



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 24, 2011 (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

We have gathered to worship and praise our gracious God.

O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name and sing His praises.

**We will worship the LORD with gladness,
and come before Him with joyful singing.**

Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord
rejoice!

**We will make known His deeds among the peoples,
and proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.**

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek His face continually.

**We will remember the wonderful works He has done,
His miracles, and the judgments He has uttered.**

For He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

He is mindful of His covenant forever,
the word which He commanded from generation to generation.

**In the presence of the faithful we proclaim His name, for it is good.
His faithfulness continues through all generations!**

— from Psalms 100 and 105



Psalms 100, Moshe Tzvi HaLevi Berger, Contemp



Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice the Lord is King; Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –
The Lord is King!

Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love.
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –
The Lord is King!

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –
The Lord is King!

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Doxology

Sing to the Lord, exalt His name; O, make His praise glorious.
Pour forth His praise, His anthem raise;
Rejoice in Him forever.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Reading: Romans 8:26-34

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,

Or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, for in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing,

shall be able to separate us from the love of God,

which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:35, 37-39

Christ in Us

Christ in us, Christ in us;

Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Christ in us; there is just

One confession: Christ in us.

God with us, God with us,

Who could ever be against us?

God with us; there is just

One confession: God with us.

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Christ of Creation, Dave Perry, Contemp



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

The apostle Paul exhorts us to consider ourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus: “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies. ... but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and offer every part of yourselves to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin will no longer have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

– from Romans 6:11-14

Let us confess our sins to God in the words of this ancient prayer from the early church, the Trisagion, which means “three-times holy.”

**Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, Have mercy on us.**

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

[Silent confessions]

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

[Silent confessions]

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

[Silent confessions]

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

**Hear our prayer, O God; hear our prayers.
Incline Your ear to us, and grant us Your peace.**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

And we know that nothing shall ever separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Romans 5:8, 8:1,39

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (The Lord is My Song)

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
God, the well-spring of life.

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TIME OF OFFERING

Prayers of thanksgiving and devotion

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, He's always been faithful,
He's always been faithful to me.

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THE WORD

Romans 8:26-39

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)



The Supper, Eric de Saussure, Contemp

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.



Before the Throne of God Above

Before the Throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose Name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.

Before Him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of glory and of grace:
One in Himself I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His Blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Rejoice the Lord is King (reprise)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice – The Lord is King!

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Benediction

Christus Victor has triumphed! He is seated at the right hand 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. He is able to present us before His glorious presence without blame and with great joy.

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

And now, to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...— “Here are five practical suggestions that will help Communion become a more powerful medium for communicating God’s saving work and our appropriation of it. 1. *Put more stress on what God is doing through Communion and less emphasis on the unworthy state of the worshiper.* . . . By overindulging ourselves in a remembrance of our sin, we sometimes get stuck at that point. Then the real message of bread and wine, which is a proclamation of forgiveness and healing, is overshadowed by a preoccupation with sin.” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God’s Mighty Deeds of Salvation* Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992, 97).

Lectionary for next week: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7,15; Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9,14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

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