



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 31, 2011 (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

We will extol You, our God and King;

We will bless Your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise Your works to another,
and shall declare Your mighty acts.

**On the glorious splendor of Your majesty
and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.**

They will speak of the power of Your awesome works,
and I will tell of Your greatness.

All Your works shall praise You, O LORD,
and Your saints shall bless You.

**Splendor and majesty are before Him,
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering and come into His courts.

We will worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness,

We will say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

For the LORD has done marvelous things!

We will bless His name forever and ever.

— from Psalm 145 and 96



Jacob and the Angel, Jacob Kainen, 1977



In the Beauty of Holiness

In the beauty of holiness we see You, Son of righteousness,
So we bring all that we possess to lay at Your feet.
In the place where Your glory shines, Jesus lover of all mankind,
You have drawn us with love divine, to make us complete.

Chorus

So I pause at Your gates once more, as my heart and my spirit soar,
And I wish I could love You more: my God and my King!

Is there tribute that I could bring, was there ever a song to sing,
That could ever express, my King, the work that You've done?
Could I ever conceive of this,
All the depths and the heights and breadth,
Of the riches I now possess because of Your love?

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred every tongue on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

All glorious God, we give You thanks.

In Your Son, Jesus Christ,

You have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

You chose us, before the world was made,

to be Your holy people, without fault in Your sight.

You adopted us as Your children in Christ.

You have set us free by His blood;

You have forgiven our sins.

You have made known to us Your secret purpose,

to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.

You have given us Your Holy Spirit,

the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All praise and glory be Yours, O God,

for the richness of Your grace,

for the splendor of Your gifts,

for the wonder of Your love.

– based on Ephesians 1:3-18

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

(Children reading)

We call on You, our God, for You will answer us.

Turn Your ear to us and hear our prayers,

and show us the wonders of Your great love.

– based on Psalm 17:6-7

God of mercy,

This week we have had thoughts and done things against You and against each other. We did things we should not do, and didn't do things we know we should. We are sorry. We are truly sorry. And we ask Your forgiveness. Help us to live as we should, and to show others the love of Jesus. **Amen.**

[Silent confessions]



Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.
(repeat)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us your peace.

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The Lamb of God and the 24 Elders, Giusto De' Menabuoi, 1376

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is merciful and compassionate,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
The LORD is good to everyone,
He shows compassion on all his creation.
All Your works will thank You, LORD,
and Your faithful followers will praise You.

– Psalm 145:8-11



Psalm 145:14-21 (chant)

The LORD upholds all those who fall;*
 He lifts up those who are bowed down.
 The eyes of all wait upon You, O LORD,*
 and You give them their food in due season.
 You open wide Your hand*
 and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
 The LORD is righteous in all His ways*
 and loving in all His works.
 The LORD is near to those who call upon Him,*
 to all who call upon Him faithfully.
 He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;*
 He hears their cry and helps them.
 The LORD preserves all those who love Him,*
 but He destroys all the wicked.
 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;*
 let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.

READING: Matthew 14:13-21



The Feeding of the 5000, John Reilly, 1958

TIME OF OFFERING

Meditation: Loving Lord, You are the Artist, the Master Potter of our lives, just as You were of Your disciples who ministered in Your name, and of all who've gone before us. Our eyes look to You. Fashion our hearts, Lord. Write Your name in the clay. Accept, we pray, the offerings we bring as worship to you. Take all we are, and all we have. We are Yours forever.



Paint Your Picture

Pick me up like a paintbrush, God, dip it in the colors of my life.
Paint Your picture, Father, fashion a heart that is wholly Yours.

Take Your fingers, God, Master Potter, come mold the clay.
Tell Your story, as You mold me,
Fashion a heart that is wholly Yours.

And write Your name, write Your name, in the clay.
And sign Your name, sign Your name on the picture.

Take all I am, take all I have, for I am Yours forever, forever ...

So come write Your name, write Your name, in the clay.
Come sign Your name, sign Your name, on the picture.

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THE WORD

Lectionary:

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

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by 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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God and Man at Table are Sat Down

O, welcome all ye noble saints of old,
As now before your very eyes unfold
The wonders all so long ago foretold –
God and man at table are sat down. (repeat)

Elders, martyrs, all are falling down;
Prophets, patriarchs are gath'ring 'round.
What angels longed to see now man has found:
God and man at table are sat down. (repeat)

Beggars, lame, and harlots also here;
Repentant publicans are drawing near;
Wayward sons come home without a fear:
God and man at table are sat down. (repeat)

Who is this who spreads the vic'try feast?
Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, Risen Savior, Prince of Peace.
God and man at table are sat down. (repeat)

Here He gives himself to us, as bread;
Here, as wine, we drink the blood He shed.
Born to die, we eat and live instead!
God and man at table are sat down. (repeat)

Worship in the presence of the Lord,
With joyful songs and hearts in one accord;
And let our Host at table be adored.
God and man at table are sat down. (repeat)

When at last this earth shall pass away,
When Jesus and His bride are one to stay,
The feast of love is just begun that day.
God and man at table are sat down. (repeat)

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (reprise)

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

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Benediction

And now, beloved,

We go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.

We go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.

We go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.

We go forth in power, to love and serve the Lord.

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

A thought about worship...— “Here [is the second of] five practical suggestions that will help Communion become a more powerful medium for communicating God's saving work and our appropriation of it. 2. *Increase the frequency of celebrating Christ's death and resurrection at the Communion Table.* It was the norm of the early church to proclaim Christ's death and resurrection at the Table every Sunday. . . . The testimony of those who have turned to more frequent Communion affirms that it develops, enhances, and encourages a growing relationship with the Lord.” (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 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

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