



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

February 10, 2013 (Transfiguration Sunday)

*The Light of the world ... is Jesus.*

## GATHERING

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble in awe!

**He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake!**

**The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted above all peoples.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God, and worship Him upon the holy mountain.

**We give thanks and praise His great and awesome name, for He is holy.**

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus' disciples Peter, James, and John beheld the majesty of His glory. And from the mystery of a cloud they heard a voice declaring Him to be God's Son.

**We extol the LORD our God! Let us praise His great and awesome name together, and worship in His presence, for the LORD our God is holy.**

– from Psalm 99 and Luke 9



The Transfiguration of Christ, Julia Bridget Hayes, Contemp.



*O For A Thousand Tongues*

O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice, new life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given,  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

*Be Thou My Vision / Open the Eyes of My Heart*

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.

*(Open the Eyes of My Heart)*

To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love,  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You; I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy; holy, holy, holy;  
Holy, holy, holy; I want to see You.



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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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together profess the faith of the church of all ages in the words  
of this hymn of the ancient church:

You are God; we praise You.

*You are the Lord; we acclaim You.*

You are the Eternal Father; All creation worships You.

*To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, sing in endless praise:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praises you.

*The noble fellowship of prophets praises you.*

The white-robed army of martyrs praises you.

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim You;**

*Father of majesty unbounded,*

Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

*and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.*

**You, Christ, are the King of glory,**

the eternal Son of the Father.

*When You became man to set us free*

*You did not shun the Virgin's womb.*

You overcame the sting of death,

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

**We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

Leader: Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the  
price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory  
everlasting.

– from *Te Deum laudamus* (“Thee, O God, we praise”).  
Attrib. to church fathers Ambrose and Augustine, 4<sup>th</sup> century.



*Doxology*  
(*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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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to confession:

God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

*Shine now in our hearts, merciful Father; reveal the any places of darkness, and cleanse us from sin.*

– based on 2 Corinthians 4:6

[Silent Confessions]

**God of transfiguration, You meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek You in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we confess that too often our eyes are blind to Your presence, too often our ears are deaf to Your call. We speak when we should listen; we act when we should reflect. We long only to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is light of the world and sovereign Lord over all things.**



## *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

This is God's faithful and true promise of pardon:  
The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is  
freedom.

**And we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory  
of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from  
glory to glory. For this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.**

Praise God for His transforming power!

– from 2 Corinthians 3:18



## TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies and prayers of thanksgiving and devotion.

**Sovereign Lord and God of majesty, 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.

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

Exodus 34:29-35  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)



## 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 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 is Lord*

“Jesus is Lord,” the cry that echoes through creation;  
Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our Rock.  
The Son of God, the King, whose glory fills the heavens,  
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord, whose voice sustains the stars and planets;  
Yet, in His wisdom, laid aside His crown.  
Jesus, the man who washed our feet, who bore our suff’ring,  
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty!  
Not even death could crush this King of love!  
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we’re forgiven,  
And we can run into the arms of God.

“Jesus is Lord,” a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,  
As He returns, and ev’ry knee bows low.  
Then ev’ry eye and ev’ry heart will see His glory;  
The Judge of all will take His children home.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

*Be Thou My Vision (reprise)*

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.

Benediction:

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy – to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

– Jude 24-25

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

*A thought about worship...*

“Between the wedding feast in Cana and the impending death of Jesus, a progressive unveiling of his glory will appear. The season of Epiphany . . . celebrates this progressive unveiling of God's glory manifest in Jesus and invites us to order our spiritual journey around the Christ manifest in history, manifest in us. . . . Spirituality is Christ living his life *in* us and *through* us. The manifestation of the glory of God made present in Jesus is to continue in his followers.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 85-86.)

**Lectionary for next week:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;  
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

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