



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 17, 2012 (Third Sunday after Pentecost)

Family Worship
(The Fickenscher Family)

LET US WORSHIP

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be His Kingdom now and forever more.

Let us begin our worship in silence ...

[time of silence]

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

LIGHTING OF THE SABBATH CANDLE

Leader:

May our hearts be lifted, our spirits refreshed, as we light the Sabbath candle. May the light fill our home with kindness and love, peace and joy. May the Spirit of Christ, the Lord of the Sabbath, shine upon us, and fill our hearts.

Song: Grace and Peace

Grace and peace,
Grace and peace,
Grace and peace to you,
From God our Father,
And the Lord Jesus Christ.

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A woman lighting Shabbat candles



CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

[Silent confessions]

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

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**Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in His eternal life. Amen.**

SONGS

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King,
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand, and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise.



Chorus:

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us,
Forever and ever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus (two times)

His love endures forever ...
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever You are faithful,
Forever You are strong,
Forever You are with us,
Forever and ever.
Forever You are faithful,
Forever You are strong,
Forever You are with us,
Forever and ever, forever.

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Step By Step

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You. (repeat)
I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in Your ways;
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.

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TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thankfulness and praise

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks...

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GOD'S WORD FOR US

Old Testament reading: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (antiphonal reading)

The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of
Jacob protect you!

*May He send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from
Zion.*

May He remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt
sacrifices. Selah

May He grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set
up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

*Now I know that the LORD will help His anointed; He will answer him
from His holy heaven with mighty victories by His right hand.*

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the
name of the LORD our God.

They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

— Psalm 20



New Testament reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel reading: Mark 4:26-34

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF TEACHING

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



In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on the cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world, by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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How Great is our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty:
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God;
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

Verse 2

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands:
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End.
The Godhead Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.

Bridge

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing, How great is our God.

You're the name above all names
You're worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Benediction

Barocha

May the Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace
And give you peace
And give you peace forever.

The Lord be gracious to you
The Lord lift His countenance on you
And give you peace
And give you peace
And give you peace forever.

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A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“No matter what knowledge of God we can gain by observing or reflecting on Him, He is far better than how we perceive Him. Say we wanted to acquaint someone who couldn't bear a spark of light or the flame of a very small lamp with the brightness and splendor of the sun. Wouldn't it be necessary to tell him that the sun's splendor was unspeakably and incalculably more glorious than all the light he had already seen? In the same way, our knowledge of God is restrained by flesh and blood. Due to our participation in material things, our minds are dull in their attempts to understand spiritual things, although our understanding hardly compares to a spark or lamp. However, among all intelligent, spiritual beings, God is superior to all others—so unspeakably and incalculably superior. Even the purest and brightest human understanding can't comprehend His nature.”

– Origen

Lectionary for next week: 1 Samuel 17:1 - 18:16; Psalm 9:9-20; Psalm 133; Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3,23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

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