



Verse 2

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found by You, and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn;
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Verse 3

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life,
And to know You in Your sufferings,
To become like You in Your death, my Lord;
So with You to live, and never die.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Rejoice the Lord is King (reprise)

Rejoice the Lord is King; Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –The Lord is King!

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As you go forth to love and serve the Lord, may you be made strong with all the strength that comes from His glorious power, filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding; that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

—based on Colossians 1:9-11

A thought about worship...

“Worship is a celebration. It is a celebration of the event of Christ—his death and resurrection. To celebrate Christ, not my devotion to him, frees me from having to create or invent my worship. Both preaching and the Lord’s Supper celebrate Christ and through them Christ is given to me. Consequently, I am spiritually nourished by what God is doing for me through the Scriptures and the Communion Table.” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God’s Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 9).



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

September 26, 2010 (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

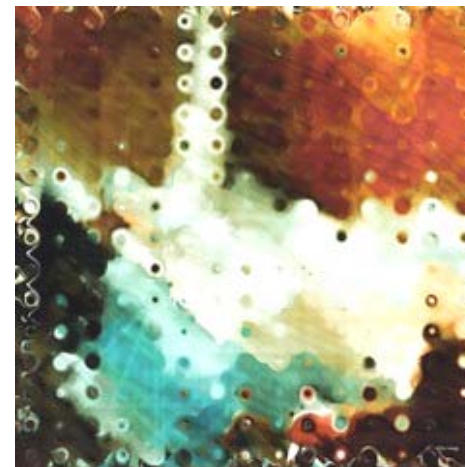
Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,
In the city of our God, the holy place,
The joy of the whole earth.
Great is the Lord who has won the victory;
Christ has triumphed o’er the enemy.
We bow down on our knees.

And Lord, we come to lift Your name on high,
And Lord, we come to thank You
For the work You’ve done in our lives.
And Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love,
For You alone are God eternal,
Throughout earth and heaven above.

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GATHERING



With Me, Exodus 33:14, Mark Lawrence



Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD while I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Do not trust in princes, in mortal man, in whom there is no salvation.

Their spirits depart, they return to the earth;

in that very day their plans perish.

How blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob.

Whose hope is in the LORD their God.

He made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them;

He remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind; He raises up those who are

bowled down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD protects the strangers and sustains the fatherless and the

widow, but He frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The LORD reigns forever, our God, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

– Psalm 146

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Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –

The Lord is King!

Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love.

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –

The Lord is King!

THE WORD

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

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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Knowing You

Verse 1

All I once held dear, built my life upon,

All this world reveres, and wars to own,

All I once thought gain I have counted loss;

Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Chorus

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,

There is no greater thing.

You're my all, You're the best,

You're my joy, my righteousness,

And I love you, Lord.



Amos, Stained Glass, Christ Church, Pompton Lakes, NJ



READING

Exodus 35:21, 36:2-7

TIME OF OFFERING

Scripture for Meditation...

Those who were doing the work of the sanctuary said to Moses, “The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done.” So the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they had was more than enough.

– from Exodus 36:5, 7

My Lips will Praise You

My lips will praise You,
For You are holy.
My voice will ever rise before Your throne.
My heart will love You,
For You are lovely,
And You have called me
To become Your own.

I am Your own,
And I will worship You alone.
I am Your own,
I am Your child.
I am Your own,
And I will worship at Your throne.
I am Your own,
And I will love You.

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His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o’er earth and heav’n.
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –
The Lord is King!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, rejoice –
The Lord is King!

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Call Us From the Outer Court

Call us from the outer court, Lord, draw us with Your incense sweet;
Help us to lay the cares of this day at Your feet, at Your feet.

Laying down all earthly idols, taking up Your gifts of grace;
We enter in, for we find a Friend in Your face, in Your face.

Chorus:
Our spirits cry out, we long for more;
Our freedom comes as we adore You.

Cause a holy hunger in us, for nothing here on earth compares;
No treasure so fair, no jewel so rare as the love that You show
In Your courts.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: YOU WHO LIVE IN THE SHADOW OF THE MOST HIGH, WHO ABIDE IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY – SAY TO THE LORD,

My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust!

For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper, and from

the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find

refuge.

His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

Nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the destruction that

lays waste at noon.

For He will give His angels charge concerning you,

to guard you in all your ways.

They will bear you up in their hands, lest you strike your foot against a

stone.

When you call on Him, He will answer.

He will be with you in trouble; He will rescue you and honor you and

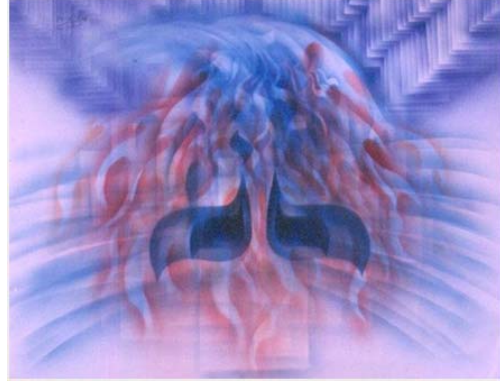
you will see His salvation.

LEADER: “BECAUSE YOU HAVE LOVED ME,” DECLARES THE LORD, “I WILL

DELIVER YOU. I WILL SET YOU SECURELY ON HIGH, BECAUSE YOU HAVE

KNOWN MY NAME.”

– from Psalm 91:1-6, 11-16



Psalm 91, Moshe Tzvi



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Agnus Dei

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

Receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,

The Holy One, our heavenly King.

We worship You, we give You thanks,

We praise You for Your glory.

Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;

I will protect those who know My name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them and show them My salvation.

– Psalm 91:14-16 NRSV

Receive the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Agnus Dei (reprise)

You alone are Lord Most High,

The Holy One, our heavenly King.

We worship You, we give You thanks,

We praise You for Your glory.

Almighty God and Father. Amen.