



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 3, 2011 (Third Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

We will extol You, our God and King;

and we will bless Your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

and His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise Your works to another,

and shall declare Your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty

and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.

They will speak of the power of Your awesome works,

and I will tell of Your greatness.

All Your works shall praise You, O LORD,

and Your saints shall bless You.

We will speak of Your glory and Your power,

to make known Your acts and the glory of Your kingdom.

The LORD has made known His salvation

and revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

The LORD has done marvelous things!

We will bless His name forever and ever.

– from Psalm 145 and 98



Angel Candles,
Marc Chagall, 1887-1985



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

Words from *Fourscore and Seven Psalms of David* (Geneva, 1561), attr. to William Kethe.

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INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise





Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder (verses 1 through 3)

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood, [3 times]
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood, [3 times]
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown:
He who washed us with His blood, [3 times]
Soon will bring us home to God.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe that Christ died for all,
so that we who live might no longer live for ourselves,
but for Him who died and rose again on our behalf.
*Therefore, since we are in Christ, we are new creatures;
the old things passed away; behold, all things have become new.*
Now these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself
through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, –
*Namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself,
not counting their trespasses against them, –*
And He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
*God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf,
so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

– Based on 2 Corinthians 5:14-21



Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder (verses 4 and 5)

Let us wonder; grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with His blood, [3 times]
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us; now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with Your blood, [3 times]
You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

You have washed us with Your blood, [3 times]
You are worthy, Lamb; You are worthy, Lamb;
You are worthy, Lamb of God!

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

God's word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

— from 1 John 1:8-9

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

[Silent confessions]

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbors, 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.



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

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. He is righteous in all His ways, and faithful in all He does. The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will hear their cry and save them. The LORD keeps all who love Him.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

Psalm 145:8. 17-21

TIME OF OFFERING

Sovereign Lord, in grace and love You have called us into covenant relationship with You. In joyful worship and with thanksgiving, we offer to You what You have first given to us –

our moments and days,

our hands and feet,

our voices, our lips, our minds,

our silver and gold,

our wills, our hearts, our love,

our whole selves.

May we be always, only, all for Thee.



Take My Life

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.

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.

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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THE WORD

Romans 7:15-25a

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

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.**



Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:
And we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you:
Eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,
And to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



All People That On Earth Do Dwell (reprise)

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

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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Benediction:

Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

Amen!

— Jude 24-25

Beloved, go forth into the world with joy, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship... “We should be concerned with achieving a balance between the verbal and symbolic means of worship so that the whole person is inspired to worship. We must also respect the fact that some people are more comfortable with verbal communication and others with the symbolic. Since all congregations include both types, and since all people are capable of communication through both methods, improvement of both the verbal and the symbolic methods of communicating Christ in our worship is desirable.”

Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God’s Mighty Deeds of Salvation* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992, 88.)

Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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