



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

August 10, 2014 (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Leader:

Come, let us give thanks to the LORD, and call on His name;
Let us sing praises to Him, and tell of all His wonderful works.

**The LORD is my rock and my salvation,
my shield and fortress, my deliverer.**

I will call upon the LORD, who alone is worthy to be praised.

Glory in His holy name; remember His wonders,
His miracles, and the judgments He has uttered.

In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God.

*He heard my voice from His temple,
and my cry to Him reached His ears.*

He sent from on high, He took me;
He drew me out of many waters.

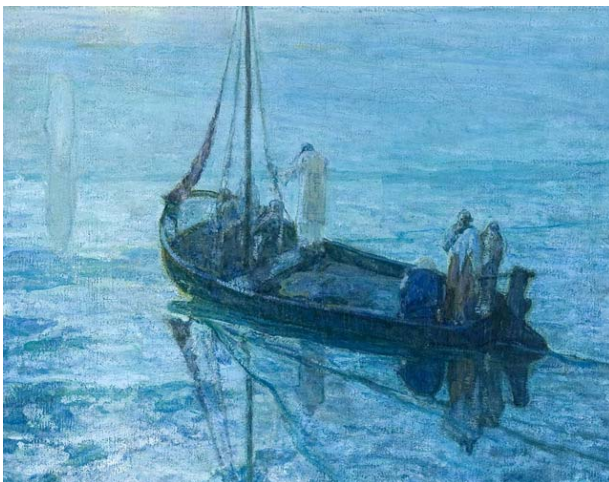
*He brought me out into a broad place;
He rescued me, because He delighted in me.*

For who is God, but the LORD?

And who is a rock, except our God?

**The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation!**

— from Psalms 18 and 105



Disciples See Christ Walking on the Water, Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1907



Made Me Glad

I will bless the Lord forever;
I will trust Him at all times.
He has delivered me from all fear;
He has set my feet upon a rock.
And I will not be moved,
And I'll say of the Lord –

Chorus:

You are my Shield, my Strength,
My portion, Deliverer;
My Shelter, Strong Tower,
My very present Help in time of need.

Verse 2:

Whom have I in heaven but You?
There's none I desire beside You.
And You have made me glad,
I'll say of the Lord –

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father, and with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

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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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.
If I regard wickedness in my heart, the LORD will not hear.
But certainly God has heard:

He has given heed to the words of my prayer,
and has not turned away His lovingkindness from me.

— from Psalm 66:16-20

[Silence]

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against others, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The word of the LORD, who speaks peace to His faithful people,
to those who turn to Him in their hearts:

Those who love Me, I will deliver;

I will protect those who know My name.

When they call to Me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them,

and show them My salvation.

**Surely God's salvation is near to those who fear Him,
that His glory may dwell among us.**

– from Psalm 85:8-9 and 91:14-16

TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and stories of God's abundant faithfulness –

*Where have you seen the Kingdom this week,
in ways great and small?*

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Soloists: Abby and Amy
Bemett

You call me out upon the waters,
The great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery,
In oceans deep my faith will stand.

Chorus:

And I will call upon Your name,
And keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace;
For I am Yours and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters;
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start now.

Chorus



Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders;
Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour.
(Repeat)

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders;
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour.**

**And I will call upon Your name,
And keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace;
For I am Yours and You are mine.**

Soloists

I will call upon Your name; keep my eyes above the waves;
My soul will rest in Your embrace:
I am Yours and You are mine.

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Jesus Walking on the Water
Contemplating, Daniel Bonnell, Contemp.

THE WORD

Matthew 14:22-33

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 us 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**

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

Verse 3

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

The Solid Rock (chorus)

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

Benediction

Now, beloved, go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord –
remembering that He is able to keep you from falling and to present
you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy!

**To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and
authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages,
now and forevermore!**

– based on Jude 24-25

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“As with the faith of the disciples, we should speak frequently with our Master. For the world is like the sea to us, beloved. We sail on this sea, with our own free will acting like the wind. For we all navigate according to our will. If the Word is our pilot, we enter into rest. But if pleasure takes hold of us, we face the danger of storms and are shipwrecked. For just as the ocean has storms and waves, there are many afflictions and trials in the world. ‘When affliction or persecution ariseth, the unbeliever is offended,’ the Lord said. Because unbelievers aren’t strengthened by the faith and because they favor temporal things, they can’t stand up against difficulties. Like the foolish man’s house built on sand, those without understanding fall under storms of temptation. The saints, however, have exercised their senses to be self-controlled. Because they are strong in faith and understand the Word, they don’t faint under trials. From time to time, ever more powerful trials work against them, yet they continue to be faithful. They wake up the Lord who is with them and are delivered. Because they find relief as they pass through water and fire, they celebrate by offering up thankful prayers to God who has rescued them.”

– Athanasius

Lectionary for next week: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67;
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

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