



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 12, 2010 (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

PSALM 14

A fool says, "There is no God";
acts dishonestly, and does unspeakable deeds:
no one is doing good.

The LORD of heaven looks upon all humanity
to see if any exercise wisdom,
to see if any seek God.

Everyone has gone astray, all of the community is corrupt;
no one is doing good ? absolutely no one!
Don't they understand?

By their unjust acts they satisfy themselves;
they devour people as bread,
and they do not call on the LORD.

But they will be in terror,
because God is among those who live godly lives.

The fool will confound the hopes of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

Who is there in Zion to bring deliverance to Israel?
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people
Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad!

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Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven



Original Covenants,
Cornelis Monsma
Contemporary



Feed me till I want no more
Feed me till I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

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INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.



Cause a holy hunger in us

For nothing here on earth compares
No treasure so fair, no jewel so rare

As the love that You show in Your courts

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Bear me thro' the swelling current
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs and praises songs and praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ: We have worshiped the Lord in this
place today.

We've gathered.

We've heard the word.

We've come to the Table.

Now we ask God to send us out in the world to love and serve the

Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...

The primary work of the church is worship. . . . Evangelism and other functions of ministry flow from the worship of the church. . . . I have discovered in my own life that corporate worship is the taproot of my life. It is the source of my spiritual life and growth.

Robert Webber, *Worship Is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992), 7-8.



THE WORD

Exodus 32:7-14

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

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 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

Call Us from the Outer Court

Call us from the outer court, Lord
 Draw us with Your incense sweet
 Help us to lay the cares of this day
 At Your feet, at Your feet

Laying down all earthly idols
 Taking up Your gifts of grace
 We enter in for we find a friend
 In Your face, in Your face

Our spirits cry out
 We long for more
 Our freedom comes
 As we adore You



Eucharist #1, Daniel Bonnell, Contemporary



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O Lord Hear My Prayer

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.

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Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
 and done what is evil in your sight,
 so that you are justified in your sentence
 and blameless when you pass judgment.**

You desire truth in the inward being;
 therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Hide your face from my sins,
 and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me from your presence,
 and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

—Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11, NRSV

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a person of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

—1 Timothy 1:12-17

TIME OF OFFERING

Some Prayers for Offering:

*Our Father in heaven,
multiply these gifts and
increase their usefulness.
Magnify your purposes in their distribution,
to the end that your kingdom may come
and your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.
In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,
we bring our gifts to you, O God.
Help us to give with them
a ready mind,
a willing spirit,
and a joyful heart.*

God of all peoples and God of all places,
we present these offerings,



that they may be used to extend your liberating reign.
With them we offer our varied ministries,
that each of us may be a part of your answer
to the cries of the world.

*Ever-present God,
with this offering we present also ourselves,
all that we have been,
all that we are,
all that we shall become,
and our resolve to walk in your way.
Accept us and our offering, for Jesus' sake.*

God of every good and perfect gift,
our gifts are not always good, and they are always imperfect.
We give, knowing that our motives are mixed
and our mission is unclear.
Still, we offer these efforts with boldness,
knowing that your love is stronger
than our impurities and imperfections.
Through Jesus Christ.

I Will Bow to You

Lord I will bow to You
To no other god but You alone
Nothing hands have made
But You alone
I will lay down my idols
And thrones I have made
All that has taken my heart
Lord I will bow to You
To no other god but You alone