



SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (reprise)

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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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 as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...

"The Christian church . . . has always been committed to a triune experience and understanding of God, but most preachers seldom preach on this subject. The discipline of addressing the congregation once a year on the meaning of triune faith and worship is helpful and necessary. . . . Christians need to know . . . the spiritual understanding of the self made in the image of God and the significance of Christian community that mirrors the eternal, communal relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 175).



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 6, 2010 (Second Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Praise the LORD!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

He made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

He keeps faith forever.

He executes justice for the oppressed, He gives food to the hungry,
and sets the prisoners free.

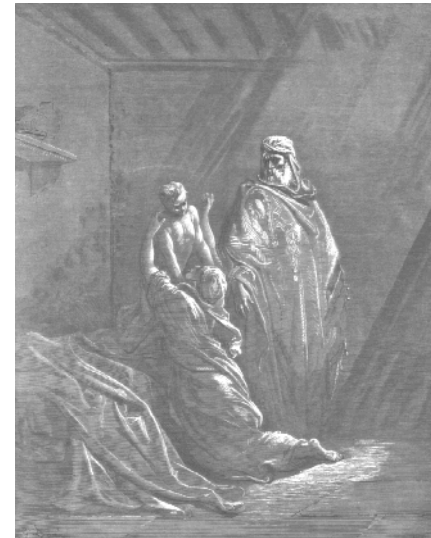
The LORD opens the eyes of the blind, He lifts up those who are bowed down, and loves the righteous.

He watches over the stranger, and upholds the orphan and widow.

The LORD will reign forever, our God, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

— Psalm 146



Elijah Raiseth the Son of the Widow of Zarephath,
Gustave Dore', 1865



Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

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INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise



1 Kings 17:8-24

Luke 7:11-17

THE TABLE

Blessing – Remembering – Taking – Reflecting

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

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;
You 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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READING: 1 Kings 17:8-24

TIME OF OFFERING

Fountain of Grace

You have been faithful when I have been faithless,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.
Forever giving when I have been selfish,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

Still the beginning of all that is holy,
Unsearchable Ancient of Days.
I kneel before You, and offer this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

You were the constant when I chose to wander,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.
You were forgiveness when I cried for mercy,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

You are the author of all that is finished,
I owe You my life and my praise.
I kneel before You, and offer this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

Pour out the water of life on this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

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THE WORD



PROFESSION OF FAITH

**He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.**

In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished upon us.

In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times;

That is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth.

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose, who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we should be to the praise of His glory.

In Him, we also were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ.**

from Ephesians 1:3-14; Romans 11:36 (NASB)



Take My Life

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Chorus:

Here am I, all of me;
Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Verse 2

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry power as Your choose.

Verse 3

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Your feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Agnus Dei

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.
Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Only by true faith in Jesus Christ, even though my conscience
accuses me of having grievously sinned,
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned, nor been a sinner,**

**as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.**

— from the *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q. & A. 60

People of God, hear the good news of the Gospel:

The Father says to us, "Child, you are always with me, and all that is
mine is yours."

— from Luke 15:31