,  
Such a marv'lous mystery.

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## THE WORD

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



## 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

*We Behold You (Fraction Anthem)*

With all of the saints and angels,  
We gather before You.  
Our hearts filled with thankfulness,  
We lift up Your holy Name.  
With all who have gone before us,  
We feast at Your table.  
We eat of Your body and  
Drink of Your holy blood.

And we behold You, and we behold You  
Lamb of God, slain for our sins.  
(Repeat)

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## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

*You are Lord*

*Chorus:*

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I'll bless Your holy Name.  
Yes, I will bless the Lord forever,  
I'll bless Your holy Name.

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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, 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...*—“Jesus Christ alone provides the solution for which the whole world groans. God defeats evil on the cross for us. He wins a great victory over evil for us. In his resurrection he conquered the results of sin—which is death—so that death is not the last word written over our life. “‘Death, has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:54-57).” (Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2006, 135-6).

**Lectionary for next week:** Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; Zephaniah 1:7,12-18;  
Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

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