



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 10, 2012 (Second 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 steadfast 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 lovingkindness endures forever.

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

— from Psalm 138



The Glory, Marc Chagall, Contemp.



Immortal Invisible (Your Great Name We Praise)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Chorus

Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Verse 2

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light;
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might.
Your Justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Your Clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Verse 3

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true Life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Verse 4

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight.
All praise we will render, oh Father of Grace;
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



Let it Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

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Come Thou, Almighty King (verse 4)

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence evermore;
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see.
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

It is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke."

Since we have the same spirit of faith, we also believe, therefore we also speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us together to Himself.
Therefore we do not lose heart.

For we know that we are being renewed inwardly day by day, and our momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.

For the things that are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

— from 2 Corinthians 4:13-18



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.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to confession:

Out of the depths I have cried to You.

LORD, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness;

so that we can, with reverence, serve You.

—Psalm 130:1-4

[Silent confessions]



Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

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

*Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love,
and with Him is abundant redemption.
He redeems His people from all their sins.* — Psalm 130:7-8

For though the LORD is exalted,
Yet He regards the lowly, but the proud He knows from afar.
*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;
You stretch forth Your hand against the anger of my foes,
And with Your right hand You save me.*

**The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;
Your lovingkindness, O LORD, endures forever.**

— from Psalm 138:6-8



TIME OF OFFERING

Holy and loving God, You have graced us with abundant blessings – with Your light, Your life, Your awesome presence. With gratitude and in worship, we bow down before You. Accept with these offerings, we pray, our whole selves. For Jesus' sake and for His glory alone. Amen.

Bow Down

Bow down before the Lord,
Worship Him, O worship Him.
Bow down before our God,
Enter in, O enter in.
Consuming fire and sweet perfume,
His awesome presence fills this room.
This is holy ground, so come and bow down.

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THE WORD

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

Genesis 3:8-15

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Eucharist, Meer Gyan, 2004

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.**

We Behold You (Fraction Anthem)

With all of the saints and angels,
We gather before You.
Our hearts filled with thankfulness,
We lift up Your holy Name.
With all who have gone before us,
We feast at Your table.
We eat of Your body and
Drink of Your holy blood.

And we behold You, and we behold You
Lamb of God, slain for our sins.

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Highest

Your love, O Lord, is like the oceans:
Deeper than endless seas.
Your faithfulness is like the mountains,
And Your Word never fails.

Glory to God, let every heart sing:
Glory to God in the highest.

Let us adore,
Wonderful, Saviour;
Crown Him forever our King.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Come Thou, Almighty King (reprise)

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be, hence evermore;
Thy sov'reign majesty, may we in glory see.
And to eternity love and adore.

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Benediction:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Let the desire for glory be surpassed by the love of righteousness. When our love of glory exceeds the fearer love of God in our heart, it becomes an evil that is hostile to faith. The Lord said, "How can ye believe, who look for glory from one another, and do not seek the glory which is from God alone?". . . As the holy apostles spoke about and did godly things and lived godly lives, they conquered hard hearts and introduced them to the peace of righteousness. Then great glory followed them in the church of Christ. They didn't rest in that reward as the goal of their holiness. They referred the glory to God. For by His grace they were what they were. Therefore, they sought to kindle minds to love God. By Him these people could be made to be what the apostles were.” – Augustine

Lectionary for next week: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

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