



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 21, 2013 (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples.

*Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
tell of all His wonderful works.*

Glory in His holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually.

One thing I have asked of the LORD, that I shall seek:

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.**

In Your temple, O God, we meditate on Your steadfast love.

Your praise, like Your name, reaches to the ends of the earth;

You are righteous in all Your ways.

**How blessed are those You choose and bring near to dwell in Your
courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
Your holy temple. By awesome deeds You answer us in
righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the earth.**

– from Psalms 105, 27, 48, 65



Mary and Martha, He Qi, 2001



Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied,
Within Your presence;
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

Chorus

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God;
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen, Your gift of love to me;
I will draw near to You, I will abide in You.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Come Thou, Almighty King (verse 4)

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence evermore; Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**This is the hope of the gospel,
which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven,
the mystery which was hidden from past ages and generations
but has now been manifested to us, His saints:**

Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

*In Him all things in the heavens and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities –
all things have been created through Him and for Him.*

He is before all things,
and in Him all things hold together.

*He is the head of the body, the church;
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.*

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Him God was pleased
to reconcile all things to Himself,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of His cross.

*And although we were formerly alienated and hostile in mind,
engaged in evil deeds,
yet now He has reconciled us in His fleshly body through death,
in order to present us before Him
holy and blameless and beyond reproach.*

**God has made known to us the riches of the glory of this mystery:
Christ in us, the hope of glory.
Thanks be to God!**

– from Colossians 1:15-28



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

Blest are the Pure in Heart

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men, their Pattern and their King.

Lord, we Thy presence seek; may this our blessing be:
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for Thee.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thus says the LORD God, “In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength.” – Isaiah 30:15

*Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
on those who hope in His steadfast love.* – Psalm 33:18

The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him,
and He makes His covenant known to them. – Psalm 25:14

**Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.
For our heart rejoices in Him, because we trust in His holy name.**
– Psalm 33:20-21

TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word.
Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord.
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I need not, nor man’s empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven’s bright sun;
Grant me its joys e’er the victory is won.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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THE WORD

Luke 10:38-42



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

Chapel of the Transfiguration, Yellowst
Jonathan Nelms, 2013

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 be 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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Jesus, I am Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul.
For by Thy transforming power,
Thou hast made me whole.

Chorus:

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness,
Vaster, broader than the sea.
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,
Know what wealth of grace is Thine;
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine.

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold Thee as Thou art.
And Thy love so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings,
Meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
Compasseth me 'round with blessings,
This is love indeed.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Jesus and St. John, Icon



Jesus, I am Resting (reprise)

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of the Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

Jesus, I am resting, resting. in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Pigott/Hampton

Benediction:

Brothers and sisters, we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, remembering with thankful hearts the steadfast love of our God. So let us walk before Him with a whole heart, fearing the Lord, trusting in His covenant presence and resting in His promises. 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: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Genesis 18:20-32;
Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

A thought about worship...

“The true love of God and the true experience of God are not found in the languages of experience. . . . We do not contemplate our own experience of God or the romantic feelings we may experience. We contemplate the wonder, the marvel, the mystery, the glory of God creating and becoming incarnate to recreate the whole world and bring it back to himself. Worship is not measured by the depth of my feelings but the deep wonder of the God whose story is so marvelous that it does in fact create feelings of love and gratitude.” Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006), 95.

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