



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 10, 2011 (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

We have gathered to praise and worship the LORD.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise is due You, O God, in Zion.

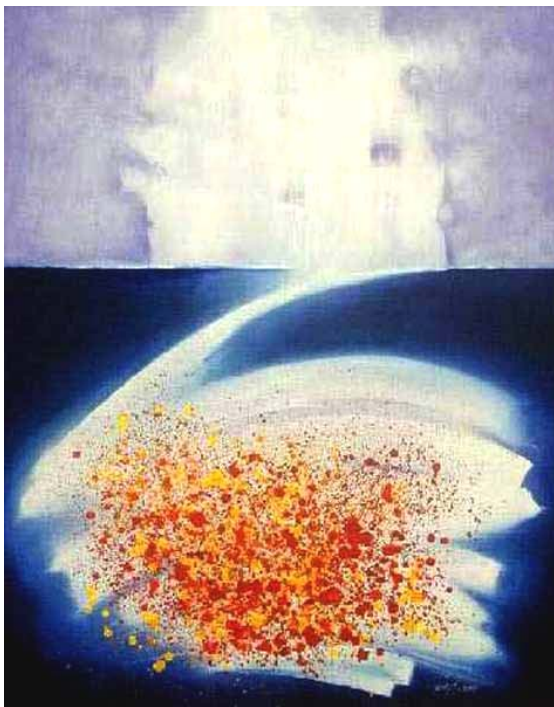
To You our vows will be performed.

By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation. You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

– from Psalms 65 and 150



Redemption, Cornelis Monsma, Contemporary



Immortal Invisible (Your Great Name We Praise)

Verse 1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Chorus

Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Verse 2

Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light;
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might.
Your Justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Your Clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Verse 3

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true Life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Verse 4

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight.
All praise we will render, oh Father of Grace;
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord;

He is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.

Let us remember His mercy;

for He is gracious and compassionate:

He has called us to faith in Christ, the Lord;

He has put His Spirit within us;

He has given us the mind of Christ;

*He has gathered us into covenant relationship with Him,
and set us free.*

Thanks be to God!

Immortal Invisible (reprise)

Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;

Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever,

Forever. Amen, amen, amen.

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READING:

Mathew 13:1-9, 18-23



The Sower, Edouard Leon Louis Edy-Legrand, 1950



PROFESSION OF FAITH

Together we profess the faith of the church of all ages from the words of the Apostle Paul:

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death.

Sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

The mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

However, we are not in the realm of the flesh but in the realm of the Spirit, because the Spirit of God lives in us and we belong to Christ.

Christ is in us, and though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through His Spirit who lives in us.

– from Romans 8:1-11

Christ in Us

Christ in us, Christ in us; Christ in us, the hope of glory.
Christ in us; there is just one confession: Christ in us.

God with us, God with us; who could ever be against us?
God with us; there is just one confession: God with us.

Christ in us, Christ in us; Christ in us, the hope of glory.
Christ in us; there is just one confession: Christ in us.

There is just one confession: Christ in us.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to confession

Almighty and merciful God, O You who hear and answer prayer:
To You shall all flesh come. When our sins and transgressions
overwhelm us, You forgive them. How blessed are those You choose
and bring near to You, to dwell in Your courts. (Psalm 65:2-4)

Trusting in His promise and faithfulness,
let us confess our sins to God.

[Silent confessions]

The Jesus Prayer

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but so that the world through Him might be saved.

All those who believe in Him are not condemned, because they have
believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God, and have loved
the Light. They have come to the Light, and walk in the truth.

— from Romans 5:8, 8:1; John 3:17; John 3: 18-21



TIME OF OFFERING

Sovereign, loving Lord – You have drawn us near to You, and have given Your Spirit to dwell within us. You have blessed us exceedingly with the riches of Your grace. With Your tithes and our offerings, we offer ourselves in worship and thanksgiving to You. Dwell in the midst of us; come, Lord, have Your way.

Dwell

Dwell in the midst of us; come and dwell in this place.
Dwell in the midst of us; come and have Your way.

Dwell in the midst of us; wipe all the tears from our faces.
Dwell in the midst of us; You can have Your way

Not our will but Yours be done; Come and change us.
Not our will but Yours be done; Come sustain us.

You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way.
You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way

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THE WORD

Romans 8:1-11

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.



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!



SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

The Stand

So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned,
In awe of the One who gave it all.
I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered,
All I am is Yours.

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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...

"If Scripture is to communicate to us in our worship experience we . . . must personally participate more directly and intimately in the drama of the story-event. . . . We must return Scripture reading to the people. I want to feel and experience the whole drama of redemption in such a way that the story of my own pilgrimage is gathered up into that drama and given meaning. In this way, the Word is not merely words, but life." (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992, 93, 95).

Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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Informal gathering: 10:00 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM.