



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 7, 2013 (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Garments of Praise

Put on the garments of praise
For the spirit of heaviness;
Let the oil of gladness
Flow down from Your throne.
Put on the garments of praise
For the spirit of heaviness;
Your joy is my strength alone,
My strength alone.

Make these broken, weary bones
Rise to dance again;
Wet this dry and thirsty land
With a river.
Lord, our eyes are fixed on You,
And we are waiting
For Your garland of grace,
As we praise Your name.



Garment of Praise , Mary Lou Andretti, Cont

We extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted us up.

You have restored us, and You have given us life.

Sing praises to the LORD, all you His faithful ones,

And give thanks to His holy name.

O LORD, by Your favor You have given us strength,

You are our Rock and our Salvation.

You have turned our mourning into dancing.

You have removed our sackcloth and clothed us with joy,

So that our souls may praise You and not be silent.

O LORD, our God, we will give thanks to You forever!

– from Psalm 30



Garments of Praise (bridge)

Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;
We give all honor and praise to Your name.
Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;
We trade our sorrows for garments of praise.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

O For A Thousand Tongues

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim;
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Cantor:

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, –

He made us alive together with Christ; for by grace we were saved.

We were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

When the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us –

Not because of any works of righteousness that we had done,

But according to His mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

This Spirit He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

This is a trustworthy statement.

Thanks be to God!

– Ephesians 2:4-5, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Titus 3:4-8a

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

How blessed are those who observe His testimonies,

who seek Him with all their heart.

– Psalm 128:1, 119:2

[Silence]

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You 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.



Whiter Than Snow

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want You forever to live in my soul.
Break down ev'ry idol, cast out ev'ry foe.
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow;
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from Your throne in the skies,
And help me to make a complete sacrifice.
I give up myself and whatever I know;
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, before You I patiently wait;
Come now and within me a new heart create.
To those who have sought You, You never said no.
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow;
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The promises of the Lord; they are faithful and true:

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:9

*The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in
His steadfast love.* – Psalm 147:11



TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Holy and loving God, You have graciously called us to be Your own. No words could ever express all that You've done, nor all that we have because of Your love. So we lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, in worship and gratitude and love.

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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THE WORD

2 Kings 5:1-14

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, 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.



The Naaman Plaque , German Master, 12th

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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 unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above;
Upward for aye on wings like a dove,
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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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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, because in Him we are healed and restored, we can walk out our baptisms 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: Amos 7:1-17; Psalm 82; Deuteronomy 30:9-14;
Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:-14; Luke 10:25-37

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“Naaman was sent to the Jordan as to the remedy capable to heal a human being. Indeed, sin is the leprosy of the soul, which is not perceived by the senses but intelligence has the proof of it, and human nature must be delivered from this disease by Christ’s power which is hidden in baptism. It was necessary that Naaman, in order to be purified from two diseases, that of the soul and that of the body, might represent in his own person the purification of all the nations through the bath of regeneration whose beginning was in the river Jordan, the mother and originator of baptism.”
– Ephrem the Syrian

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