



SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice,
Again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice,
Again I say, rejoice!

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Rejoice in hope, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 ... 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

March 28, 2010 (Liturgy of the Palms)

GATHERING

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

– Zechariah 9:9

When Jesus had come near the Mount of Olives, on His way to Jerusalem, He sent ahead two of His disciples.

He said, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

“If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

So those who were sent departed, and found it as He had told them.

As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

They said, “The Lord needs it.”

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

As He was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

– Luke 19:28-40



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

– Psalm 118:26



"Breaking of Palm Leaf for the Entry into Jerusalem" Giotto, c.1304
 Scrovegni Chapel

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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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by Your Name.
 Your kingdom come, Your will be done

On earth as in heav'n.

Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours.

Now and forever, Amen.

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Redeemer Saviour Friend

I know You had me on Your mind

When You climbed up on that hill,

For You saw me with eternal eyes,

While I was yet in sin. Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.

Chorus

Oh, Redeemer, redeem my heart again;

Saviour, come and shelter me from sin.

You're familiar with my weakness, devoted to the end.

Redeemer, Saviour, Friend,

Every stripe upon Your battered back,

Every thorn that pierced Your brow,

Every nail drove deep through guiltless hands

Said that Your love knows no end. Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.

So the grace You pour upon my life

Will return to You in praise,

And I'll gladly lay down all my crowns

For the name by which I'm saved. Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.

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Pre-Chorus

He has filled our hearts with wonder,
So that we always remember –

Chorus

You and I are made to worship,
You and I are called to love,
You and I are forgiven and free.
When you and I embrace surrender,
When you and I choose to believe,
Then you and I will see
Who we were meant to be.

Verse 2

All we are and all we have
Is all a gift from God that we receive.
Brought to life, we open up our eyes
To see the majesty and glory of the King.

Bridge

Even the rocks cry out, even the heavens shout
At the sound of His Holy name.
So let ev'ry voice sing out, let ev'ry knee bow down;
He's worthy of all our praise.

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THE WORD

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40



"Entry of Christ into Jerusalem" Wilhelm Morgner, 1912

THE TABLE

Blessing – Remembering – Taking – Reflecting



INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise
Testimonies: The Lord is King

Sing to the Lord (reprise)

Chorus:

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever. Let Israel say, **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech You, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the household of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

Your are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God, I will extol You.

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.



Garments of Praise

Chorus:
Put on the garments of praise
For the spirit of heaviness;
Let the oil of gladness flow
Down from Your throne.
Put on the garments of praise
For the spirit of heaviness;
Put on the spirit of heaviness;
Your joy is my strength alone,
My strength alone.

Verse:

Make these broken, weary bones
Rise to dance again;
Wet this dry and thirsty land with a river.
Lord, our eyes are fixed on You,
And we are waiting ... for Your garland of grace
As we praise Your name.

Bridge:

Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;
We give all honor and praise to Your name.
Hallelujah, sing hallelujah;
We trade our sorrows for garments of praise.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Righteous God of all time, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We have joyfully praised Him with shouts of Hosanna. We confess that we have not always bowed before Him, and are often slow to acknowledge His rule. We too easily give allegiance to the powers and principalities of this world, and fail to live as children of the Light. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, walking in your ways, to the glory of your name.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the word of the Lord from Psalm 118:
Let those who fear the Lord say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

the Lord answered me and set me free.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

He has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!

In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

—based on Psalm 118:4,5,14,17

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

And my spirit exults in God my Savior.

For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness,

And His name will be forever exalted.

For the mighty God has done great things for me,

And His mercy will reach from age to age.

And holy holy holy is His name.

(repeat)

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TIME OF OFFERING

Made to Worship

Verse 1

Before the day, before the light,

Before the world revolved around the sun,

God on high stepped down into time

And wrote the story of His love for everyone.