



SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Christus Victor reigns! He has triumphed over death, disarmed the powers and principalities, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne 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.

Christus Victor has triumphed! We have been raised with Him, and we live by faith in Him.

Go forth in faith and hope, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...

“Advent is a time to *wait*. Christmas is a time to *rejoice*. Epiphany is a time to *witness*. Lent is a time for *repentance and renewal*. The Great Triduum is a time to *enter death*. Easter is a time to *express the resurrected life*. After Pentecost is a time to *study and evangelize*. Of course we are to do all of these Christian practices all of the time. But a rule of thumb is that a specific time set aside for each facilitates and empowers our Christian experience at all times.” (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 15, 2010 (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth:

Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious!

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever.

With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever.

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

All your works praise you, O LORD, and your faithful servants bless you.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The LORD is faithful in all his works and merciful in all his deeds.

For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations!

– from Psalms 66, 89, 145, 100





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

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Be Restored, Alexander Sedoyan, Contemporary

INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise



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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Wait for the Lord

Congregation:
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Cantor:
1. Prepare the way for the Lord.
Make a straight path for God. (Is. 40)
2. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
All the earth will see the Lord. (Is. 40)
3. Rejoice in the Lord always; God is at hand.
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord. (Phil. 4 and Psm. 70)
4. I waited for the Lord.
God heard my cry. (Psm. 39)
5. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord our God. (Psm. 122)
6. Seek first the Kingdom of God.
Seek and you shall find. (Mt. 6-7)
7. O Lord, show us your way.
Guide us in Your truth. (Psm. 118)

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TIME OF OFFERING

Meditation:

We are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses. Filled with faith, they understood and believed that all they were, and all they possessed, were gifts entrusted to them from Your hand. Fixing our eyes on You, Lord, the author and perfecter of faith, in worship we bring Your tithes and our offerings, and offer ourselves anew in faithful commitment.

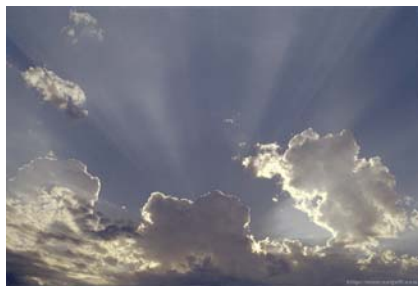
If You Say Go

If You say go we will go,
If You say wait we will wait.
If You say step out on the water,
And they say it can't be done,
We'll fix our eyes on You and we will come.
Your ways are higher than our ways,
And the plans that You have laid are good and true.
If You call us to the fire
You will not withdraw Your hand;
We'll gaze into the flames and look for You.

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THE WORD

Hebrews 11:28-12:2



THE TABLE

Blessing – Remembering – Taking – Reflecting



PROFESSION OF FAITH

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made of things which are visible. By faith, the ancients gained approval from God, for without faith it is impossible to please Him.

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises. But having seen them, they believed and welcomed them from a distance.

Abel; Enoch; Noah; Abraham; Sarah; Isaac; Jacob; Joseph; Moses; Rahab; David; Samuel; the judges and the prophets – all believed God.

They considered Him faithful who had promised.

By faith they esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.

Through faith they worked righteousness, out of weakness were made strong, persevered through adversity and opposition, became valiant in battle, and endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

All these, although they gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, *because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us. And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

– from Hebrews 11:1 – 12:2



Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
 Lovingkindness as the flood,
 When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
 Shed for us His precious blood.
 Who His love will not remember?
 Who can cease to sing His praise?
 He can never be forgotten,
 Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.
 On the mount of crucifixion,
 Fountains opened deep and wide;
 Through the floodgates of God's mercy
 Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
 Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
 Poured incessant from above,
 And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
 Kissed a guilty world in love.
 Of Your fullness You are pouring
 Your great power and love anew,
 Without measure, full and boundless,
 Drawing out our hearts to You.
 You alone will be our glory,
 Nothing in the world we see.
 You have cleansed and sanctified us,
 You Yourself have set us free.

Tag:

Let us all, Your love accepting,
 Love You ever, all our days;
 Let us seek Your kingdom only,
 And our lives be to Your praise.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Create In Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart,
 And purify me, purify me.
 Create in me a clean heart,
 So I may worship Thee.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence;
 Please don't take Your spirit from me.
 And restore the joy of salvation,
 So that I may worship Thee.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
 and I will tell what He has done for me.
 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
 the LORD would not have listened.
 But truly God has listened;
 He has given heed to the words of my prayer.
 Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer.
 or removed His steadfast love from me.

– from Psalm 66:16-20