



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 2, 2013 (Second Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O, sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless His name;

Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations,

His wonderful deeds among the peoples.

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

He is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

But the Lord made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before Him,

Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, all you peoples,

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

Bring an offering and come into His courts.

Come, let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
and sing to God, our salvation!

– from Psalm 96:1-10





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.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise





All People That On Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

Bridge:

Sing to the Lord, exalt His name;
O, make His praise glorious.
Pour forth His praise,
His anthem raise;
Rejoice in Him forever.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Bridge

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader:

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

**For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things;
to Him be glory forever.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.

They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them Your servant is warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

**Your testimonies are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my
heart. I have inclined my heart to keep your statutes forever,
even to the end.**

– Rom. 11: 33, 36; Psalm 19:7-11, 119:111-112

Leader: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His
covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is His name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who

practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

– Psalm 111:9-10

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession:

How blessed are those who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways,

How blessed are those whose way is blameless,

who walk in the law of the Lord.

How blessed are those who observe His testimonies,

who seek Him with all their heart.

– Psalm 128:1. 119:1-2

[Silence]



Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to live as Your covenant people:
we have not done Your will;
we have broken Your law;
we have rebelled against Your love;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us, that we may walk in the fear of the Lord and faithfully live in covenant relationship with You and with others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.
Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus Christ.
Kyrie eleison, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord to us, His people:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.

– Galatians 1:3-4; Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18



TIME OF OFFERING

Prayers of thanksgiving and devotion

Call Us From the Outer Court

Call us from the outer court, Lord,
Draw us with Your incense sweet;
Help us to lay the cares of this day
At Your feet, at Your feet.

Laying down all earthly idols,
Taking up Your gifts of grace;
We enter in, for we find a Friend
In Your face, in Your face.

Chorus:

Our spirits cry out, we long for more;
Our freedom comes as we adore You.

Cause a holy hunger in us,
For nothing here on earth compares;
No treasure so fair, no jewel so rare
As the love that You show
In Your courts.

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THE WORD

1Kings 18:20-39;
1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43;

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**

I Will Bow to You

Lord, I will bow to You,
To no other God but You alone.
Lord, I will worship You,
Nothing hands have made, but You alone.

I will lay down my idols,
Thrones I have made,
All that has taken my heart.
Lord, I will bow to You,
To no other God but You alone

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



I Will Bow to You (reprise)

I will lay down my idols, thrones I have made,
All that has taken my heart.
Lord, I will bow to You, to no other God but You alone

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Benediction:

Now, beloved, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.
As we walk out our baptisms, may we also live and walk in the fear
of the Lord, loving what He loves, desiring to please Him and
walking in His ways, to the glory of His name.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“There are two kinds of fear. One is accompanied with reverence, such as citizens show toward good rulers, as we show God and as right-minded children show their fathers. ... The other species of fear is accompanied by hatred that slaves feel toward hard masters and the Hebrews felt, who made God a master, not a Father. And as far as piety is concerned, voluntary and spontaneous actions differ a lot, if not entirely, from forced ones. "For He," it is said, "is merciful; He will heal their sins, and not destroy them, fully turn away His anger, and not kindle all His wrath." See how the Instructor's justice, which deals in rebukes, and God's goodness, which deals in compassion, are shown. David—that is, the Spirit through him—embracing both fears, sings of God Himself: "Justice and judgment are the preparation of His throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face." He says that it is by the same power both to judge and to do good. For there is power over both, and judgment separates that justice from its opposite. And He who is truly God is just and good, who is Himself all.”

– Clement of Alexandria

Lectionary for next week: 1Kings17:8-24; Psalm 146; Psalm 30;
Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

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