



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 27, 2014 (Seventh 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.

You remember Your covenant forever, the word You commanded to
a thousand generations.

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





All People That On Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

Bridge:

Sing to the Lord, exalt His name;
O, make His praise glorious.
Pour forth His praise,
His anthem raise;
Rejoice in Him forever.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Bridge

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise



Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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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 has now been manifested to us, His saints:

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

In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

*All things have been created through Him and for Him,
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 might come to have first place in everything.

And God put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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

This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might, which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.

— from Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-23



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

And He who searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

– Romans 8:26-27

[Silence]

**Come, and restore us, LORD God Almighty;
make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.**

– Psalm 80:19

[Silent confessions]

Send Out Your Light

Send out Your light, Lord, send out Your truth;
Send them that they may guide us.
Lord, may they bring us into Your courts,
To the heart of Your dwelling places.

Send out Your light, Lord, send out Your truth;
Send them that they may guide us.
Come, and restore us, Lord God of Hosts;
Make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

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Your decrees are wonderful;*
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
The unfolding of Your words give light;*
it gives understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant;*
because I long for Your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me;*
as is Your custom toward those who love Your name.

– Psalm 119:129-132



Sung:

Send out Your light, Lord, send out Your truth;
Send them that they may guide us.
Lord, may they bring us into Your courts,
To the heart of Your dwelling places.

Make steady my steps according to Your promise;*

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Redeem me from human oppression,*

that I may keep Your precepts.

Make Your face shine upon Your servant,

and teach me Your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears,*

because people do not keep Your law.

– Psalm 119:133-136

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Send them that they may guide us.

Lord, may they bring us into Your courts,

To the heart of Your dwelling places.

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Come, and restore us, Lord God of Hosts;

Make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of God's pardon:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Who shall bring a charge against those whom God has chosen?

It is God who justifies us and puts us in right relation to Himself.

Who is there to condemn us?

It is Christ Jesus who died for us, who was raised from the dead for us, who is at the right hand of God, and who intercedes for us.

Who shall ever separate us from the love of Christ?

God has promised that nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– from Romans 8:31-39 [Amp.]



TIME OF OFFERING

Words of thanksgiving and stories of God's faithfulness

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

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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.**

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, Thou light of men;
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood,
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread,
And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Holy, Holy, Holy (reprise)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Benediction:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“To search the Scriptures is an excellent and profitable work for souls. Just as a tree is planted by streams of waters, the soul watered by divine Scripture is enriched and gives fruit (that is, righteous belief) in its season. It is adorned with evergreen branches—actions pleasing to God. Through the Holy Scriptures, we are trained to think rightly and to act in a manner pleasing to God. For in these words we are encouraged toward every virtue and dissuaded from every evil. . . . All who ask receive, those who seek find, and to those who knock it shall be opened. Therefore, let us knock at the beautiful garden of Scripture. It is fragrant, sweet, and blooming with various sounds of spiritual and divinely inspired birds. They sing all around our ears, capture our hearts, comfort the mourners, pacify the angry and fill us with everlasting joy. Scripture sets our mind on the gold, gleaming, brilliant back of the divine dove. Its bright wings rise to the Only-begotten Son who is the Heir of the spiritual vineyard's Farmer. The divine dove brings us through Him to the Father of Lights.”

– John of Damascus

Lectionary readings for next week: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 55:1-5;
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

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