



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 30, 2013 (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Let us give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Let all who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

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.

By His power He has redeemed His people.

Because the LORD is always before us; we shall not be moved.

Therefore our hearts are glad, and we rejoice.

He has made known the path of life;

In His presence is fullness of joy, forevermore!

– from Psalm 118, 77, and 16





How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Bow Down

Bow down before the Lord;
Worship Him, O worship Him.
Bow down before our God; enter in, O enter in.
Consuming fire and sweet perfume,
His awesome presence fills this room.
This is holy ground, so come and bow down.

Holy, holy, holy Lord of hosts;
Saints and angels give You glory, now and forevermore.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own,
but belong – body and soul, in life and in death –
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

– from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

Psalm 16 (chanting)

I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord*;
I have no good apart from You.”
O LORD, You are my portion and my cup*;
It is You who uphold my lot.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places*;
surely I have a delightful heritage.
I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel*;
my heart also instructs me in the night seasons.
I have set the LORD always before* me;
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices*;
my body also shall rest in hope.
You will show me the path of life*.
In Your presence there is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures*
forevermore.

– from Psalm 16



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

How blessed are those who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways.

*What does the LORD your God require of you,
but to fear the LORD your God,
to walk in all His ways, to love Him,
to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your
soul, and to keep the LORD'S commandments and statutes?*

– Psalm 128:1; Deuteronomy 10:12-13

[Silence]

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away
The sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away
The sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away
The sins of the world;
Grant us peace.



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord, filled with comfort and hope:

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. He is righteous in all His ways, and faithful in all He does. *The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will hear their cry and save them. The LORD keeps all who love Him.*

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

– Psalm 145:8, 17-21

TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise for the Lord's goodness and blessing

Bless the Lord

For He is great and mighty.
For He is great and greatly to be praised.
For He is great in mercy.
I will bless His holy name.
For He is great in power.
For He is great, a fortress is our God.
For He is great in strength and honor.
I will bless the Lord of all.

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord,
At all times, at all times.
Bless the Lord, bless the Lord,
At all times, at all times –
I will bless You with all that is within me,
I will bless the Lord.

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THE WORD

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Luke 9:51-62

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 in heaven,
Hallowed be Your Name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are Yours.
Now and forever, Amen.

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I Surrender All

Chorus:

I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.

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Jesus, All for Jesus

Jesus, all for Jesus;
All I am and have and ever hope to be.
(repeat)

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans;
I surrender these into Your hands.
(repeat)

For it's only in Your will that I am free.
For it's only in Your will that I am free.
Jesus, all for Jesus;
All I am and have and ever hope to be.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



How Great Thou Art (reprise)

Chorus:

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How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Benediction:

Brothers and sisters, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, let us remember with thankful hearts that He has called us to follow Him. So let us look forward in joy to the path He has set before us, walking in trust and in the fear of the Lord.

Now 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 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Isaiah 66:10-14;
Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“The all-merciful and giving Father has tenderness toward those that fear Him and kindly and lovingly gives good things to those who come to Him with a trusting mind.

Therefore, let us not be doubleminded; neither let our souls be proud on account of His exceedingly great and glorious gifts. ... Instead, compare yourselves to a tree: for instance, the vine. First of all, it sheds its leaves, then it buds, next it puts forth leaves, and then it flowers; after that comes the sour grape, and then follows the ripened fruit. You see how in a little time the fruit of a tree comes to maturity So shall God's will be accomplished, soon and suddenly, as the Scripture also bears witness saying, ‘Speedily will He come, and will not tarry’ and ‘The Lord shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Holy One, for whom ye look.’”

– Clement of Rome

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