



*Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty.  
Who was and is, and is to come,  
Who was and is, and is to come,  
Lift up His name with the sound of singing,  
Lift up His name in all the earth.  
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,  
For He is worthy to be praised.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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Go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

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

*A thought about worship...*

“The biblical metaphor for Easter spirituality is found in baptism. The baptized life is a life that is lived in the *pattern of death and resurrection*. . . . The message of Easter is that the way of being in Jesus, the way of living the new resurrected life, is through participation. . . . We participate in Christ by living the life of our baptism into his death and resurrection. This is a daily, existential, moment-by-moment experience as we choose in this or that situation to die to the sins for which Christ died and choose the life of the Spirit for which Christ was raised to a new life.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 146-147).



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

April 11, 2010 (Second Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

**To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.

**He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.**

– from Revelation 1:4-8

The somber tones of Lent and Holy Week give way to jubilant “Alleluias!” and signal the triumphant arrival of **Easter**, the glorious resurrection day of our Lord. In the church year, Easter is a fifty day period of seven Sundays, beginning with Easter Day. Ascension Day, which marks that profoundly important moment when Christ ascended into heaven, comes forty days after Easter and is celebrated to affirm that Christ is Lord of all times and places.





*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
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INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Praise Him for His mighty acts;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;

Praise Him with the lute and harp!

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;

Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

Praise Him with loud cymbals;

Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

– Psalm 150



*Christus Victor*

He is the Christ,  
He is the one who destroyed death.

He is the Christ,

He triumphed o'er the enemy.

He is the Christ,

He trampled Hades under foot;

He bound the strong one,

And carried man to the heights of heav'n.

He is the Christ!

Text from an early Easter sermon preached by Melito, a bishop of Sardis (died c.180 AD):  
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THE WORD

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

THE TABLE

Blessing – Remembering – Taking – Reflecting

*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



*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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TIME OF OFFERING

Contemplation:

Lord of life, You have blessed us with the riches of Your grace and have raised us to new life in You. If the whole realm of nature were ours, it would be an offering far too small. Your amazing love, so divine, demands our souls, our lives, our all. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves, Your tithes, and our offerings.



*Gloria Patri*

Glory, Glory in the highest! (3 times)  
(Repeat)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For we know that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Romans 8:1, 37-39



Doubting Thomas, 12<sup>th</sup> Century, France



In Christ alone my hope is found,  
 He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
 My comforter, my all in all,  
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
 Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
 This gift of love and righteousness,  
 Scorned by the ones He came to save,  
 'Till on the cross as Jesus died,  
 The wrath of God was satisfied.  
 For every sin on Him was laid;  
 Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
 Light of the world, by darkness slain;  
 Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
 Up from the grave He rose again!  
 And as He stands in victory,  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
 For I am His and He is mine,  
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.  
 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
 From life's first cry to final breath,  
 Jesus commands my destiny.  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
 'Til He returns or calls me home,  
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!



Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, Whom  
 death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: You shared our frailty  
 in human flesh. In Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our  
 shortcomings, and our offenses against You and against others. Have  
 mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us. Reveal Yourself to us this day  
 and all our days, as the first and the last, the living one – the one who  
 was, and is, and is to come – our immortal Savior and Lord. Amen.

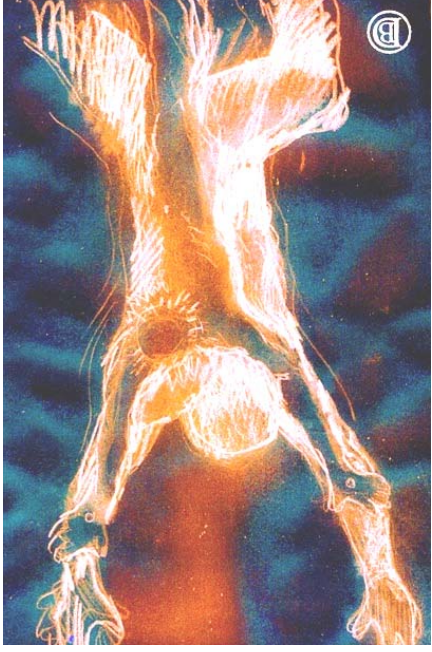
*The Jesus Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
 Have mercy on me, a sinner.  
 Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.  
 Kyrie eleison, Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

READING: JOHN 20:19-31



Resurrection of the Christ, Daniel Bonnell, Contemporary