



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

November 14, 2010 (Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things,
His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

**We will give thanks to the Lord, and call upon His name;
We will declare His deeds among the peoples, and exalt His name.**

The Lord has made known His salvation;
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;
Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.
Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it;

Let the rivers clap their hands and the mountains sing together before the Lord,

For He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Sing to the Lord, for He has done excellent things;
Let this be known throughout the earth.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O people of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy of Israel.**



– from Psalm 98 and Isaiah 12



I Will Sing

I will sing (echo) of Your great love (echo),
And I will tell (echo) of all You've done (echo).
With Your praise on my lips
I'll declare Your faithfulness;
I will sing (echo) of Your great love.

Verse 1

I seek You in the morning,
Your tenderness and mercy fill my cup.
Your grace is overflowing,
You satisfy my needs and fill me up. So I will sing –

Verse 2

The heavens praise Your wonders,
And I will lift my voice and join the song.
Your glory shines around me,
Your faithfulness surrounds me all day long. So I will sing –

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INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

Rejoice the Lord is King

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!

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!



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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PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the gospel, which we received, by which we were saved, and in which we stand: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through Him and for Him, 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 might 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, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.

This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might, which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.

from 1 Cor. 15:1-7; Col. 1:15-20; Eph. 1:19-21



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

Most holy and loving God, You have called us to join Your story. We have joyfully accepted Your invitation. Yet too often we have wandered from Your path. We have not always remained faithful; we have not been persistent in the tasks You have given us; we have not been accountable to You and to each other as You would have us be. In Your infinite mercy, forgive us and renew us, that we may walk always in Your ways, and fulfill our purpose in You to the glory of Your name.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the day of His favor, you will say:

I will give thanks to You, O Lord. For although You were angry with me, Your anger has turned away and You have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord Himself, is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.

Therefore you joyously draw water from the springs of salvation!

– Isaiah 12:1-3



MEDITATION

Isaiah 65:17-25

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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Thus says the Lord: Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;
and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;

For behold, I create Jerusalem as a joy, and her people as a delight.

Wait for the Lord

And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in My people. There will
no longer be heard in her the voice of weeping, nor the sound of crying.

No more will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, nor
an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a
hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a
hundred will be considered accursed.

Wait for the Lord

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards
and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall
not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days
of My people, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for
they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, and their
offspring with them.

Wait for the Lord

It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they
are still speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed
together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the
serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,
says the Lord.



TIME OF OFFERING

Loving Lord, You are the Creator, the Artist, the Master Potter of our lives. We call on You. Fashion our hearts, Lord. Write Your name in the clay. Accept, we pray, the offerings we bring as worship to You. Take all we are, and all we have. We are Yours forever.

Paint Your Picture

Pick me up like a paintbrush, God,
Dip it in the colors of my life.
Paint Your picture, Father,
Fashion a heart that is wholly Yours.
Take Your fingers, God,
Master Potter, come mold the clay.
Tell Your story, as You mold me,
Fashion a heart that is wholly Yours.



And write Your name, write Your name, in the clay.
And sign Your name, sign Your name on the picture.

Take all I am, take all I have
For I am Yours forever, Forever

So come write Your name, write Your name, in the clay.
Come sign Your name, sign Your name, on the picture.

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THE WORD

Isaiah 65:17-25

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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Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious
tide.

Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Of Your fullness You are pouring Your great pow'r and love anew,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out our hearts to You.
You alone will be our glory, nothing in the world we see.
You have cleansed and sanctified us, You Yourself have set us free.

Let us all Your love accepting love You ever, all our days;
Let us seek Your kingdom only, and our lives be to Your praise.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

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The Lord, our Lord, has made us new creatures in Christ Jesus.
He is continually making all things new!
Be glad and rejoice forever in what He is creating, giving thanks that
we have been called to His purpose to enter into His story by faith and
live out His vision of the world –
as you go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...

“Worship proclaims Christ through the Word and recalls the death and
resurrection of Christ at the Table. . . . Worship is the Gospel in motion.”
(Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God’s Mighty Deeds of
Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 16).



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