



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 24, 2012 (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

For His steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

those He has redeemed from trouble and gathered to Himself.

They cried out to the LORD in their trouble,

and He delivered them from their distress.

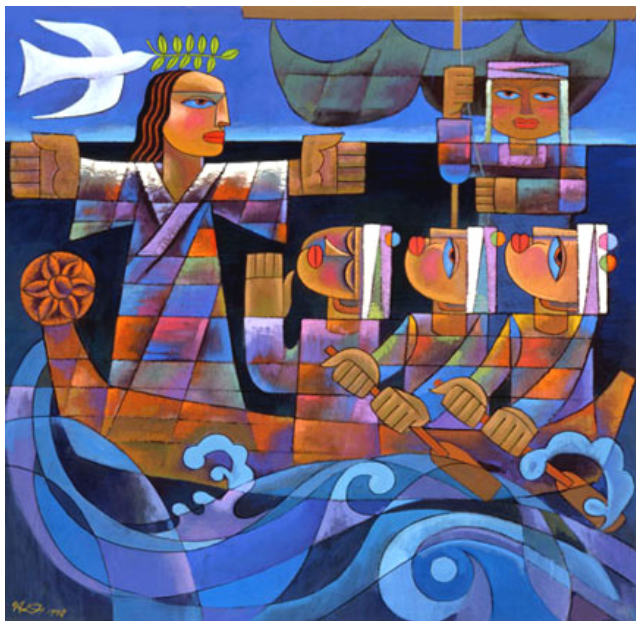
Give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,

for His wonderful works to the children of men.

Let us praise and extol Him in the assembly of His people,

for His faithfulness continues through all generations!

– from Psalm 107:1-3, 31-32



Peace Be Still, He Qi, 2001



Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Fatherlike, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him;
You behold Him face to face.
Saints triumphant, bow before Him;
Gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Praise the everlasting King. Glorious in His faithfulness.
Widely yet His mercy flows. Praise with us the God of grace!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



My Life Is In You

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;
My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

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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.*

**He has put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as
head over all things to the church, which is His body, the
fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

– from Ephesians 1:3-23



Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths I have cried to You. LORD, hear my voice.

Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness;

so that we can, with reverence, serve You.

—Psalm 130:1-4

[Silent confessions]

Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be Your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow Your commands and proclaim Your love and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in His word I put my hope.*

**My hope is in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love,
and with Him is abundant redemption.
He redeems His people from all their sins.**

– from Psalm 130:5-8

TIME OF OFFERING

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:

[Words and prayers of thanksgiving]

They cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he brought them out of their distress.

He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

[Words and prayers of testimony and praise]

Loving LORD, we give You thanks for Your lovingkindness,
for Your wonderful works to us.

*We now offer our sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and declare Your faithfulness with songs of joy!*

– based on Psalm 107:1-2, 21-22, 28-29

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord;
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever; our hope, our Strong Deliverer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God;
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.



THE WORD

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

Mark 4:35-41



John Chrysostom

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

Jesus, I am Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul.
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.



Chorus:

Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Verse 2

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea.
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine;
Know Thy certainty of promise and have made it mine.

Verse 3

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art.
And Thy love so pure, so changeless satisfies my heart,
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
Compasseth me 'round with blessings, this is love indeed.

Verse 4

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of the Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

My Life Is In You (reprise)

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;
My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

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Benediction:

Now as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord –

May you be made strong

with all the strength that comes from His glorious power,

filled with the knowledge of His will

in all spiritual wisdom and understanding;

that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him,

bearing fruit in every good work

and growing in the knowledge of God.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

– from Colossians 1:9-11



A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Let us dwell on the fact that while the Lord is with us, our enemies can't hurt us. When they approach us, they conform to the state they find us in. They adapt their delusions to the condition of our minds. Therefore, if they find us timid and confused, they will attack us like robbers, finding our minds unguarded. . . . But if they see us rejoicing in the Lord, contemplating future bliss, mindful of the Lord, regarding all things to be in His hand, and knowing that no evil spirit has any strength against Christians, . . . our enemies are defeated and turned backwards by the strength of these thoughts. Seeing Job fortified in this way, the enemy withdrew from him. But finding Judas unguarded, the enemy took him captive. Therefore, if we want to look down on the enemy, we must always think about the things of the Lord. Our souls must always rejoice in hope. Then we will see that the devil's snares are like smoke and the evil ones will flee rather than pursue us.”

– Athanasius

Lectionary for next week: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

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