

An Ancient-Future Faith Community Liturgy

June 16, 2013 (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth:

Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious.

Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Your power is very great.

All the earth will worship You, and sing praises to You; They will sing praises to Your name."

I will sing of Your steadfast love, O LORD, forever.

With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that Your steadfast love is established forever.

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

It is good to praise the LORD

And make music to Your name, O Most High,

To proclaim Your love in the morning And Your faithfulness at night.

- from Psalms 66, 89 and 92





Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him; Praise Him, angels in the height. Sun and moon, rejoice before Him; Praise Him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken; Worlds His mighty voice obeyed. Laws which never shall be broken For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious; Never shall His promise fail. God hath made His saints victorious; Sin and death shall not prevail. Praise the God of our salvation; Hosts on high, His power proclaim. Heaven and earth and all creation, Laud and magnify His Name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee. Young and old, Thy praise expressing, In glad homage bend the knee. All the saints in heaven adore Thee; We would bow before Thy throne. As Thine angels serve before Thee, So on earth Thy will be done.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee. Young and old, Thy praise expressing, In glad homage bend the knee.

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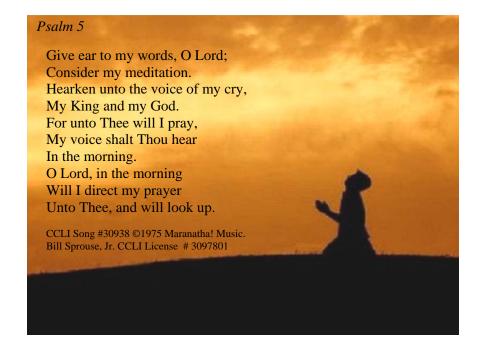
Prayers of welcome and praise

(Sung)

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto Thee. Young and old, Thy praise expressing, In glad homage bend the knee.

Through the abundance of Your steadfast love we enter Your house. In reverence we bow down toward Your holy temple.

- from Psalm 5:7





PROFESSION OF FAITH

The word of the Lord: the confession of our faith from the pen of the Apostle Paul:

We know that a person is justified not by the works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ.

And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

- from Galatians 2:16-20

When the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

This is a trustworthy statement. – Titus 3:4-8a

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

How blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sin is covered.

How blessed are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

When I kept quiet about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was drained away as with the fever heat of summer.



Then I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not hide my iniquity I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to You.

- from Psalm 32:1-6

[Silence]

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
And my spirit exults in God my Savior.
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness,
And His name will be forever exalted.
For the mighty God has done great things for me,
And His mercy will reach from age to age.

And holy, holy, holy is His name.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord; His promises are trustworthy and true:

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but those who trust in the Lord, lovingkindness will surround them.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones; and shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart!

- from Psalm 32:7-11



TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

I Give You My Heart

This is my desire:
To honor You;
Lord, with all my heart
I worship You.
All I have within me,
I give You praise;
All that I adore is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul; I live for You alone. Ev'ry breath that I take, Ev'ry moment I'm awake, Lord, have Your way in me



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THE WORD

1 Kings 21:1-21a 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15 Galatians 2:15-21 Luke 7:36-8:3

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

O The Passion

O, the passion, O, the wonder of the fiery love of Christ; King of Glory on the altar, Perfect Lamb of sacrifice. Who are we that He would love us? Who but He would give His life? O, the passion, O, the wonder of the fiery love of Christ.

O, the wisdom, O, the wonder of the power of the cross; Love so rare no words could tell it, Life Himself has died for us. Who are we that He would save us? Crucified to give us life; O, the wisdom, O, the wonder of the power of the cross.

O, the passion, O, the wonder of the fiery love of Christ; Death defeated by His rising, Darkness conquered by His light. We will sing His praise forever, Worthy is the Lamb of Life; O, the passion, O, the wonder Of the fiery love of Christ.

Who are we that He would love us? Who, but He would give His life? O, the passion, O, the wonder Of the fiery love of Christ.

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SENDING FORTH The Life of the Body

I Give You My Heart (reprise)

Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul; I live for You alone. Ev'ry breath that I take, ev'ry moment I'm awake, Lord, have Your way in me.

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Benediction:

As we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, we do so, in worship, remembering His goodness and steadfast love.

Now 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!

Lectionary for next week: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalms 42 and 43; Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

A thought about worship...

"I am of the personal opinion that the true meaning of Sunday worship has been lost in many of our churches. . . . Historically Sunday worship expresses three truths: It remembers God's saving action in history; it experiences God's renewing presence; and it anticipates the consummation of God's work in the new heavens and the new earth." (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 169).

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