



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 20, 2014 (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

For praise is becoming to the upright.

Sing to Him a new song, and shout for joy!

For the word of the LORD is upright

and all His work is done in faithfulness.

The earth is full of His lovingkindness.

How blessed are those whose God is the LORD,

the people He has chosen for His own inheritance.

The LORD looks from heaven; from where He sits enthroned

He sees all the children of men, He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

On those who hope in His lovingkindness.

In love, He gathers His people to Him.

We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.

— from Psalms 33 and 50:5

Come, let us worship and be glad in the LORD!



Sower and the Devil, Abin Egger-Lienz, 1921



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!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, 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!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, 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!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, rejoice!
The Lord is King!

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Setting: Ellen Koehler ©2013. Words, Christian H. Bateman (*Sacred Melodies for Children*, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1843). Hymn tune: MADRID (EVANS), traditional Spanish melody.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

This is the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe:

*He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.*

In love He predestined us to adoption as His children, in accordance with His pleasure and His will;

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished upon us.

He has made known to us the mystery of His will, that in the fullness of the times, He might gather together in one all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose, who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we should be to the praise of His glory.

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ.
To Him be glory forever!**

— from Romans 11:33, 36 and Ephesians 1:3-14, 18

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend,

To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end.

Alleluia! Amen!



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, You know it completely.
You hem me in – behind and before;
You have laid Your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

– Psalm 139:1-6

[Silence]

We pray together:

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 139:23-24

[Silent confessions]

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

Purify My Heart

Purify my heart,
Touch me with Your cleansing fire;
Take me to the cross,
Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love
That flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart,
Purify my heart.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord:

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal
bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

*If we live according to the flesh, we will die;
but if by the Spirit we put to death the deeds of the body,
we will live.*

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

We did not receive a spirit of slavery that we should fall back into fear.

*But we received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry,
“Abba, Father.”*

**The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs –
heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.**

– from Romans 8:11-17

Thanks be to God!



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of God's faithfulness

Blessed are You, O Lord, our God.

All things were created through You and for You.

**In gratitude, we bring Your tithes and our offerings
as an expression of worship and a reflection
of Your constant love.**

Amen.



All Around Me

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
If I settle on the far side of the sea,
Even there Your hand will lead and guide;
You're all around me.

Chorus:

And I'm surrounded everywhere I go;
Your presence covers me.
And Your constant love makes me know: You're all around me.

Where can I go that I won't find you there?
If I try to hide you know just where I'd be.
You sustain me with Your faithfulness, You're all around me.

Chorus

Bridge: (4 times)

All around, all around, all around You're...
All around, all around, all around You're...
All around, all around, all around me.

Chorus

Bridge: (3 times)

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THE WORD

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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.



Grain and weeds, James B. Janknegt, 2007



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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When It's All Been Said and Done

When it's all been said and done,
There is just one thing that matters:
Did I do my best to live for truth?
Did I live my life for You?

When it's all been said and done,
All my treasures will mean nothing;
Only what I've done for love's reward
Will stand the test of time.

Lord, Your mercy is so great,
That you look beyond our weakness;
And find purest gold in miry clay,
Making sinners into saints.

I will always sing Your praise,
Here on earth and ever after;
For You've shown me Heaven's my true home,
When it's all been said and done; You're my life when life is gone.

When it's all been said and done, there is just one thing that matters:
Did I do my best to live for truth? Did I live my life for You?
Lord, I'll live my life for You.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Rejoice, the Lord is King (verse 4)

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!
Give thanks and sing: Rejoice, rejoice!
The Lord is King!

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Benediction:

And now, as we go forth, in faith and hope, to love and serve the Lord, 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 –

“It is better for a man to be silent and be a Christian than to speak and not be a follower of Christ. Those who profess themselves to be Christ's are known not only by what they say, but also by what they practice. ‘For the tree is known by its fruit.’ It is better to be silent and be a Christian than to speak and not be a follower of Christ. ‘The kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.’

People ‘believe with the heart and confess with the mouth,’ the one ‘unto righteousness,’ the other ‘unto salvation.’”
– Ignatius

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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