



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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Christus Victor has triumphed! He is seated at the right hand of God, 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. God has put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!**

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

*A thought about worship...*

“What if the principle of the early church was translated to form our day into a conscious Christian rhythm of daily devotion? By remembering the work of Christ on the cross at 9 AM [he was nailed], noon [darkness], and 3 PM [he died], we would experience each day in the rhythm of the most central event of human history. Add to those hours the remembrance of creation on rising and an anticipation of the new heavens and the new earth at the coming again upon retiring and the rhythm of the day will express the contours of all history.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 180).



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community  
*Liturgy*

August 1, 2010 (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

**His steadfast love and mercy endure forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy and gathered to Himself.

They cried out to the Lord, and He delivered them.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!**

For He satisfies the longing soul,  
and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!**

**His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
and His faithfulness continues through all generations!**

– from Psalms 107:1-9 and 100:5



*Opposing Worlds*, Cornelis Monsma, Contemporary



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

*Make Us One*

Make us one, make us one;  
 Make us one, undivided body.  
 Make us one, make us one.  
 For the sake of Your Name, make us one.

Make us love, make us love;  
 Make us love, so the world will know we love You.  
 Make us love, make us love.  
 For the sake of Your Name, make us love.

Make us pure, make us pure;  
 Make us pure, and righteous, make us holy.  
 Make us pure, make us pure.  
 For the sake of Your Name, make us pure.

Make us one, make us one;  
 Make us one, undivided body.  
 Make us one, make us one.  
 For the sake of Your Name, make us one.



*Forever*

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King,  
 His love endures forever.  
 For He is good, He is above all things,  
 His love endures forever.  
 Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand, and outstretched arm,  
 His love endures forever.  
 For the life that's been reborn,  
 His love endures forever.  
 Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.

*Chorus:*  
 Forever God is faithful,  
 Forever God is strong,  
 Forever God is with us,  
 Forever and ever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,  
 His love endures forever.  
 And by the grace of God we will carry on,  
 His love endures forever.  
 Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.

*Chorus* (two times)

INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

*Forever* (reprise)

His love endures forever (eight times)  
 Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.



## TIME OF OFFERING

### *Paint Your Picture*

Pick me up like a paintbrush, God,  
 Dip it in the colors of my life.  
 Paint Your picture, Father,  
 Fashion a heart that is wholly Yours.  
 Take Your fingers, God,  
 Master Potter,  
 Come mold the clay.  
 Tell Your story, as You mold me,  
 Fashion a heart that is wholly Yours.

And write Your name, write Your name, in the clay.  
 And sign Your name, sign Your name on the picture.

Take all I am, take all I have  
 For I am Yours forever, Forever

So come write Your name, write Your name, in the clay.  
 Come sign Your name, sign Your name, on the picture.

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## THE WORD

Colossians 3:1-11



Glimpse of Christ #8, Dannel Bonnell,  
 Contemporary



## *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?

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.  
**For we have died and our life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then we also will be revealed with Him in glory.**

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry.

**For it is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming.**

**And in them we also once walked, when we were living in them.** But now you also are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your lips. Do not lie to one another, since you taken off the old self with its practices.

**We have put on the new self which is being renewed in true knowledge according to the image of our Creator, in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free, but Christ is all, and in all.**

– from Colossians 3:1-11



*This Church*

Our God is building up this church,  
A Body strong to make;  
A cord when made of many strands  
Seldom will ever break.

There is one Spirit, faith, and hope,  
One Lord and God of all.  
Let us then live in peace and grace,  
And so fulfill our call.

Though many people form the Church,  
And millions bear the Name;  
In Christ there is no difference now,  
Believers all the same.

I empty now this heart of mine,  
And die to self anew;  
Now fill me up, O Lord, I pray,  
To overflow with You.

Hymn tune: St. Agnes. Text: Chris Alford

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not always set our hearts on the things above, where Christ is, seated at Your right hand. We have not always loved our neighbors as You would have us love them, in accordance with the new self. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.



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, NRSV

*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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READING: Luke 12:13-21, 34