



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 11, 2012 (Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Give thanks to the LORD with a whole heart;
tell of all His wonderful works.

**We will be glad and exult in Him;
and sing praises to the name of the Most High.**

Bow down toward His holy temple in worship, and give thanks
to His name for His unfailing love and faithfulness.

For He has exalted His name and His word above all things.

On the day I called, He answered me;

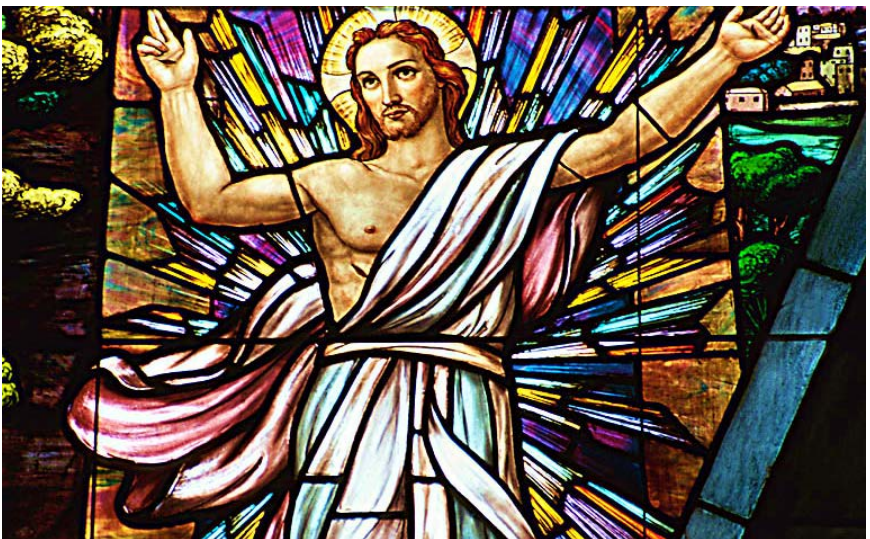
He increased the strength of my soul.

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for us;

His steadfast love endures forever.

**O give thanks to the LORD and sing of His ways,
for great is the glory of the Lord!**

— from Psalm 138





To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to Thee let earth accord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Words: The Venerable Bede (673-735), *Hymnum canamus Domino*; transl. from Latin by Benjamin Webb, 1854. Music: Hymn tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Peter von Brachel, 1623.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

God was pleased, in His eternal purpose,
to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son,
to be the mediator between God and human beings.

*As the mediator, He is the prophet, priest, and king,
the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things,
and the judge of the world.*

God gave to Him, from all eternity,
a people to be His seed and to be by Him, in time,
redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

*The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself –
which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God –
has fully satisfied the justice of His Father.*

He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance
in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to
Him.

– from Westminster Confession (MESV), Chap. VIII, Sec. 1, 5

Because We Believe

We believe in God the Father;
We believe in Christ the Son;
We believe in the Holy Spirit;
We are the church and we stand as one.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is our God.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.
All glory and honor are His to receive.
To Jesus we sing, because we believe.

Verse 2

We believe in the Holy Bible; we believe in the virgin birth;
We believe in the resurrection; that Christ one day will return to earth.

Verse 3

We believe in the blood of Jesus; we believe in eternal life;
We believe in the blood that frees us to become the Bride of Christ.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to confession:

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
*But He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and by His wounds we are healed.*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. — Isaiah 53:4-6

[Silent confessions]

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
God, the well-spring of life.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of
the true one, but He entered into heaven itself,
now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.
*Now He has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin
by the sacrifice of Himself.* — Hebrews 9:24, 26

**Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD God is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation.**

— Isaiah 12:2



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus

O, the wonderful cross; O, the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die
And find that I may truly live.
O, the wonderful cross; O, the wonderful cross:
All who gather here
By grace draw near, and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Chorus

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THE WORD

Hebrews 9:24-28

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 Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

Chorus:

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, oh there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

Chorus

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

Chorus

Lo! th'incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood:
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.

Chorus

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

Chorus

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

To God Be the Glory (reprise)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

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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 –

“What is the most righteous way of worshiping God? For no one should think that God desires victims, incense, or valuable gifts. Since He doesn't experience hunger, thirst, cold, or a desire for earthly things, the things presented in temples to earthly gods aren't useful to Him. Just as physical offerings are necessary for physical beings, so spiritual sacrifices are necessary for a spiritual being. . . . So then, what does God require from us? Pure and holy worship of our minds. For those things that are made by hand or outside of people are senseless, frail, and displeasing. But true sacrifice isn't from the purse but from the heart. It is offered not by the hands, but by the mind. . . . What's the purpose of incense, clothes, silver, gold, or precious stones if the worshiper doesn't have a pure mind?”

– Lactanius

Lectionary for next week: 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

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