



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 15, 2012 (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Praise Him for His mighty acts;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;

Praise Him with harp and lyre!

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;

Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

Praise Him with loud cymbals;

Praise Him with resounding cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the Lord!

— Psalm 150

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

In His presence is fullness of joy;

At His right hand are pleasures for evermore.

— Psalm 95:1, 16:11



David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem, Darlene Slavujac, 1993



Sing to the Lord

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

Chorus

And I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise –
Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

Bridge

God of compassion and God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
You dance around me,
You dance around me.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

And I, I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise – Sing to the Lord.

Reading: from 2 Samuel 6



Baruch Adonai

Baruch Adonai, Elohey Yisrael; Adonai,
Blessed is the Lord. (repeat)
Min haolam v'ad haolam;
Praise His Name forever and again;
Min haolam v'ad haolam;
Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel. Hey!

So let the nations sing and praise Him,
And Israel will say amen;
Sing, all you nations, Hallelujah,
And Israel will say amen;

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: 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:

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would
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 His grace;

*He has made known to us the mystery of His will, to bring all things in
heaven and on earth into unity in Christ;*

Having believed in Him, we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of
promise, the guarantee of our inheritance in Him, to the praise of
His glory.

*In the exceeding greatness of His power, He raised Christ 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
above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the
age to come.*

**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.**

– from Ephesians 1:3-21



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD,
and who may stand in His holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
Whose walk is blameless, who do what is righteous;

[Silence]

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Those who speak the truth from their hearts,
Who do no wrong to a neighbor.

[Silence]

Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.

Those who honor those who fear the Lord.

[Silence]

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

*They shall receive a blessing from the LORD and righteousness from
the God of their salvation; they will never be shaken.*

This is the generation of those who seek Him,
of those who seek Your face, O God.

– from Psalms 15 and 24

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
And my spirit exults in God my Savior.
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness,
And His name will be forever exalted.
For the mighty God has done great things for me,
And His mercy will reach from age to age.

And holy, holy, holy is His name.

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Blessed be the LORD, because He has heard the voice of my
supplications and my cry for mercy!

**The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him,
and I am helped. Therefore my heart exults,
and with my song I shall thank Him.**

— Psalm 28:6-7

TIME OF OFFERING

All we are and all we have is all a gift from God that we receive. . .
With grateful hearts, we present ourselves and our offerings as
expressions of our worship.

Made to Worship

Before the day, before the light,
Before the world revolved around the sun;
God on high stepped down into time,
And wrote the story of His love for everyone.
He has filled our hearts with wonder, so that we always remember —

Chorus

You and I are made to worship, you and I are called to love;
You and I are forgiven and free.
When you and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe,
Then you and I will see who we were meant to be.

All we are and all we have
Is all a gift from God that we receive.
Brought to life, we open up our eyes
To see the majesty and glory of the King.
He has filled our hearts with wonder, so that we always remember —

Bridge

Even the rocks cry out, even the heavens shout
At the sound of His Holy name;
So let ev'ry voice sing out, let ev'ry knee bow down:
He's worthy of all our praise.



THE WORD

2 Samuel 6:1-19



The Table, Doug Asche, 2012

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 (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**



Lord of the Dance

Chorus

Dance, then, wherever you may be:
I am the Lord of the dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

Verse 1

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun.
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Verse 2

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance, and they would not follow Me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with Me, and the dance went on.

Verse 3

I danced on the Sabbath, and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me on high,
And they left Me there on a cross to die.

Verse 4

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body, and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance, and I still go on!

Verse 5

They cut Me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you, if you'll live in Me;
I Am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Made to Worship (reprise)

Chorus

You and I are made to worship, you and I are called to love;
You and I are forgiven and free.
When you and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe,
Then you and I will see who we were meant to be.

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Benediction:

Beloved, we go in joy and with thankful hearts,
because God Himself, the God of all grace and Creator of all things,
both seen and unseen, tabernacles in us and is pleased to make His
dwelling among us.

Now may the grace, power, and joy 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...

“The presence of God is always manifested in visible and tangible signs. Our calling in worship is to be open and vulnerable to God’s presence so that it becomes embodied in our lives. The Bible abounds with examples of God’s presence communicated in visible signs. ... For those who knew how to see, God’s presence was evident. They knew that God dwelt there in the tabernacle in the holy of holies over the ark of the cherubim. And this shaped their lives to discern God’s presence and live in obedience to his word.”

Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004, 172.)

Lectionary for next week: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Jeremiah 23:1-6;
Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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