



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

October 17, 2010 (Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**We will worship the LORD with gladness,
and come before Him with joyful singing.**

Sing to the LORD and bless His name;

proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is He who made us and we are His.

Declare His glory among the nations

and His wonder among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;

We will thank Him forever, because of what He has done.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due His name.

In the presence of the faithful we proclaim His name, for it is good.

His faithfulness continues through all generations!

– from Psalms 96 and 100





Sing to the Lord

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory,
Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise;
The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty,
Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

Chorus:

I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise – Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages,
A help in trouble, a tower of strength;
Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation,
Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

Bridge:

God of compassion and God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
You dance around me,
You dance around me.

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.



Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred every tongue on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved, and in which we stand:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared to many faithful witnesses.

We believe 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.

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 1 Cor. 15:1-7; Col. 1:15-20; Eph. 1:19-21



Sing to the Lord (reprise)

And I, I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise –
Sing to the Lord.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Most holy and loving God, You have called us to join Your story, and we have joyfully accepted Your invitation. Yet too often we have wandered from Your path. We have not always remained faithful; we have not always been persistent in the tasks You have given us; we have not been accountable to You and to each other as You would have us be. In Your infinite mercy, forgive us and renew us, that we may walk always in Your ways, and fulfill our purpose in You to the glory of Your name.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's covenant promise to His people:

“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall all know Me, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sins no more.”

– Jeremiah 31:33-34

Sing to the Lord (reprise)

God of compassion and God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
You dance around me, You dance around me.

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I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise – Sing to the Lord.

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MEDITATION ON THE PSALM

I will lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where shall my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

He will not allow your foot to slip;
He who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this
time forth and forevermore.**

– Psalm 121



TIME OF OFFERING

Sovereign Lord, in worship, with joy and thanksgiving, we offer to You what You have first given to us – our moments and days, our hands and feet, our voices, our lips, our minds, our silver and gold, our wills, our hearts, our love, our whole selves. May we be always, only, all for Thee.

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Chorus:

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry power as Your choose.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Your feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.



THE WORD

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

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



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King of Wisdom and Light

Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and might:
Heaven is filled with Your glory,
King of wisdom and light.

We worship You, We praise You,
God Most High;
We worship You, We praise You,
King and Lord, Jesus Christ.



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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (reprise)

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

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Paul's word to Timothy then is a word for us now:

Go, and proclaim the message; be always persistent; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience. Always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, and carry out your ministry fully –

as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

—from 2 Timothy 4

A thought about worship...

“I am continually comforted and ministered to by Christ at his Table. I often counsel students and friends who are facing difficult times in their lives to “flee to the Eucharist.” Bread and wine are God's signs . . . of grace and love toward us. . . . [Those] who have taken this advice have talked to me later about the healing they experienced through these symbols of God's ministry.” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 11).