



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

July 8, 2012 (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
His lovingkindness is everlasting!

**We will sing His praises, speak of all His wonders,  
and proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.**

Glory in His holy name;

Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.

**In Your temple, O God, we meditate on Your unfailing love.**

**Your praise, like Your name, reaches to the ends of the earth;**

**You are righteous in all Your ways.**

Remember His covenant forever,

the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

**O LORD, we praise Your name, for You have done wonderful  
things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

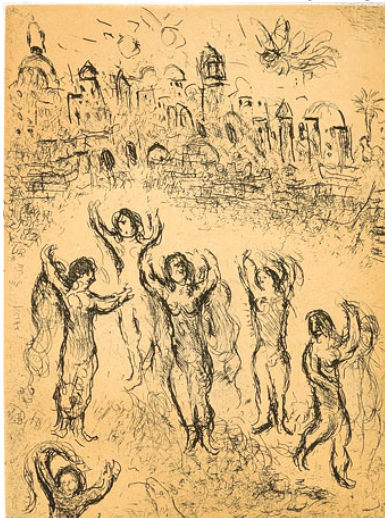
Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise!

**Splendor and majesty are before Him,**

**Strength and joy are in His place.**

Let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!

— from 1 Chronicles 16 and Psalm 48



Psalm 48, Marc Chagall, Contemp.



*Holy is the Lord God Almighty*

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now;  
How great how awesome is He.

*Pre-chorus*

And together we sing,  
Ev'ryone sing:

*Chorus*

Holy is the Lord God Almighty;  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
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*All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 5)*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness;  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



## *Dwell*

Dwell in the midst of us; come and dwell in this place.  
Dwell in the midst of us; come and have Your way.

Dwell in the midst of us; wipe all the tears from our faces.  
Dwell in the midst of us; You can have Your way

Not our will but Yours be done; Come and change us.  
Not our will but Yours be done; Come sustain us.

You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way.  
You can have Your way, oh Lord; You can have Your way

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: This is the hope of the gospel, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, the mystery which has now been manifested to us, His saints:

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

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

*All things have been created through Him and for Him.*

He is before all things, and in Him all things consist and hold together.

*He is the head of the body, the church.*

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He may 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 principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.**

— from Colossians 1:15-28 and Ephesians 1:19-21



## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Blessed are those  
    *whose transgressions are forgiven,*  
    whose sins are covered.

Blessed are those  
    *whose sin the Lord does not count against them,*  
    and in whose spirits is no deceit.

*When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;  
My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.*

Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
And You forgave the guilt of my sin.

— from Psalm 32

[Silent confessions]

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against others, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Jesus Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
Have mercy on me, a sinner.  
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord:

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 my strength and my song; He has become my  
salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and declare the deeds  
of the Lord.**

— from Psalms 118 34:4

**Thanks be to God!**

## TIME OF OFFERING

In Your goodness and lovingkindness, Lord, You have blessed us with the riches of Your grace. With gratitude we willingly give back to You what is Yours. As Your covenant people, we lift up our lives to You, bringing our humble offering of worship and honor and praise.

### *We Humbly Bow*

We humbly bow before You now,  
We lift our lives up to You.  
On our knees we bring our humble offering  
Of worship and honor and praise.

### *Chorus*

Boldly we come to Your throne, O Father,  
But only by grace can we come.  
We’ve been bought by the precious blood of the Lamb.  
We lay down our lives before You,  
Jesus, we willingly give You all,  
As humbly at Your feet we fall.  
For it’s the highest place of all, O Lord.

On this holy ground our hearts bow down,  
Your awesome splendor overwhelms.  
But there is no fear, for Jesus You are here;  
Your shed blood has made us a way.



## THE WORD

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13



## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

Paul's Vision, Domenichino, 1606

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* (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**



### *Jesus, I Come*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my weakness, into Thy health,  
Out of my want and into Thy wealth;  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm;  
Out of distress to jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy throne,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold;  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body



## *My Life Is In You*

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;  
My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,  
I will praise You with all of my strength;  
With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in You.

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### **Benediction:**

Now, beloved, we go in confidence and with thankful hearts,  
because God Himself, the God of all grace and Creator of all things,  
both seen and unseen, tabernacles in our weakness.

May the power of Christ dwell always in us,  
as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

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

### ***A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –***

“We must be persuaded how much God loved us so that we don't shrink from Him in despair. And we need to be shown also what kind of people we are whom He loved so that we also don't withdraw from Him out of pride. But He dealt with us so that we could profit from His strength, and, in the weakness of humility, our holiness could be perfected. One of the Psalms implies this. It says, "Thou, O God, didst send a spontaneous rain, whereby Thou didst make Thine inheritance perfect, when it was weary." The "spontaneous rain" is grace given freely and not according to merit. He didn't give it because we were worthy, but because He willed. Knowing this, we shouldn't trust in ourselves. That is what is meant by being made "weak." However, He perfects us and says to the Apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." We, then, must be persuaded how much God loved us and what type of people we were whom He loved. The former is important, lest we despair; the latter, lest we become proud.”  
– Augustine

***Lectionary for next week:*** 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Amos 7:7-15;  
Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

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