



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

July 17, 2011 (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

We have gathered to worship and praise our gracious God,  
the Lord of creation.

**Who is like You, O God,**

**Majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders?**  
You, O God, are mighty forever.

Your faithfulness surrounds You.

**The heavens are Yours, the earth also;**

**The world and all it contains, You founded them.**  
You sustain the living, and give life to the dead.

**You support the falling, rescue those who are bound,  
and keep Your faith to all generations.**

Who is like you, O King of Heaven?

**Blessed be Your glorious name forever.**



God in Control – Romans 8:28, Mark Lawrence,  
Contemporary



*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!

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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!



## *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God, and man the Son:  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man.  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

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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.**

**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”).

A hymn of the early church, fourth century.

Attributed to church fathers Ambrose and Augustine.



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
Give me an undivided heart to fear Your name. – Psalm 86:11

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? You are intimately acquainted with all my ways. You have enclosed me, behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. – Psalm 139:3, 5, 7, 23-24

[Silent confessions]

### *Cleanse Me*

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;  
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.  
See if there be some wicked way in me;  
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;  
Fulfill Thy Word and make me pure within.  
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;  
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.  
For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths of the realm of the dead.

– Psalm 86:12-13



## TIME OF OFFERING

Ever-present and loving God,  
with this offering we present also ourselves –  
all that we have been, all that we are,  
all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way.  
Accept us and our offering as expressions of our worship and  
thanksgiving, we pray, for Jesus' sake.

### *Knowing You*

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this:

### *Chorus*

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love you, Lord.

### *Verse 2*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found by You, and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn;  
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

### *Verse 3*

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings,  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord;  
So with You to live, and never die.

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## THE WORD

Romans 8:12-25

## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

*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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*Jesus is Lord*

"Jesus is Lord," the cry that echoes through creation;  
Resplendent pow'r, eternal Word, our Rock.  
The Son of God, the King, whose glory fills the heavens,  
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord, whose voice sustains the stars and planets;  
Yet, in His wisdom, laid aside His crown.  
Jesus, the man who washed our feet, who bore our suff'ring,  
Became a curse to bring salvation's plan.



Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty!  
Not even death could crush this King of love!  
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,  
And we can run into the arms of God.

“Jesus is Lord,” a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,  
As He returns, and ev'ry knee bows low.  
Then ev'ry eye and ev'ry heart will see His glory;  
The Judge of all will take His children home.

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## SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

### Benediction

Christus Victor reigns! He has triumphed over death, disarmed the powers and principalities, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

**Christus Victor has triumphed! We have been raised with Him, and we live by faith in Him.**



Christus Victor,  
Fra Angelico, c. 1430



### *Christus Victor*

He is the Christ,  
He is the one who destroyed death.  
He is the Christ,  
He triumphed o'er the enemy.  
He is the Christ,  
He trampled Hades under foot;  
He bound the strong one,  
And carried man to the heights of heav'n.  
He is the Christ!

Text from an early Easter sermon preached by Melito, a bishop of Sardis (died c.180 AD):  
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Go forth in faith and hope, to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship...* “The importance of the Table of the Lord is that it dramatizes the story of redemption. When Jesus said, “Do this in remembrance of me,” he prescribed a pattern of worship that was meant, like Passover, to symbolically repeat again and again the story of redemption.” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992, 96).

**Lectionary readings for next week:** Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;  
1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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