



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

October 21, 2012 (Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

*O LORD my God, You are very great!*

**You are clothed with honor and majesty;**

**You wrap Yourself with light as with a cloak,  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

You make the clouds Your chariot,

You ride on the wings of the wind;

*You make the winds Your messengers, fire and flame Your ministers.*

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

**O LORD, how manifold are Your works!**

**In wisdom You have made them all;  
the earth is full of Your possessions.**

*May the glory of the LORD endure forever;*

*may the LORD be glad in His works!*

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing to the Lord while I have my being.**

May our meditation be pleasing to Him; for we rejoice in the LORD.

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

– Psalm 104:1-5, 24, 31, 33-35



Offering of Melchizedek, San Vitale Basilica, Ravenna, Italy, c.547



### *How Great is our God*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty:  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

#### *Chorus*

How great is our God, sing with me:  
How great is our God;  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God.

#### *Verse 2*

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands:  
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End.  
The Godhead Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.

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### INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

### *How Great is our God (bridge)*

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing, How great is our God.

You're the name above all names;  
You're worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing how great is our God.



### *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

#### *Chorus:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

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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, died, and was  
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

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our  
weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are,  
yet without sin.*

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we  
may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

– Hebrews 4:14-16

[Silent confessions]

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against You  
and against others, in thought and word and deed, through  
negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your  
Son Jesus Christ, who suffered for us and died for us, forgive us all  
that is past; and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to  
the glory of Your name. Amen.**

### *Kyrie Eleison*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus Christ.

Kyrie eleison, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.  
*But Christ suffered and died for us; He was raised from the dead and  
ascended on high for us; He continues to intercede for us.*  
And nothing shall separate us from the love of God  
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

— from Romans 8:34, 39

## TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thanksgiving and praise. . .

**In gratitude, we offer these our gifts as a sign of love, devotion, and  
praise. Through them, just as through our words and songs of  
praise, we acknowledge that You are our Lord and King.**

### *Knowing You*

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

### *Chorus*

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You; there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love you, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found by You, and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn;  
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings,  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord;  
So with You to live, and never die.

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## THE WORD

Hebrews 4:12-16

Hebrews 5:1-10



## 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, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heav'n.  
Provide each day our daily needs;  
Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil  
For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;  
And Thine is the power, forever and ever;  
And Thine is the glory, now and forever,  
Amen, amen, amen.

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### *Behold the Lamb*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:  
And we remember –  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you:  
Eat and remember –  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:  
Drink and remember –  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,  
And to remember –  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n  
Around the table of the King.

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## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

#### *How Great Thou Art (reprise)*

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:  
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Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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#### Benediction:

And now, beloved, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, eternal Savior, and King; and the love of God; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us and go with us all – as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

**Amen! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

“No one is free from the risk of persecution. . . . But how serious it is for Christians who are unwilling to suffer for their own sins when He who had no sin suffered for us! The Son of God suffered in order to make us children of God, but people won't suffer to continue being children of God! If we suffer from the world's hatred, Christ first endured the world's hatred. If we suffer rebukes in this world, if exile or torture, the Maker and Lord of the world experienced harder things than these. He also warns us, "If the world hates you, remember that it hated Me before you. If ye were of the world, the world would love their own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, 'The servant is not greater than his lord: If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.'" Whatever our Lord God taught, He did so that disciples who learn have no excuse not to do what they learn.”

– Cyprian

***Lectionary for next week:*** Job42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8. (19-22); Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm126; Hebrews7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

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