



SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body

*If You Say Go*

If You say go we will go,  
If You say wait we will wait.  
If You say step out on the water,  
And they say it can't be done,  
We'll fix our eyes on You and we will come.  
Your ways are higher than our ways,  
And the plans that You have laid  
Are good and true.  
If You call us to the fire,  
You will not withdraw Your hand;  
We'll gaze into the flames and look for You.

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Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

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

*A thought about worship...*

"Worship does truth. It tells and enacts God's story—how God rescues creatures and creation. . . . Sunday worship, every Sunday, is a celebration of God's story. And the constant bathing of our worship in this story—songs, preaching, baptism, Eucharist, and the Christian-year celebrations—form and shape our conscious and unconscious living in this theatre of God's glory!" (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 171).



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

June 27, 2010 (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

His lovingkindness is everlasting.

**The LORD is my strength and song;**

**He has become my salvation.**

**The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.**

Remember the deeds of the LORD, and meditate on all His work,

For He is great, and His way is holy.

**He is the God who works wonders,**

**And He has displayed His might among the peoples.**

His way was through the sea, His path through the mighty waters;

His footprints were unseen,

yet He led His people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

**The LORD is always before us; we shall not be moved.**

**Therefore our hearts are glad,**

**Our souls rejoice, and we rest secure.**

**He has made known the path of life;**

**In His presence is fullness of joy, forevermore!**

— from Psalm 118, 77, and 16



Elijah is Taken up to Heaven,  
He Qi, 2001

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

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.

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INVOCATION  
Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

☪☪☪ (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

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Thou, O Lord, art a shield about me,  
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.  
(Repeat)  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! You're the lifter of my head.  
(Repeat)

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Let Your spirit come (echo)  
Fall upon me now (echo)  
Let Your Spirit come (echo)  
Fall upon me now (echo)  
Let the rain fall down (echo)  
Pour upon my soul (echo)  
Come and wash me now (echo)  
Come and make me whole (echo)

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## TIME OF OFFERING

### *Through it All*

You are forever in my life,  
You see me through the seasons.  
Cover me with Your hand,  
And lead me in Your righteousness.

And I look to You,  
And I wait on You.

I'll sing to You, Lord, a hymn of love  
For Your faithfulness to me.  
I'm carried in everlasting arms,  
You'll never let me go,  
Through it all.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah.  
(Repeat)

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## THE WORD

2 Kings 2:1-14

Luke 9:51-62



Elijah Taken up in a Chariot of Fire, Giuseppe Angeli, c. 1740/1755



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved, and in which we stand:**

**Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared to many faithful witnesses.**

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

*In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.*

**All things have been created through Him and for Him, and in Him all things hold together.**

He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything.

*For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.*

**This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might, which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 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.**

[based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-21]

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.  
Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight,  
Thou my whole armor, and Thou my true might.  
Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower.  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.  
High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright sun;  
Grant me its joys e'er the victory is won.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You have shown us the path of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Yet too often we have been slow to learn of Him, too often we have failed to follow Him on the path You have set before us. We confess that we have sinned against You and one another in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In Your mercy forgive us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
Receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,  
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.  
We worship You, we give You thanks,  
We praise You for Your glory.

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We praise You for Your glory.  
Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

— 1 John 1:5-7, NRSV

READING: 2 Kings 2:1-14