



SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Crown Him with Many Crowns (reprise)

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.
Be Thou, O Lord, thro' endless days adored and magnified!

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Music: George J. Elvey (Diademata)

Go forth in joy to love and serve the Lord in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish
abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory
in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.
Amen. (Ephesians 3:21)

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...

“The primary metaphor for the Easter season is the church as the resurrected
people living a resurrected spirituality. Because of Easter we are in union with
Christ and are called to live in our baptismal identity in his resurrection. This
essential theme of Easter cannot be communicated in a day. It takes a season.
. . . It is in worship that resurrection spirituality is learned and experienced.”
(Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian
Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 148-151).

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.



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy

April 18, 2010 (Third Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

This is the good news: the grave is empty!
Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

Sing praises to the Lord, O you His faithful ones,
and give thanks to His holy name.

We will extol you, O Lord, for You have lifted us up.

You have turned our mourning into dancing;

You have filled us with joy

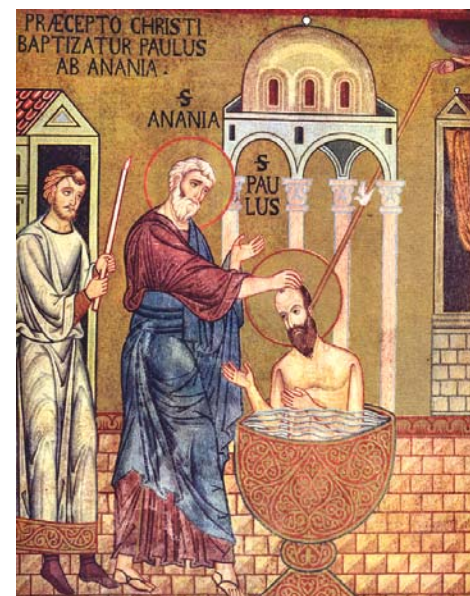
So that our souls may praise You and not be silent.

O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to You forever,
and with the saints of all the ages we proclaim,

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

**to receive power and riches and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and praise!**

– from Psalm 30 and Revelation 5



Baptism of Saul at Ananias, Mid 12th Century, Palatine Chapel
Of Palermo, Italy



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heav'n.
Provide each day our daily needs;
Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;
And Thine is the power, forever and ever,
And Thine is the glory, now and forever,
Amen, amen, amen.

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Worthy is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross, Lord,
Thank You for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love You came,
And gave amazing grace.

Thank You for this love, Lord.
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,
Now all I know,
Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns;
You reign victorious.
High and lifted up, Jesus Son of God;
The darling of heaven crucified –
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb.



Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side –
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail thro' out eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave;
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

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INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

You Are Beautiful

Source of life to wood and stream,
Sovereign Lord and gentle King,
More than we could ever dream:
You are beautiful.
Father to the fatherless,
Healer of our brokenness,
How You fill our emptiness:
You are beautiful.



TIME OF OFFERING

Psalm 19

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You
(repeat)

Chorus:

You're my Rock and my Redeemer
You're the reason that I sing
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes
Ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment
Lord, I want to be Your servant
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes
In Your eyes.

Ending:

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God.

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THE WORD

John 21:1-19

THE TABLE

Blessing – Remembering – Taking – Reflecting



Jesus, You are beautiful;
There is none to compare with You.
Jesus, You are beautiful;
And you show Your love to me,
And it gives me grace to see:
You are everything my heart desires.
You are beautiful.

Son of God upon a cross,
Tasting death for all of us,
Reaching out when we were lost:
You are beautiful.
Risen Lamb upon the throne,
Roaring Lion coming soon,
Every eye will see it's true: You are beautiful.

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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.**

In Christ the Lamb we have redemption through his blood, the
forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of His grace.
*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law
by becoming a curse for us.*

The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship Him today is the same Jesus
Who refused the temptation to worship the evil one.
*Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,
He endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**He reigns 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:
King of kings and Lord of lords.**

– from 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Ephesians 1:7, 21; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 12:2



Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."
And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."
And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia,
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, alleluia,
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Alleluia, holy,
Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb,
Worthy is the Lamb,
You are holy.
Holy are You, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb,
Worthy is the Lamb,
Amen.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us. You took what we are so that we might become what you are. But we confess that often we ignore our sin. We confess that we too often do not confess. We keep silent about the sin that clings to us. But our sins are too great a burden for us. Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity.
You are our stronghold, our hiding place.
May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice and be glad in you and in the righteousness that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life,
He says, "Your sins are forgiven."
He also says, "Follow me."

Now to Him who sits on the throne, to the Lamb of God, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion, forever and ever.
—based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 17 and Revelation 5:13

READING: JOHN 21:1-19



Cast Your Net Again, Daniel Bonnell, Contemporary