



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 25, 2011 (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)



GATHERING

We have gathered to worship and praise our gracious God,
the Lord of creation.

**There is none like You, O LORD,
nor are there any works like Yours.**

All the nations You have made shall come and bow down before You,
O LORD, and shall glorify Your name.

For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

– from Psalms 86:8-10 and 9:1-2

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.
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Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
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Let every kindred every tongue on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Doxology

Sing to the Lord, exalt His name; O, make His praise glorious.
Pour forth His praise, His anthem raise;
Rejoice in Him forever.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us express our unity with the church of all ages by professing our faith in the words of Philippians 2:

Christ Jesus emptied Himself:

Although He existed in the form of God,
He did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped;

But He emptied Himself:

He took the form of a bond-servant, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, Christ Jesus emptied Himself:

*He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death
– even death on a cross.*

For this reason God also highly exalted Him

**and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

—from Philippians 2:5-11



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession:

Psalm 25:1-6

Refrain (sung):

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in You I put my trust.

(Spoken)

Do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Refrain

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my

salvation; for You I wait all day long.

Refrain

Be mindful of Your mercy, O LORD, and of Your steadfast love,
For they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

According to Your steadfast love remember me,

For Your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Refrain

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[Silent confessions]



Merciful and righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. Yet we confess that we do not always bow before Him; we are often slow to acknowledge His rule, and fail to live as Your covenant people. We have not loved You with a whole heart. We have acted out of selfish ambition, and have not valued others above our own interests. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. In your mercy, forgive us, and raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's promise:

For though the LORD is exalted, yet He regards the lowly,
but the proud and haughty He knows only from afar.

The LORD will fulfill His plans and purpose for His people;

His lovingkindness endures forever.

– from Psalm 138:6, 8

It is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work
for His good pleasure.

– Phil 2:13

Psalm 25:7-10

Refrain (sung):

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in You I put my trust.

(Spoken)

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

*He leads the humble in what is right,
And teaches the humble His way.*

**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
For those who keep His covenant and His decrees.**

Refrain



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*Let them exalt him in the church of the people ...
and he blessed them, St. Alban's Psalter, 12th Cent.



TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and devotion

Acknowledging Your bountiful care, we gratefully sing Your wonderful love. We offer ourselves, all we are and all we have, as an expression of our worship and a reflection of Your love. Amen.

O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
(Oh, girded with praise.)

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is the path on the wings of the storm.
(Oh, sing of His grace.)

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
(Oh, worship the King, worship the King...)

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.
(Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,
Oh, worship the King...)

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THE WORD

Philippians 2:1-13



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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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Jesus is Lord

“Jesus is Lord,” the cry that echoes through creation;
Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King, whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord, whose voice sustains the stars and planets;
Yet, in His wisdom, laid aside His crown.
Jesus, the man who washed our feet, who bore our suff’ring,
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.

Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty!
Not even death could crush this King of love!
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we’re forgiven,
And we can run into the arms of God.

“Jesus is Lord,” a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns, and ev’ry knee bows low.
Then ev’ry eye and ev’ry heart will see His glory;
The Judge of all will take His children home.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
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Benediction –

And now, as we go forth, in faith and joy, to love and serve the Lord, may He grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever.

Amen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



A thought about worship...– “If God is the object of worship, then worship must proceed from me, the subject, to God, who is the object. . . . If God is understood, however, as the personal God who acts as subject in the world and in worship rather than the remote God who sits in the heavens, then worship is understood not as the acts of adoration God demands of me but as the disclosure of Jesus, who has done for me what I cannot do for myself. In this way worship is the doing of God’s story within me so that I live in the pattern of Jesus’s death and resurrection..” (Robert E. Webber, *The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2006, 232).

Lectionary for next week: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 2:3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

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