



SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, based on Psalm 103. Music: Mark Andrews

You therefore, beloved, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
Here is a saying you can trust:
Don't be afraid of death,
for if we died with Him, we will also live with Him.
Don't be afraid to endure,
for if we do, we will reign with Him.
Take heart, remain faithful, and go forth into the world unashamed of
the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

—from 2 Timothy 2

A thought about worship...

“Christ is presented to us through re-presentation in both the Word and the Table. . . . In our concern for preaching, somehow we have let things get out of balance. We've neglected the deep meaning of the Lord's Table. I believe, however, that as we open ourselves to the gracious working of God at the Lord's Supper, we will experience a greater balance between the Word of God and the Lord's Table. And, in turn, we will find a better balance between head and heart, mind and emotion, intellect and feeling.” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 11-12).



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy

October 10, 2010 (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Sing the glory of His name;
Make His praise glorious. Say to God:
**How awesome are Your works!
Because of the greatness of Your power,
Your enemies cringe before You.
All the earth worships You; they sing praises to You.
Sing praises to Your name.”**

Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds among
mortals. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the
waters on foot. Come, let us rejoice in Him!

**He rules forever by His power; His eyes keep watch on the nations;
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

Bless our God, O peoples, and make the voice of His praise be heard.

He has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

He has refined us as silver is refined.

**We went through fire and through water, yet He has brought us
out into a place of abundance.**

Praise the Lord!

— Psalm 66:1-12



Psalm 66, Moshe Tzvi HaLevi Berger, c.2000



All People That On Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

O enter then His gates with praise;

Approach with joy His courts unto;

Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

Bridge:

Sing to the Lord, exalt His name;

O, make His praise glorious.

Pour forth His praise,

His anthem raise;

Rejoice in Him forever.

For why? the Lord our God is good;

His mercy is for ever sure;

His truth at all times firmly stood,

And shall from age to age endure.

Bridge

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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THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed by Your Name

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

On earth as in heav'n.

Give us today our daily bread

Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us

Save us from the time of trial,

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

And the glory are Yours.

Now and forever, Amen.

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We Behold You (Fraction Anthem)

With all of the saints and angels,

We gather before You.

Our hearts filled with thankfulness,

We lift up Your holy Name.

With all who have gone before us,

We feast at Your table.

We eat of Your body and

Drink of Your holy blood.

And we behold You, and we behold You

Lamb of God, slain for our sins.

(Repeat)

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Remembrance and Expectation,
Cornelis Monisma, 2009



TIME OF OFFERING

Scripture for meditation...

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Fountain of Grace

You have been faithful when I have been faithless,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.
Forever giving when I have been selfish,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

Still the beginning of all that is holy,
Unsearchable Ancient of Days.
I kneel before You, and offer this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

You were the constant when I chose to wander,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.
You were forgiveness when I cried for mercy,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

You are the author of all that is finished,
I owe You my life and my praise.
I kneel before You, and offer this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

Pour out the water of life on this vessel,
Oh, unending Fountain of Grace.

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Psalm 66, from "St. Albans Psalter", England, 1st Half 12th Century

THE WORD

2 Timothy 2:8-15



INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Bow Down

Bow down before the Lord,
Worship Him, O worship Him.
Bow down before our God,
Enter in, O enter in.
Consuming fire and sweet perfume,
His awesome presence fills this room.
This is holy ground, so come and bow down.

Holy, holy, holy Lord of hosts;
Saints and angels give You glory
Now and forevermore.

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2 Timothy, Johann Christoph Weigel, 1695, Woodcut



PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the hope of the gospel, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, the mystery which was hidden from past ages and generations but has now manifested to us, His saints: Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all

creation.

In Him all things in the heavens and on earth were created, things

visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or

authorities – all things have been created through Him and for Him.

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the

firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first

place in everything.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through

Him God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself, whether

things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through the

blood of His cross.

And although we were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged

in evil deeds, yet now He has reconciled us in His fleshly body

through death, in order to present us before Him holy and blameless

and beyond reproach.

God has made known to us the riches of the glory of this mystery:

Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Thanks be to God!

– from Colossians 1:15-28

Revelation Song (Chorus)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come;

With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;

You are my ev'rything

And I will adore You.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

You have refined us, as silver is refined...

Psalms 66:10

Purify My Heart

Purify my heart,

Touch me with Your cleansing fire;

Take me to the cross,

Your holiness is my desire.

Breathe Your life in me,

Kindle a love

That flows from Your throne.

Oh, purify my heart,

Purify my heart.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has

done for my soul. I cried out to Him with my mouth; His praise was on

my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have

heard; but surely God has heard and given heed to the voice of my

prayer.

Praise be to God, who has not turned away my prayer nor His

lovingkindness from me!

– Psalm 66:16-20