



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 13, 2013 (Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Our hearts overflow with a good theme; we address our verses to the King; our tongues are the pens of ready writers.

You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips. Therefore God has blessed You forever.

Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One, in Your splendor and Your majesty! And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness.

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of joy above Your fellows.

We will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever.

– from Psalm 45:1-7, 17



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In the Beauty of Holiness

In the beauty of holiness we see You, Son of righteousness,
So we bring all that we possess to lay at Your feet.
In the place where Your glory shines, Jesus lover of all mankind,
You have drawn us with love divine to make us complete.

Chorus

So I pause at Your gates once more,
As my heart and my spirit soar,
And I wish I could love You more:
My God and my King!

Is there tribute that I could bring, was there ever a song to sing,
That could ever express, my King, the work that You've done?
Could I ever conceive of this,
All the depths and the heights and breadth,
Of the riches I now possess
Because of Your love?

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God, and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine; fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.



Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man.
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.*

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried.*

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
*He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.*

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father, and with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed



Doxology

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.

Doxology text from *Fourscore and Seven Psalms of David* (Geneva, 1561), *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*, vs. 4, attributed to William Kethe.; doxology tune: *Old 100th*, attrib. to Louis Bourgeois.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

The call and promise of the Lord:

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

– Ezekiel 36:25-27

[Silent confessions]



Eternal and merciful God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, you proclaimed him to be Your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all we who have been born of water and the Spirit may keep the covenant we have made – to love You, the Lord our God, with all our hearts and souls and minds and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves – to the glory of your name.



Whiter Than Snow

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want You forever to live in my soul.
Break down ev'ry idol, cast out ev'ry foe.
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Chorus

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow;
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from Your throne in the skies,
And help me to make a complete sacrifice.
I give up myself and whatever I know;
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, before You I patiently wait;
Come now and within me a new heart create.
To those who have sought You, You never said no.
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Chorus

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow;
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had
done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and
renewal by the Holy Spirit.

– Titus 3:4-5

Thanks be to God!



TIME OF OFFERING

Sharing words of thanksgiving and devotion

God of heaven and earth, You call us to come in humility before You, bringing the offering of our very selves. As You revealed Jesus to be Your Son in His baptism, so You claimed our lives in baptism, that we might walk in newness of life.

Accept all we have and all we are, O God, as expressions of our devotion, love and worship. May Your presence flow through us always.

Let the Rain of Your Presence

Let the rain of Your presence fall on me,
Every day that I live, with every breath I breathe;
Let the rain of Your presence fall on me,
Everywhere that I go, Lord, let Your presence flow,
Rain on me.

Love divine, joy unspeakable,
Overflowing in my soul.
This heart of mine is refreshed and at rest,
In Your presence, in Your presence.

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Living Water

Come, Living Water flow through me like a river.
My heart's been thirsting so long.
Flood through my soul and pour out Your mercy.
Come, Living Water, fill me.

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THE WORD

Psalm 45:1-7
1 Corinthians 15:40-49
Matthew 3:13-17



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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I Can Hear Your Voice

I'm in the river that flows from Your throne;
Water of life, Water of life.
It covers me and I breathe again;
Your love is breath to my soul.
I can hear Your voice as You sing over me,
It's Your song of hope breathing life into me.
I can feel Your touch as I come close to You,
And it heals my heart, You restore and renew.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Living Water (reprise)

Come, Living Water flow through me like a river.
My heart's been thirsting so long.
Flood through my soul and pour out Your mercy.
Come, Living Water, fill me.

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Benediction:

God the Father, who sent His Spirit upon His Son, bless you with the presence of His Spirit.
Jesus, who received the Spirit and manifested the Father, abide in you and make you a manifestation of His life.
And God the Spirit, who came upon Christ in the fullness of power, empower you to live in the pattern of baptismal spirituality revealed in Jesus.
To the glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Special Readings for next Sunday: Psalm 1; Ephesians 3:14-19; Luke 8:4-15

Lectionary for next week: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 32:22-31;
Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

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A thought about worship...— “Here is the deep rhythm of the spiritual life: a baptism into death to sin and resurrection to a new life made possible only by the divine embrace of God, who in his incarnation became one of us to take into himself the curse of sin and death on the hard wood of the cross and to overcome it by vanquishing death at the empty tomb. The divine embrace has become for us the pattern of the spiritual life.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 184.)

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