



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

November 7, 2010 (Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

We will extol You, our God and King;  
**and we will bless Your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
**and His greatness is unsearchable.**

One generation shall praise Your works to another,  
and shall declare Your mighty acts.

**On the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.**

They will speak of the power of Your awesome works,  
**and I will tell of Your greatness.**

All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, and Your saints shall bless You.

**We will speak of Your glory and Your power, to make known Your acts and the glory of Your kingdom.**

The LORD has made known His salvation and revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;  
Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

**The LORD has done marvelous things!**

**We will bless His name forever and ever.**

– from Psalm 145 and 98



Such is the Kingdom Daniel Bonnell, contemporary



*Holy is the Lord God Almighty*

We stand and lift up our hands,  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now,  
How great, how awesome is He!

Holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
The earth is full of His glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory;  
The earth is filled with His glory.

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*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!



Trinity Cross

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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## INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

### *I Stand in Awe*

You are beautiful beyond description,  
Too marvelous for words;  
Too wonderful for comprehension,  
Like nothing ever seen or heard.  
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?  
Who can fathom the depths of Your love?  
You are beautiful beyond description,  
Majesty enthroned above.

And I stand, I stand in awe of You;  
I stand, I stand in awe of You.  
Holy God, to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of You.

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### *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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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.**

*In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.*

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished upon us.

*In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times;*

That is, the summing up of all things in Christ,  
things in the heavens and things upon the earth.

*In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose, who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we should be to the praise of His glory.*

In Him, we also were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly places in Christ.**

*from Ephesians 1:3-14; Romans 11:36 (NASB)*

*I Stand in Awe (reprise)*

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## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Thus says the LORD God, “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.” But you were not willing. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice. How blessed are all who long for Him!

– Isaiah 30:15, 18

### *The Jesus Prayer*

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

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. He is righteous in all His ways, and faithful in all He does. The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will hear their cry and save them. The LORD keeps all who love Him.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.**

Psalm 145:8. 17-21

### *Gracious Lord*

Gracious Lord, Author of compassion,  
Son of God, You gave Yourself for me.  
When I hear Your voice from deep within my heart flow praises,  
Thanking You for showing me Your daily grace.  
I worship You, because You are my Gracious Lord.

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## TIME OF OFFERING

The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.  
*All Your works praise You, O LORD; Your faithful people extol You.*  
They tell of the glory of Your kingdom, and speak of Your might,  
so that all people may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious  
splendor of Your kingdom.

*Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures  
through all generations.*

The LORD is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does.  
The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.  
*The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their good at the proper  
time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living  
thing.*

**Every day I will praise You, and I will bless Your name for ever  
and ever.**

Psalm 145:1, 9-16

### *My Lips will Praise You*

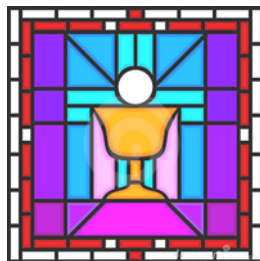
My lips will praise You, for You are holy.  
My voice will ever rise before Your throne.  
My heart will love You, for You are lovely,  
And You have called me to become Your own.

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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## THE WORD

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17



## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

*The Lord's Prayer* (spoken)

Holy Communion Chalice, Roberto 1977

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

### *O The Passion*

O, the passion, O, the wonder of the fiery love of Christ;  
King of Glory on the altar, Perfect Lamb of sacrifice.  
Who are we that He would love us? Who but He would give His life?  
O, the passion, O, the wonder of the fiery love of Christ.

O, the wisdom, O, the wonder of the power of the cross;  
Love so rare no words could tell it, Life Himself has died for us.  
Who are we that He would save us? Crucified to give us life;  
O, the wisdom, O, the wonder of the power of the cross.

O, the passion, O, the wonder of the fiery love of Christ;  
Death defeated by His rising, Darkness conquered by His light.  
We will sing His praise forever: Worthy is the Lamb of Life!  
O, the passion, O, the wonder Of the fiery love of Christ.

Who are we that He would love us?  
Who, but He would give His life?  
O, the passion, O, the wonder  
Of the fiery love of Christ.

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SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body

*Doxology*

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.

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

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Hear these words of benediction and blessing from the Apostle Paul: God chose you from the beginning for salvation and that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, encourage and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

– from 2 Thessalonians 2

***A thought about worship...***

“We need to recognize that the Holy Spirit brings worship renewal. Good worship does not happen because we decide to make it better, more interesting, or more relevant. No! Good worship depends on divine favor, an action ‘from above’.” (Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God’s Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 15).