



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 23, 2013 (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not be afraid, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. The LORD of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come and behold the works of the LORD,
what awesome things He has done on earth!

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, then the waters would have engulfed us, the raging waters would have swept over our soul.

This is what the LORD, our God, says:

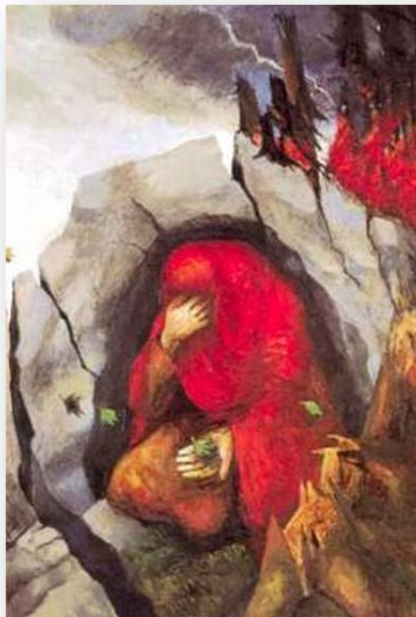
“Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Lord!

— from Psalms 46 and 124





He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,
I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted,
And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! And may the God of my
salvation be exalted! – Psalm 18:46

*Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength! We will sing and praise Your
power.* – Psalm 21:13

We Will Magnify

We will (we will) magnify (magnify) Your name, O Lord;
We will (we will) exalt You (exalt You) forevermore.
For You are King of kings,
And Lord of lords,
And You reign in majesty:
Omnipotent Father,
Creator of all things.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for You, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence.

When my soul is cast down within me, then I will remember Him and His awesome works on behalf of His people.

Day by day the Lord commands His steadfast love, and at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God.

*Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause.
For You are my refuge and strength.*

**O send out Your light and Your truth;
They will lead me and bring me to Your dwelling places,
And I will praise You, O God, my God.** – from Psalm 42, 43, and 66

Made Me Glad

I will bless the Lord forever;
I will trust Him at all times.
He has delivered me from all fear;
He has set my feet upon a rock.
And I will not be moved, And I'll say of the Lord –

Chorus:

You are my Shield, my Strength,
My portion, Deliverer;
My Shelter, Strong Tower,
My very present Help in time of need.

Verse 2:

Whom have I in heaven but You?
There's none I desire beside You.
You have made me glad, and I'll say of the Lord –



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, my salvation and my God.
– Psalm 42:11

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love.

[Silence]

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You.
Forgive our sins, and grant that we may live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

The Lord is My Light

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;
In God I trust, in God I trust.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord, faithful and true:

Let those who fear the Lord say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Out of my distress I called upon the Lord;

I sought the Lord and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

The Lord is our strength and my song; He has become our salvation.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and declare the deeds of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

– from Psalms 118:4-5, 14, 17



TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name,
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow;
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name,
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness;
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus:

Ev'ry blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in,
Lord, still I will say –

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name,
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be;
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name,
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering;
Blessed be Your name.

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THE WORD

1 Kings 19:1-15a



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 (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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He Hideth My Soul

A wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Lord,
A wonderful Savior to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

Refrain:

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
That shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life with the depths of His love,
And covers me there with His hand,
And covers me there with His hand.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Lord,
He taketh my burden away;
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,
He giveth me strength as my day.

Refrain

With numberless blessings each moment He crowns,
And filled with His fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, oh, glory to God
For such a Redeemer as mine!

Refrain

When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise
To meet Him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love
I'll shout with the millions on high.

Refrain

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Blessed Be Your Name (reprise)

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say –

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

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Benediction:

Now to Him whose name be praised, when we face the enemy and we prevail against the powers raging against us, and to Him whose name be blessed even when we are in a cave of loneliness, hiding our faces – to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations who fear Him, forever and ever.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lectionary for next week: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 7:1-2, 11-20;
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Fear the Lord and keep His commandments. For if you keep the commandments of God, you will be powerful in everything you do. . . . This is the fear that is necessary to be saved. But do not fear the devil. By fearing the Lord, you will have dominion over him, for he has no power. Satan shouldn't be an object of fear for any reason, but He in whom there is glorious power is truly to be feared. . . . As you fear the Lord, you will not do the wicked deeds of the devil, but will refrain from them. Fears are of two kinds. If you do not wish to do that which is evil, fear the Lord, and you will not do it. But if you wish to do that which is good, fear the Lord, and you will do it. Thus, the fear of God is strong, great, and glorious. Fear God and you will live to Him. For as many as fear Him and keep His commandments, they will live to God.”

– Hermas

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