



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 2, 2014 (Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Listen, people of God:

Our God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ, and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, So that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. — from Ephesians 2:4-6

Reading: Revelation 7:9-17



All Saints Day (The Landauer Altarpiece), Albrecht Dürer, 1511



Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height.
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail.
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, His power proclaim.
Heaven and earth and all creation,
Laud and magnify His Name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee.
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore Thee;
We would bow before Thy throne.
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.

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(William Moore, *The Columbian Harmony*, 1825)

INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

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As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.



For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion of Saints,
Elise Ritter, Contemp

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Hymn tune: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughn Williams



PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in the words of this hymn of the ancient church:

You are God; we praise You.

You are the Lord; we acclaim You.

You are the Eternal Father; All creation worships You.

To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praises you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praises you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praises you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims You;

Father of majesty unbounded,

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free

You did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Leader:

Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

– from *Te Deum laudamus* (“Thee, O God, we praise”), 4th century.

Attributed to church fathers Ambrose and Augustine.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

See what great love the Father has given to 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 appears, 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



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.

[Silence]

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.**

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;

Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;

Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;

Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

These are true words of promise:

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



TIME OF OFFERING

“For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.”

– Rev. 7:17

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

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 everything, and I will adore You.

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.

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

Revelation 7:9-17, 19:6-10

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 be 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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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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Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. (repeat)
Alleluia. Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb. (repeat) You are holy. Holy are You, Lord God
Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



For All the Saints (reprise)

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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.

—from 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Amen!

So now we depart, remembering our baptisms with joy, to love and
serve the Lord.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“‘Here is the straight and narrow way which leadeth unto life.’ Here are the teachers and prophets wondering in deserts and in mountains and in ‘dens and caves of the earth.’ Here are apostles, evangelists, and wanderers’ lives remote from cities. I have embraced this with all my heart so that I can win what was promised to Christ’s martyrs and all His saints. Then I can truly say, ‘Because of the words of thy lips I have kept hard ways.’ . . . Our Savior was crucified for our sakes so that by His death He could give us life, train us, and motivate us to endure. I press on towards Him and to the Father and the Holy Spirit. I work hard to be found faithful and consider myself unworthy of worldly goods. . . . Think about all these things in your heart. Follow them with passion. As you have been commanded, fight for truth to the point of death. For Christ was ‘obedient’ even ‘unto death.’ The Apostle Paul says, ‘Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart. . . in departing from the living God. But exhort one another. . . (and edify one another) while it is called to-day.’ Today means our entire lifetime. If you live like this, beloved, you will save yourself. You will make me glad and you will glorify God forever.” – Basil

Lectionary for next week: Joshua 24:1-3a, 13-25; Psalm 78:1-7; Amos 5:18-24;
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20; Psalm 70;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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