



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

October 24, 2010 (Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**One thing I have desired of the Lord,**

**that I will seek:**

**That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

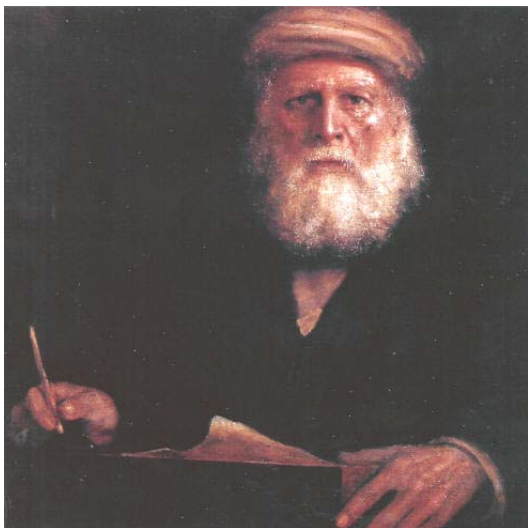
**to behold the beauty of the Lord**

**and to meditate in His temple.**

Let us offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle!

**We will sing; yes, we will sing praises to the Lord!**

— from Psalms 95 and 27



Apostle Paul Writing Timothy, Richard Serrin, Contemporary



## *Blessed*

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house.  
They are ever praising You.  
Blessed are those whose strength is in You,  
Whose hearts are set on our God.

We will go from strength to strength,  
'Til we see You face to face.

Hear our prayer, O Lord God Almighty.  
Come heal our land as we seek You, worship You.

For You are holy, for You are holy,  
For You are holy, Lord.

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## INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

### *Blessed (chorus)*

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader:

There is laid up for all of us who have loved His appearing crown of  
righteous, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award on that day.  
– 2 Timothy 4:8



## *Beati/Psalm 84*

### *Refrain:*

Beati, in domo Domini

(Blessed are they who dwell in God's house)

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### *Refrain*

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young, at your altars,

O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in Your house, ever singing Your praise.

### *Refrain*

Happy are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the  
highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in  
Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

### *Refrain*

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; He bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk  
uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### Meditation:

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I pay tithes of all that I possess.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

– Luke 18:9-14

### *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

O You, who hear prayer, to You all flesh will come.

When we were overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions. How blessed are those You choose and bring near to You to dwell in Your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

– Psalm 65:2-4



## *Beati*

*Refrain:*

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## READING

**Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion;**

**to You our vows will be fulfilled.**

You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness,

O God, our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas,

*Who formed the mountains by Your power,*

*having armed Yourself with strength,*

Who stilled the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves,

and the turmoil of the nations.

*Those living far away fear Your wonders;*

*where morning dawns and evening fades*

*You call forth songs of joy.*

You care for the land and water it; You enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water

to provide the people with grain,

for so You have ordained it.

*You drench its furrows and level its ridges;*

*You soften it with showers and bless its crops.*

You crown the year with Your bounty,

and Your carts overflow with gladness.

*The meadows are covered with flocks*

*and the valleys are mantled with grain;*

*they shout for joy and sing.*

**Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion;**

**to You our vows will be fulfilled.**

– Psalm 65:1, 5-13



## TIME OF OFFERING

### *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance now and always.  
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.  
Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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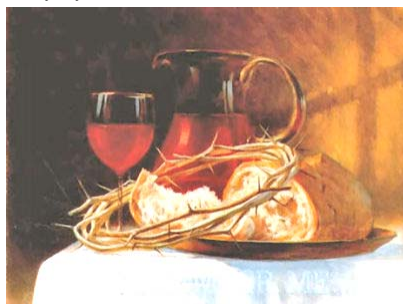
## THE WORD

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

*The Lord's Prayer* (spoken)



Remember Me, Graham Braddock, Contemporary

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 Fall Down*

We fall down, we lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus;  
The greatness of mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy,  
We cry holy, holy, holy,  
We cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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### *We Humbly Bow*

#### *Verse 1*

We humbly bow before You now,  
We lift our lives up to You.  
On our knees we bring our humble offering  
Of worship and honor and praise

#### *Chorus*

Boldly we come to Your throne, O Father,  
But only by grace can we come.  
We've been bought by the precious blood of the Lamb.  
We lay down our lives before You,  
Jesus, we willingly give You all,  
As humbly at Your feet we fall.  
For it's the highest place of all, O Lord.

#### *Verse 2*

On this holy ground our hearts bow down,  
Your awesome splendor overwhelms.  
But there is no fear, for Jesus You are here;  
Your shed blood has made us a way.

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## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

#### 2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith;  
Now there's a crown (for me).

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And now, may the Lord stand by you and give you strength, so that through you the message might be fully proclaimed and all might hear it. And may the Lord rescue you from every evil attack and save you for his heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**

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

—from 2 Timothy 4

#### *A thought about worship...*

“The historic argument for the use of the arts in worship is grounded in the Incarnation. The claim is that God, by becoming a person, sanctified physical and material reality as a vehicle for spiritual presence. He comes to us through flesh and blood. Why, then, shouldn't we accept appropriate art forms as visible means through which we offer our praise?” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 12-13).