



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 22, 2012 (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Who is like You, O God, Majestic in holiness,
Awesome in praises, working wonders?

Your faithfulness surrounds You, O God;

Your lovingkindness is established forever;

Your faithfulness continues through all generations!

All Your works praise you, O LORD, and Your faithful servants bless you.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; Your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The LORD is faithful in all His works and merciful in all His deeds.

Who is like you, O Ancient of Days?

We will sing of Your lovingkindness, O LORD, forever.

We will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations.

– from Exodus 15:11; Psalms 89, 145



Sheep in Paradise, Mosaic, Basilica of Sant' Apollinare in Classe, Ravenna Italy, AD 549



Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power,
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From ev'ry nation, all of creation,
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to Your matchless worth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Cantor:

Who is like You, O God? Your faithfulness surrounds You.

Antiphonal reading:

Righteousness and justice are the foundations of Your throne;

Lovingkindness and truth go before Your face.

How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your presence.

In Your name they rejoice all day long,

And by Your righteousness they are exalted.

Truly, the LORD is our ruler;

The Holy One of Israel is our King.

– Psalm 89:6,14-18



Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Remember that you were at one time separate from Christ, aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**For He Himself is our peace. In His flesh He has made the two groups into one, and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us:
He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that He might create in Himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace;
and so that He might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility.**

He came and preached peace to you who were far off, and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then, we are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens with the saints and also members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Himself the cornerstone.

In Him the whole structure is fitted and joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

In Him we also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

– based on Ephesians 2:11-22



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Lord, You have called us to be Your own – fellow citizens with the saints, members of Your household, and together Your dwelling place in the Spirit. We were bought with a price, the price of Your life and blood. We love You, and we want to live for You.

[Silence]

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to You, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly Yours, utterly dedicated unto You; and then use us, we pray, as You will, and always to Your glory and the welfare of Your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.
Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the Lord:

God demonstrates His own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

– Romans 5:1, 8; Colossians 1:13-14

TIME OF OFFERING

Faithful Lord, in worship, with joy and thanksgiving, we offer to You what You have first given to us – our moments and days, our hands and feet, our voices, our lips, our minds, our silver and gold, our wills, our hearts, our love, our selves. May we be always, only, all for Thee.

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Chorus:

Here am I, all of me;
Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as Your choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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THE WORD

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalms 89:1-4, 20-37

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



Good Shepherd, Epigraph, Rome, Italy, 2nd Century

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 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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I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Chorus

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh there are ten thousand charms.

Verse 1

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

Verse 2

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

Verse 3

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

Verse 4

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

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Hope Arise, William Butler, Contemporary



SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

I Give You My Heart

This is my desire, to honor You;
Lord, with all my heart I worship You.
All I have within me, I give You praise; all that I adore is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul, I live for You alone;
Ev'ry breath that I take, Ev'ry moment I'm awake,
Lord, have Your way in me.

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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...

“God’s story is a true picture of the world and our place in it. And through this picture we hear the voice of God who says . . . ‘I opened the way for you to live in my embrace of you and the world. Through my Son Jesus and by my Spirit I have embraced you so that now, united with me, you may embrace me as a child learns to embrace a mother because the mother first embraced the child. Now go and live the spiritual life, embrace me and my purpose in creating you and putting you in this world to be the priests of my creation. Make your life and this world the theater of my glory.’” Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006, 142.)

Lectionary for next week: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4:42-44;
Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

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