

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; 'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Now to Him who has triumphed over all thrones, dominions, principalities and powers, and who is able to present us before His glorious presence without blame and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship...

"Sundays of ordinary time are not so ordinary. They do truth. They do world history. They do the meaning of human existence. In this doing, we are spiritually formed and shaped by the story that is above all stories through the remembrance of God's mighty acts of salvation, the experience of God's presence through signs and symbols, and the anticipation of a good end to history." (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 174).



An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

July 18, 2010 (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

We will worship the LORD with gladness, and come before Him with joyful singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is He who made us and we are His.

Trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

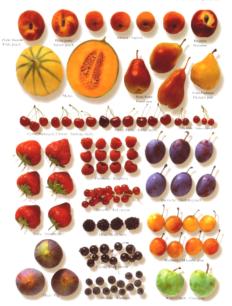
We will thank Him forever, because of what He has done.

In the presence of the faithful we proclaim His name, for it is good.

His faithfulness continues through all generations!

- from Psalm 100 and Psalm 52:8-9

FRUITS D'ÉTÉ / SUMMER FRUIT





THE TABLE

Blessing – Remembering – Taking – Reflecting

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
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,

Fairest Lord Jesus

Forever. Amen

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature O Thou of God, and man the Son Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body



Sing to the Lord

Eternal, Immortal God of all glory, Fearful in wonders and worthy of praise; The Alpha, Omega, Lord God Almighty, Wonderful, Beautiful, Ancient of Days.

Chorus:
I sing praise, I give You my heart,
I sing praise, I give You my all,
I sing praise –
Sing to the Lord.

Redeemer, Messiah, Rock of the ages, A help in trouble, a tower of strength; Emmanuel, Jehovah, God of Creation, Wonderful, Beautiful, King of all kings.

Bridge:
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
Your tender mercies are new every morning, and
God of compassion and God of all gladness and
You dance around me,
You dance around me.

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Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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TIME OF OFFERING

Sovereign Lord, we have declared that all things, in heaven and on earth, were created through You and for You. You made us, and we are Yours. In worship, we offer back to You what You have first given us: ourselves, our time, our possessions. May we be a blessing in Your eyes, always.

Psalm 19

May the words of my mouth And the meditations of my heart Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You (repeat)

Chorus:

You're my Rock and my Redeemer You're the reason that I sing I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes Ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment Lord, I want to be Your servant I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes In Your eyes.

Ending:

May the words of my mouth And the meditations of my heart Be pleasing to You, my God.

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THE WORD

Amos 8:1-12

Colossians 1:15-28



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 been 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.

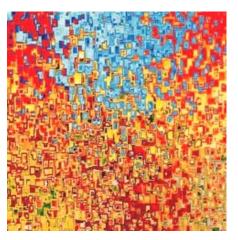
For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.

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



<u>Jesus Christ the I Am</u>, Mark Lawrence, contemporary





He is the Christ,

Christus Victor

He is the one who destroyed death.

He is the Christ,

He triumphed o'er the enemy.

He is the Christ,

He trampled Hades under foot;

He bound the strong one,

And carried man to the heights of heav'n.

He is the Christ!

Setting: Ellen Koehler ©2010 Text from an early Easter sermon preached by Melito, a bishop of Sardis (died c.180 AD):

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Christ, our savior. desire to walk humbly with You, in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus ourselves. We do not always do justice and love kindness. We love you with a pure heart. We do not always love our neighbor as We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We do not always Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

our sin, that we may be holy and blameless before You. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Cleanse us from

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You are seated at the right hand of the Father: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world: Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,

Receive our prayer.

We praise You for Your glory. We worship You, we give You thanks, The Holy One, our heav'nly King. For You alone are Lord Most High,

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Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

.su rof Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done

removed his steadfast love from us. our prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected our prayers or listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of If we had cherished iniquity in our hearts, the Lord would not have

Psalm 66:16, 18-20