



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 18, 2012 (Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

His lovingkindness is everlasting.

**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.**

Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name.

Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember
that His name is exalted. Let this be known throughout the earth.

Behold, God is my salvation!

My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God.

There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides You;
there is no Rock like our God.

We have set the LORD is always before us; we shall not be moved.

Therefore our hearts are glad,

Our souls rejoice, and we rest secure.

He has made known the path of life;

In His presence is fullness of joy, forevermore!

— from 1 Samuel 2, Isaiah 12, Psalm 16



First Century Church Meeting



Behold the Lord

Great and marvelous are Your works,
Oh Lord Almighty.
True and righteous are all Your ways,
King of the ages.
Who will not fear You, oh Lord,
And glorify Your Name?

Chorus

Behold the Lord; God is my salvation;
In Him I trust, and will not be afraid.
And I will give thanks, and sing among the nations forever;
Behold the Lord, behold the Lord, behold the Lord.

So rejoice and be glad in this,
Our God is with us;
Messiah, Emmanuel, Lion of Judah;
Lift up your voice and declare
The glory of our King.

Bridge

Join the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb,
The thunderous praises of one new man;
The Kingdom of the Messiah is at hand.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

A hymn of glory let us sing;
New songs throughout the world shall ring.
Christ, by a road before untrod
Ascendeth to the throne of God.



O grant us thitherward to tend,
And with unwearied hearts ascend,
Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou
As is our faith, art seated now.

Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense,
Who art our future Recompense.
So shall the light that springs from Thee
Be ours through all eternity.

Words: The Venerable Bede (673-735), *Hymnum canamus Domino*; translated from Latin to English by Benjamin Webb, 1854. Hymn tune: ST. COLUMBA.

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, dead, and 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

Call to confession:

Since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain (that is, through His flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. And let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

– Hebrews 10:19-23

[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 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.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.
(repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God . . . For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” He also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

– Hebrews 10:12-18

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and words of thanksgiving and hope. . .

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Chorus:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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THE WORD

Hebrews 10:11-25

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 (spoken)

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



Worthy is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross, Lord;
Thank You for the price You paid:
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love You came,
And gave amazing grace.

Thank You for this love, Lord;
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,
Now all I know,
Your forgiveness and embrace.

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb,
Seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns,
You reign victorious.
High and lifted up,
Jesus Son of God,
The Treasure of heaven crucified:
Worthy is the Lamb,
Worthy is the Lamb.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Behold the Lord (reprise)

Behold the Lord, God is my salvation;
In Him I trust, and will not be afraid.
And I will give thanks, and sing among the nations forever;
Behold the Lord, behold the Lord,
Behold the Lord.

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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 –

“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... Truly the symbol of the cross is considered despicable according to the world and among people. But in heaven and among the faithful, it is the highest glory. It is cheapened by the public and they laugh at it, but we are elated by it. In the same way, we boast in the cross. . . . He loved me so much that He gave Himself over to a curse for me. What can compare to this? If servants only receive praise from their masters, who they are bound to kin by nature, and are elated by it, how much more must we boast when our Master, God Himself, isn't ashamed of the cross Christ endured for us. Therefore, we must not be ashamed of His unspeakable tenderness. He wasn't ashamed of being crucified for you—will you be ashamed to confess His infinite care for you?”
– Chrysostom

Lectionary for next week: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; Daniel 7:9-14;
Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

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