



I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
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His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

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Go forth, remembering to whom you belong.  
**We will remember our covenant with God the Father.**  
Go in peace as the reaffirmed church of Jesus, God's Son.  
**We go to be the Body of Christ in a broken world.**  
And may you go in the power of God the Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.**  
**Alleluia!**



St. Mary's Lavington, Celtic crypt, 11<sup>th</sup> Century



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

August 29, 2010 (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

O God, our strength, we shout our joy;  
***we shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.***  
You are the LORD our God,  
you brought us up out of a living death;  
***and filled our wide open mouths.***  
At times in our history we have not heard Your voice;  
***and at times we did not want to hear it.***  
We have been stubborn  
***and You have sometimes justly left us to our own devices.***  
But you long for us to listen to you;  
***and to walk in your ways.***  
You long for us to allow You to stand between us  
and the things that weigh down our lives;  
***to turn Your hand against them.***  
All that are against You would knuckle under;  
***and their time would be over forever.***  
You would feed us with the best bread;  
***and with the purest honey You would satisfy us.***

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## *Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my Shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength



Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord

All the earth let us sing

Power and majesty

Praise to the King

Mountains bow down

And the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy

At the work of Your hands

Forever I'll love You

Forever I'll stand

Nothing compares to the promise

I have in You

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INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

1. *O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek You, wisdom to perceive You, and patience to wait for You.*

2. *O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly, day by day.*

3. *Eternal God, You have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised Your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of Your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

4. *Our Father, You are in heaven, high and lifted up, higher than our highest thoughts.*

*Holy is Your name; beside You there is no other! You are God, and You alone!*



I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?*

*I have heard You calling in the night.*

*I will go Lord, if You lead me.*

*I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have born my peoples pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them,

Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them,

My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide,

Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give My life to them,

Whom shall I send?

SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

*The Solid Rock*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness



Thou mine inheritance  
 Now and always  
 Thou and Thou only  
 Be first in my heart  
 High King of heaven  
 My treasure Thou art

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THE WORD

Jeremiah 2:4-13

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

*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

*Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
 I have heard My people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin,  
 My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,



Receive us into Your kingdom—the coming kingdom—  
 the kingdom of Your anointed Son, Jesus, whose name we bear.  
 Receive us, for we come to you in his name—  
 we pray in Him and with Him.  
 For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Shout to the Lord*

Shout to the Lord  
 All the earth let us sing  
 Power and majesty  
 Praise to the King  
 Mountains bow down  
 And the seas will roar  
 At the sound of Your name  
 I sing for joy  
 At the work of Your hands  
 Forever I'll love You  
 Forever I'll stand  
 Nothing compares to the promise  
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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*The Jesus Prayer*

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.  
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 Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison  
 Lord Jesus, have mercy on me.

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...for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water. —Jeremiah 2:13

*This simple refrain from the early church, the Kyrie eleison, given here in both Greek and English, expresses both confession and lament:*

**Lord, have mercy.** (*Kyrie eleison*).  
**Christ, have mercy.** (*Christe eleison*).  
**Lord, have mercy.** (*Kyrie eleison*).

Merciful God,  
 you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.  
 We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.  
 We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
 nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
 We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
 or walked humbly with you, our God.  
 Have mercy on us, O God, in your covenant love.  
 In your great compassion,  
 cleanse us from our sin.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
 and renew a right spirit within us.  
 Do not cast us from your presence,  
 or take your Holy Spirit from us.  
 Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
 and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit  
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!  
 Who is in a position to condemn?  
 Only Christ,  
 and Christ died for us,

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—based on Psalm 51:10-12



Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ

is a new creation.

The old life has gone;

a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

TIME OF OFFERING

*Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision

O Lord of my heart

Naught be all else to me

Save that Thou art

Thou my best thought

By day or by night

Waking or sleeping

Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom

Be Thou my true Word

I ever with Thee

And Thou with me Lord

Thou my great Father

I Thy true son

Thou in me dwelling

And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not  
 Nor man's empty praise

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*Jeremiah*, Duccio di Buoninsegna, c.1250

—based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17