



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

February 21, 2010 (Lent 1)

Time of ministry one to another
Prayers for healing, comfort, and strength

SENDING FORTH

Waymaker (chorus)

Waymaker, He makes a road in the wilderness.
Waymaker, He makes a pathway that leads me home,
His footsteps go before me
Day after day after day.
Waymaker, He makes a way.

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Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.
Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.
Go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.
Go in power, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...

"The church as a living witness to God's narrative became the place where the consumer could buy a product that fulfilled his or her needs. Of course, the church does fulfill needs, but they must be placed within the cosmic narrative, thereby reducing the individual's focus on self and turning his or her contemplation to God's saving deeds, whereby the whole world is made right." (Robert E. Webber, *Who Gets to Narrate the World? Contending for the Christian Story in an Age of Rivals* [Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2008], 131).

GATHERING

Leader:

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People:

We rejoice in our God,

who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy
to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ;
we worship Him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for His grace that has saved us.

Alleluia! We rejoice!

—based on Isaiah 43:19-21

About the Christian Year...

The season of **Lent**, a period of forty weekdays follows Epiphany (Sundays, always considered "Feast Days", are not included). Beginning on Ash Wednesday and culminating in Holy week, this season of both joy and sorrow is a time for the Church to proclaim, remember, and respond to the atoning death of Christ. The traditional violet/purple color usually associated with the season is meant to convey the reflective, penitential tones of Lent.





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 powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven,
Bread of Heaven,
Feed me 'til I want no more;
Feed me 'til 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.
When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside.
Bear me through the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

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INVOCATION
Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise



THE WORD

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

THE TABLE

Blessing – Remembering – Taking – Reflecting

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 heaven.
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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Living Water

Come, Living Water flow through me like a river.
My heart's been thirsting so long.
Flood through my soul and pour out your mercy.
Come, Living Water, fill me.

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Under the Shadow, Psalm 91: 1-2,
Mark Lawrence, 2009



Morning by morning I wake up to find
 The power and comfort of God's hand in mine.
 Season by season I watch Him amazed,
 In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways.
 All I have need of His hand will provide;
 He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain
 He did not recycle to bring me gain.
 I can't remember one single regret
 In serving God only and trusting His hand.
 All I have need of His hand will provide;
 He's always been faithful to me.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father,
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
 As thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
 Morning by morning new mercies I see.
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

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This is my anthem, this is my song,
 The theme of the story I've heard for so long:
 God has been faithful, He will be again;
 His loving compassion, it knows no end.
 All I have need of His hand will provide.
 He's always been faithful, He's always been faithful,
 He's always been faithful to me.

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I Call You Faithful

I call You faithful, Lord, You are faithful;
 You are so faithful to me.
 I call you faithful, Lord, You are faithful;
 Faithful You are, and faithful You'll be.
 (Repeat)

2. Jireh
3. Healer
4. Awesome
5. Holy
6. All that

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CONFESSON OF FAITH

The word of the Lord:
 "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart," that is, the word
 of faith that we proclaim ; because if you confess with your lips that
 Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the
 dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is
 justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The
 scripture says, "No one who believes in Him will be put to shame." For
 there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord
 of all and is generous to all who call on Him. For, "Everyone who calls
 on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

– Romans 10:8b-13



Because We Believe

We believe in God the Father;
We believe in Christ the Son;
We believe in the Holy Spirit;
We are the church and we stand as one.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is our God.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.
All glory and honor are His to receive.
To Jesus we sing, because we believe.

Verse 2

We believe in the Holy Bible;
We believe in the virgin birth;
We believe in the resurrection;
That Christ one day will return to earth.

Verse 3

We believe in the blood of Jesus;
We believe in eternal life;
We believe in the blood that frees us
To become the Bride of Christ.

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Temptation of Christ, Sandro Botticelli, 1480, Vatican

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION



Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
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TIME OF OFFERING

This is how the children of Israel were taught to bring their offerings to the Lord:

You shall say, "The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with displays of power, and with signs and wonders. And He brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now we bring the first fruits of all the Lord has given us." Like them, we bow down in worship, and celebrate our gracious and loving God.

— based on Deut 26:8-11

He's Always Been Faithful