



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 1, 2012 (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Garments of Praise

Put on the garments of praise
For the spirit of heaviness;
Let the oil of gladness
Flow down from Your throne.
Put on the garments of praise
For the spirit of heaviness;
Your joy is my strength alone,
My strength alone.

Make these broken, weary bones
Rise to dance again;
Wet this dry and thirsty land
With a river.
Lord, our eyes are fixed on You,
And we are waiting
For Your garland of grace,
As we praise Your name.



We extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted us up:

You have restored us, and have given us life.

Sing praises to the LORD, all you His faithful ones,

And give thanks to His holy name.

O LORD, by Your favor You have given us strength,

You are our Rock and our Salvation.

You have turned our mourning into dancing.

You have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

So that my soul may praise You and not be silent.

O LORD, our God, we will give thanks to You forever!



Garments of Praise (bridge)

Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;
We give all honor and praise to Your name.
Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;
We trade our sorrows for garments of praise.

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Mourning to Joy, Sue Kemnitz, Contemp.

INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: How blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD, who made heaven and earth,
who remains faithful forever.

Great is our God, and abundant in power.

His understanding has no limit.

The LORD builds up His people:

He gathers in the outcasts and wanderers;

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds;

He feeds the hungry, frees the prisoners, and gives sight to the blind.

He lifts up the humble and the afflicted.

All creation declares the goodness of our God:

He covers the heavens with clouds, and supplies the earth with rain;

He provides for His creatures, great and small.

Leader: The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
in those who wait and hope in His lovingkindness.

– from Psalms 146:5-6 and 147:1-11

My Hope

You are righteous, You love justice,
And those who honour You will see Your face.

I will arise and lift my eyes
To see Your majesty, Your holiness.
And all I am will bless You.

My hope is in the Name of the Lord,
Where my help comes from;
You're my strength, my song.
My trust is in the name of the Lord;
I will sing Your praise,
You are faithful.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.

Let us lift our hearts and our hands to God in heaven.

– Lamentations 3:40-41

[Silence]

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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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.

I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,

and in His word I put my hope.

– Psalm 130:1-5

[Silence]

Wait for the Lord

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It is because of the LORD'S lovingkindness that we are not consumed,
for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning.

Great is Your faithfulness!

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul;

"therefore I will hope in Him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,
to the soul who seeks Him.

It is good to hope in the salvation of the LORD.

– from Lamentations 3:22-26

**Our hope is in the LORD, for with Him is steadfast love,
and with Him is abundant redemption.**

The LORD redeems His people from all their sins.

– Psalm 130:7-8



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thanksgiving and hope

He's Always Been Faithful

Morning by morning I wake up to find
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine.
Season by season I watch Him amazed,
In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways.
All I have need of His hand will provide;
He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain
He did not recycle to bring me gain.
I can't remember one single regret
In serving God only and trusting His hand.
All I have need of His hand will provide;
He's always been faithful to me.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

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This is my anthem, this is my song,
The theme of the story I've heard for so long:
God has been faithful, He will be again;
His loving compassion, it knows no end.
All I have need of His hand will provide.
He's always been faithful (repeat), He's always been faithful to me.

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THE WORD

2 Samuel 1

Mark 5:21-43

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ



Jesus Raises Girl to Life, Dublin, Ireland

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 (sung)

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed by Your Name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are Yours.
Now and forever, Amen.

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All To Us

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation,
You are faithful to the end.
We are waiting on You, Jesus.
We believe; You're all to us.
(repeat)

Chorus

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.
We believe; You're all to us.

Verse 2

Only Son of God, sent from heaven;
Hope and mercy at the cross.
You are ev'rything, You're the promise;
Jesus, You are all to us.

Verse 3

When this passing world is over,
We will see You face to face,
And forever we will worship;
Jesus, You are all to us.
Jesus, You are all to us.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



My Hope (reprise)

My hope is in the Name of the Lord,
Where my help comes from;
He's my strength, my song.
My trust is in the name of the Lord;
I will sing His praise, He is faithful.

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Benediction:

Now as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
do so remembering that He who calls you is faithful.
And 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!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“How can someone doubt God's presence and help who has experienced various dangers and has been saved from them by His simple nod, who has passed through the sea that the Savior calmed and that supplied a solid road for the people? I believe that finding miracles like these performed and perfected at God's command is the foundation of faith and the basis for confidence. Therefore, even in the midst of trials there is no reason to turn from our faith. But we have an unshaken hope in God. When this habit of confidence is firmly rooted in the soul, God Himself will dwell in our deepest thoughts.” – Eusebius

Lectionary for next week: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

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