



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

July 6, 2014 (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

Who is like You, O God, Majestic in holiness,  
Awesome in praises, working wonders?

**Your faithfulness surrounds You, O God;**

**Your steadfast love is established forever!**

One generation shall praise Your works to another,  
and shall declare Your mighty acts.

**They shall celebrate the fame of Your abundant goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.**

All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,  
and all Your faithful shall bless You.

**They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and tell of Your  
power, to make known to the children of men Your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**

Who is like You, O Ancient of Days?

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

Your dominion endures throughout all ages.

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;**

**let every creature praise His holy name forever and ever!**

– from Exodus 15:11, Psalm 145



Rebecca and Eleazar at the Well, Murillo, Bartolomé Estéban, 1617-1682



## *Ancient of Days*

Blessing and honor, glory and power,  
Be unto the Ancient of Days.  
From ev'ry nation, all of creation,  
Bow before the Ancient of Days.  
Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,  
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;  
You will be exalted, O God,  
And Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth;  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.  
For none can compare to Your matchless worth;  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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## INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

### *O, Worship the King*

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.  
Oh, girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is the path on the wings of the storm.  
Oh, sing of His grace.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.  
Oh, worship the King, worship the King.



Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.  
Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,  
Oh, worship the King. Worship the King.

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### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in the words of this hymn of the ancient church:

You are God; we praise You.

*You are the Lord; we acclaim You.*

You are the Eternal Father; all creation worships You.

*To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, sing in endless praise:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praises you.

*The noble fellowship of prophets praises you.*

The white-robed army of martyrs praises you.

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims You;**

*Father of majesty unbounded,*

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

*and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.*

**You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.**

*When You became man to set us free*

*You did not shun the Virgin's womb.*

You overcame the sting of death,

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

**We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

Leader: Come then, Lord, and help Your people,

bought with the price of Your own blood,

and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

– from *Te Deum laudamus* (“Thee, O God, we praise”).  
Attributed to church fathers Ambrose and Augustine.



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral call to confession

[Silence]

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

### *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord:

**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

— 1 John 1:9

*The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

The LORD is good to all,  
and His compassion is over all that He has made.

*The LORD is near to all who call on Him,  
to all who call on Him in truth.*



He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;  
He hears their cry, and saves them.  
The LORD watches over all who love Him.  
**Thanks be to God!**

– Psalm 145:8-9, 18-20a

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Almighty and all-loving God,  
**in Your goodness You have graced us with immeasurable blessings.  
In gratitude and with thanksgiving, we bring Your tithes and our  
offerings as a sign of love, devotion, and worship. Through these,  
just as through our sung and spoken praises we acknowledge that  
You are our Lord and King.**

#### *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Nizhónígo jooba' diits'a'  
Yisdáshíiltínígíí  
Yóó'íiyáá nít'ée; k'ad shénáhoosdzin,  
Doo eesh'íj da nít'ée.

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## THE WORD

Genesis 24



## 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.**

Rebecca and Eliezer at the Well.  
Shoshannah Brombacher, Conte

## *The Lord's Prayer* (sung)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heav'n.  
Provide each day our daily needs;  
Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil  
For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;  
And Thine is the power, forever and ever;  
And Thine is the glory, now and forever,  
Amen, amen, amen.

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### *Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

#### *Chorus:*

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them;  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them;  
Whom shall I send?

#### *Chorus:*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them;  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
'Til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them;  
Whom shall I send?

#### *Chorus:*





## SENDING FORTH

### The Life of the Body

#### *Amazing Grace (reprise)*

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

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#### Benediction:

Brothers and sisters, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, let us remember with thankful hearts that He has called us into the company of those who trust in Christ and seek to obey His will. So let us look forward in joy to the path He has set before us, walking in trust and in the fear of the Lord.

Now to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations who fear Him, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### *A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –*

“Whoever wants others to see their good works so that God, who gave them their good works, may be glorified, their light truly shines before others. . . . These people don't do good to be seen, but so that God may be revealed through them. . . . The Apostle Paul said, ‘Please all men in all things, as I also please all men in all things.’ But he didn't stop there, as if pleasing others was his goal. Otherwise he would have said wrongly, ‘If I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.’ Instead, he immediately added why he pleased others. ‘Not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.’ So then, he didn't please others for his own profit or fear of not serving Christ, but at the same time he did please others for their salvation's sake so that he would be a faithful servant of Christ. For him it was enough for God to know His conscience and for others to have something to imitate in him.”  
– Augustine

**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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