



SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body

*Rejoice the Lord is King*

(verse 4)

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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Christus Victor has triumphed over all thrones, dominions,  
principalities and powers. He 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...*

“While extraordinary time celebrates a specific saving event in the birth, life,  
death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Sundays of ordinary time celebrate the  
saving events of God in their entirety. Worship planners and preachers need to  
reflect on how each Sunday serves the whole story yet also teaches a particular  
theme arising from the story. A conscious, deliberate, and intentional reflection  
on the whole story and a part of the story, celebrated in the same service,  
impacts the worshipers’ spiritual formation.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future  
Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books,  
2004], 176).



# Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community  
*Liturgy*

July 25, 2010 (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

## GATHERING

We give You thanks, O Lord God, with our whole hearts.  
We will sing praises to You before the gods.  
*We will bow down toward Your holy temple  
And give thanks to Your name  
for Your lovingkindness and Your truth;*  
**For You have magnified Your name and Your word  
above all things.**  
On the day I called, You answered me;  
You made me bold with strength in my soul.  
**All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord,  
When they hear the words of Your mouth.**  
*And they will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
For great is the glory of the Lord.*  
**Come, let us sing to the Lord!  
Let us exalt His name together!**

– from Psalm 138:1-5



Colossians 2:18, Mark Lawrence, 2006



*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!

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.

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INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

*We Fall Down*

We fall down  
We lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy,

We cry holy, holy, holy,

We cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

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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 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

*We Behold You* (*Fracton 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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*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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## TIME OF OFFERING

### *You Are Beautiful*

Source of life to wood and stream,  
Sovereign Lord and gentle King,  
More than we could ever dream:  
You are beautiful.  
Father to the fatherless,  
Healer of our brokenness,  
How You fill our emptiness:  
You are beautiful.

### *Chorus*

Jesus, You are beautiful;  
There is none to compare with You.  
Jesus, You are beautiful;  
And you show Your love to me,  
And it gives me grace to see:  
You are everything my heart desires.  
You are beautiful.

Son of God upon a cross,  
Tasting death for all of us,  
Reaching out when we were lost:  
You are beautiful.  
Risen Lamb upon the throne,  
Roaring Lion coming soon,  
Every eye will see it's true:  
You are beautiful.

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## THE WORD

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13



Paul de Tarse, Rembrandt, c.1633



## *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,  
firmly rooted and built up in Him and established in your faith, just  
as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.  
**In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,  
and He has made us complete in Him, who is the head of all rule  
and authority, and principality and power.**  
**In Him we also were circumcised with a circumcision made without  
hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the  
circumcision of Christ.**  
**We were buried with Him in baptism, in which we were also raised  
up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised  
Him from the dead.**  
**He made us alive together with Him, and forgave us all our  
transgressions, having cancelled out the certificate of debt  
consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us;  
He set this aside, having nailed it to the cross.**  
**When He disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public  
display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.**  
Hold fast to the Head, Christ Jesus the Lord, from whom the entire  
body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments,  
grows with a growth which is from God.

– from Colossians 2:6-19



*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!  
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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Righteous God of all time, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before Him, and are often slow to acknowledge His rule. We too easily give allegiance to the powers and principalities of this world, and fail to live as children of the Light. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, walking in your ways, to the glory of your name.



*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
Come and listen to me.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.  
"For everyone who asks receives; those who seek find; and to those who knock, the door will be opened.  
"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

**Lord, we have confessed our sinfulness to You. We ask, we seek, and we knock. Seal us now with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Father, we thank You for the forgiveness we find in Christ Jesus.**

– from Psalm 138:6-8