



SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou are mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Strong Deliv'rer, Strong Deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
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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...

“God’s story has a happy ending. It is in fact the drama of human existence. It is not only the story of God who creates and of God who becomes involved in creation to rescue it through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, it is also the story of the end of history and the forever thereafter. . . . Sunday worship that is true to what the Christian faith is points to the hope of the world—the expectancy that Christ will come to deliver the ultimate blow to all the powers of evil, destroying them forever. He will establish the new heavens and new earth. He will reign forever over his redeemed creation. His shalom will rest over all he has made.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 173-174).



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy

July 11, 2010 (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

The earth is the LORD’S, and all it contains,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
**Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For He commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever;
He made a decree that will not pass away.**
O LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle?
Who may dwell on Your holy hill?
**Those who walk with integrity, and work righteousness,
and speak truth in their hearts.**
They shall receive a blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
**The LORD reigns in righteousness, justice and lovingkindness.
Your throne, O Ancient of Days, is established forever.**

— from Psalms 9, 15, 24, 148



Plumb Line



THE TABLE

Blessing – Remembering – Taking – Reflecting

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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Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever,
 Lord of the ages, God before time.
 We are a vapor, You are eternal,
 Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy, Lord God, Almighty.
 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
 Highest praises, honor and glory
 Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
 Jesus, Redeemer: mighty to save.
 You are the love song we'll sing forever,
 Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

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Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power

Be unto the Ancient of Days.

From ev'ry nation, all of creation

Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,

Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne in worship.

You will be exalted, O God,

And Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:

Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

For none can compare to Your matchless worth:

Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

PROFESSION OF FAITH

People of God,

Together let us boldly declare our faith in Christ Jesus, and the hope we have because of the word of truth, the gospel.
(Colossians 1:4-5)



TIME OF OFFERING

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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THE WORD

Amos 7:7-17

Luke 10:25-37



The Moon and the Good Samaritain, Daniel Bonnell,
contemporary



Immortal Invisible (Your Great Name We Praise)

Verse 1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Chorus

Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious, Your great Name we praise!

Verse 2

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light;
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might.
Your Justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Your Clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Verse 3

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true Life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Verse 4

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight.
All praise we will render, oh Father of Grace;
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Agnus Dei

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God demonstrates His own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

— Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1

Psalm 25:1-10

Refrain (sung):

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in You I put my trust.

(Spoken)

Do not let me be put to shame;
Do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame;
Let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.



Refrain

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth, and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
For You I wait all day long.

Refrain

Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love,
For they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
According to Your steadfast love remember me,
For Your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Refrain

Good and upright is the Lord;
Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
For those who keep His covenant and His decrees.

Refrain

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READING: Amos 7:7-17



The Prophet Amos, James Tissot, c. 1888