



*Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place;  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

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

SENDING FORTH

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)

Go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Ev'ry blessing You pour out we'll turn back to praise;  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still we will say –

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

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***A thought about worship...***

“Pragmatism always asks, Does it work? Does it produce? Is it effective? Pragmatism has moved the church toward a business model. This follows, of course, the consumer approach to the faith. Jesus becomes the product marketed to people—the consumers—to satisfy their needs. . . . An overemphasis on pragmatism has led to the loss of God’s narrative for the world. I’m calling . . . for the recovery of God’s narrative and for the role the church plays as the witness to God’s narrative.” (Robert E. Webber, *Who Gets to Narrate the World? Contending for the Christian Story in an Age of Rivals* [Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2008], 132).



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

March 7, 2010 (Lent 3)

GATHERING

*I Love To Be In Your Presence*

*Chorus 1*

I love to be in Your presence,  
With Your people singing praises;  
I love to stand and rejoice,  
Lift my hands and raise my voice.

*Verse*

You set my feet to dancing,  
You fill my heart with song;  
You give me reason to rejoice, rejoice.

*Chorus 2*

We love to be in Your presence,  
With Your people singing praises;  
We love to stand and rejoice,  
Lift our hands and praise with one voice.

*Ending*

Lift our hands, lift our hands,  
Lift our hands and praise with one voice.

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***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.





*Yet I Will Praise You*

*Verse 1*  
I will praise You, Lord, my God;  
Even in my brokenness I will praise You, Lord.  
I will praise You, Lord, my God;  
Even in my desperation I will praise You, Lord.  
And I can't understand all that You allow,  
I just can't see the reason.  
But my life is in Your hands,  
And though I cannot see You, I choose to trust You.

*Chorus 1*  
Even when my heart is torn, I will praise You, Lord.  
Even when I feel deserted I will praise You, Lord.  
Even in the darkest valley, I will praise You, Lord.  
And when my world is shatter'd, and it seems all hope is gone  
Yet I will praise You, Lord.

*Verse 2*  
I will trust You, Lord, my God;  
Even in my loneliness I will trust You, Lord.  
I will trust You, Lord, my God;  
Even when I cannot hear You I will trust You, Lord.  
And I will not forget that You hung on a cross,  
Lord, You bled and died for me.  
And if I have to suffer I know that You've been there,  
And I know that You're here now.

*Chorus 2*  
Even when my heart is torn I will trust You, Lord.  
Even when I feel deserted I will trust You, Lord.  
Even in the darkest valley I will trust You, Lord.  
And when my world is shatter'd, and it seems all hope is gone,  
Yet I will praise You, Lord.



Leader:

Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat.  
Yes, come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price!  
Why do you spend money for what is not bread,  
and your wages for what does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,  
and let your soul delight itself in abundance.  
Incline your ear, and come to Me.  
Hear, and your soul shall live;  
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you –  
The sure mercies of David.

– Isaiah 55:1-3 (NKJV)

*Let the Rain of Your Presence*

Let the rain of Your presence fall on me,  
Every day that I live, with every breath I breathe.  
Let the rain of Your presence fall on me;  
Everywhere that I go, Lord, let Your presence flow,  
Rain on me.

Love divine, joy unspeakable,  
Overflowing in my soul;  
This heart of mine is refreshed and at rest  
In Your presence, in Your presence.

INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise  
Testimonies: God is a Waymaker



## TIME OF OFFERING

### *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.  
 What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.  
 O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
 All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
 We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
 Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
 Precious Savior, still our Refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

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## THE WORD

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

## 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



### *I Love To Be In Your Presence* (reprise)

You set our feet to dancing,  
 You fill our hearts with song;  
 You give us reason to rejoice, rejoice.

We love to be in Your presence,  
 With Your people singing praises;  
 We love to stand and rejoice,  
 Lift our hands and praise with one voice.

Lift our hands, lift our hands,  
 Lift our hands and praise with one voice.

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## CONFESSION OF FAITH

The word of the Lord:

Leader:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
 Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,  
 Or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**People:**

**But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer  
 through Him who loved us.  
 For I am convinced 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,  
 shall be able to separate us from the love of God,  
 which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

—Romans 8:35, 37-39

The LORD your God is with you, He is mighty to save!  
 He will take great delight in you,  
 He will quiet you with his love,  
 He will rejoice over you with singing!

—Zephaniah 3:17



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*

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.

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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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.



*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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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The promise of the Lord:

*Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.*  
Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
**Let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

Isaiah 55:6-7

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