



SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below:  
O Praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Now, with praises to God on your lips,  
The work of Christ in your hands,  
And thanksgiving for the gifts of the Spirit your hearts,  
Go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*A thought about worship...*

“In worship God is speaking and acting, bringing to me the benefits of redemption. Through worship, God works on my behalf. He repairs and renews my relationship with him. Just as he has always sought people out to bring them to himself, so he now seeks me out in worship to bring healing into my life. . . . Worship is an experience I long to have, a necessary part of my spiritual diet, a central source of my spiritual formation.” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 8).



**Epiclesis**  
An Ancient-Future Faith Community  
*Liturgy*

September 19, 2010 (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*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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GATHERING

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD;  
Praise the name of the LORD.  
**Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!**  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.  
**The LORD is high above all nations, His glory is above the heavens.**  
Who is like the LORD our God, who is enthroned on high,  
who humbles Himself to behold  
the things that are in the heavens and in the earth?  
**He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash  
heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his  
people.**  
**He gives the barren woman a home, as a joyous mother of children.**  
**Praise the LORD!**



*All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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INVOCATION  
Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise



THE WORD

Leviticus 23:33-44

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

*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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*Flow Like a River*

Flow like a river, fall like the rain;  
Streams of compassion flow from His throne.  
Wide as the ocean, deep as the sea;  
Life-giving fountain, is God's love for me.

Feast at the table of mercy,  
Drink from the cup of His grace.  
Dwell in His infinite goodness,  
Live in His healing embrace.

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## TIME OF OFFERING

### *God of Wonders*

Lord of heaven and earth (God of all creation)  
Lord of heaven and earth

#### *Verse 1*

Lord of all creation, of water earth and sky;  
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high.

#### *Chorus 1*

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
You are holy, holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty;  
You are holy, holy,  
Lord of heaven and earth; Lord of heaven and earth.

#### *Verse 2*

Sovereign of the Ages, our offerings we bring.  
For everything we have, Lord,  
Comes from the One to whom we sing.

#### *Chorus 1*

#### *Bridge*

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (3 times)

#### *Chorus 2*

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me,  
Father hold me, hold me.  
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (3 times)



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

### *Psalm 111*

#### *Refrain:*

Praise the Lord! I will thank Him with my whole heart.  
Bless His Name! I will delight in His great works.  
Honor and majesty, righteous forever;  
Holy and awesome is He.

**Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

*Full of honor and majesty is His work,  
and His righteousness endures forever.*

**He has gained renown by His wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

#### *Refrain*

He provides food for those who fear Him;  
He is ever mindful of His covenant.  
*He has shown His people the power of His works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.*

The works of His hands are faithful and just;  
all His precepts are trustworthy.

*They are established forever and ever, to be performed with  
faithfulness and uprightness.*

#### *Refrain*

**He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.**

#### *Refrain*



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

A Psalm for Meditation ...

We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by

those around us.

How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous

wrath burn like fire?

Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your

compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very

low.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver

us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

– from Psalm 79

*Bless the Lord*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Scripture for Meditation...

God our Savior...desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time.

– from 1 Timothy 2



*All Creatures of Our God and King*

And all ye men of tender heart

Forgiving others, take your part

O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear

Praise God and on Him cast your care

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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READING

Leviticus 23:33-44



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