



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 9, 2013 (Third 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

I Call You Faithful

I call You faithful, Lord, You are faithful;

You are so faithful to me.

I call you faithful, Lord, You are faithful;

Faithful You are, and faithful You'll be.

(Repeat)

2. Holy

3. Awesome

4. Healer

5. Jireh

6. All that





INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Faithful

Faithful, forever You are faithful;
Father to the fatherless,
You uphold the one who feels forsaken.
You are faithful, God.

Faithful, forever You are faithful;
Lover of the wounded heart.
You defend the poor and the forgotten.
You are faithful, God.

Chorus

And I will sing to the Maker of heaven and earth.
God, You reign forever and Your love will endure.
Faithful and true is the name of the Lord;
You are faithful, God.

Faithful, forever You are faithful;
Shelter for the fragile soul.
You lift us up, You hold us all together.
You are faithful, God.

Chorus

Bridge

You are there in ev'ry season of my soul.
You are there, You're the anchor that will hold.
You are there, in the valley of the shadows.
You are faithful, God.

Chorus

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: 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:

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him;

In love, He predestined us to adoption as His children, in accordance with His pleasure and His will;

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to His grace;

He has made known to us the mystery of His will, to bring all things in heaven and on earth into unity in Christ;

Having believed in Him, we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, the guarantee of our inheritance in Him, to the praise of His glory.

In the exceeding greatness of His power, He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

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.

For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things.

– from Ephesians 1:3-21; Romans 11:36

Faithful (chorus)

And I will sing to the Maker of heaven and earth.
God, You reign forever and Your love will endure.
Faithful and true is the name of the Lord;
You are faithful, God.



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.

Examine me, O LORD, and try me; test my mind and my heart.

For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes.

– Psalm 26:2, 8

Most holy and merciful Father,

We confess to You and to one another, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

[Silence]

Be gracious to us, and hear our prayer.

Accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world; through Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord, trustworthy and true:

We extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted us up:

You have restored us, and have given us life.

Sing praises to the LORD, all you His faithful ones,

And give thanks to His holy name.

O LORD, by Your favor You have given us strength,

You are our Rock and our Salvation.

You have turned our mourning into dancing.

You have removed my sackcloth

and clothed me with joy,

So that my soul may praise You and not be silent.

O LORD, our God,

We will give thanks to You forever!

– from Psalm 30

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (verse 2)

The Lord is my song,

The Lord is my praise;

All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song,

The Lord is my praise;

God, the well-spring of life.

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TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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THE WORD

1 Kings 17:8-24
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

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**

Flow Like a River

Flow like a river, fall like the rain;
Streams of compassion flow from His throne.
Wide as the ocean, deep as the sea;
Life-giving fountain, is God's love for me.

Feast at the table of mercy,
Drink from the cup of His grace.
Dwell in His infinite goodness,
Live in His healing embrace.

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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

I Call You Faithful (reprise)

I call You faithful, Lord, You are faithful;
You are so faithful to me.
I call you faithful, Lord, You are faithful;
Faithful You are, and faithful You'll be.

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Benediction:

Now as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, do so remembering that He who calls you is faithful. And may He grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever.

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

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“How can someone doubt God's presence and help who has experienced various dangers and has been saved from them by His simple nod, who has passed through the sea that the Savior calmed and that supplied a solid road for the people? I believe that finding miracles like these performed and perfected at God's command is the foundation of faith and the basis for confidence. Therefore, even in the midst of trials there is no reason to turn from our faith. But we have an unshaken hope in God. When this habit of confidence is firmly rooted in the soul, God Himself will dwell in our deepest thoughts.” – Eusebius

Lectionary for next week: 1 Kings 21:1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8; Psalm 32;
2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

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