

Liturgy

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 4, Year B
Credo Sunday

GATHERING

Let It Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

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We are gathered to worship and praise the LORD our God.

**Fill our worship with Your grace, O LORD our God,
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to You,
our Rock and our Redeemer.**

— based on Psalm 19:14

O LORD, You have searched me
and You know me.

**You know when I sit and when I rise;
You perceive my thoughts from afar.**

*You discern my going out and my lying down;
You are familiar with all my ways.*

Before a word is on my tongue
You know it completely, O LORD.

**You hem me in – behind and before;
You have laid Your hand upon me.**

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.*

For You created my inmost being;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

*My frame was not hidden from You
when I was made in the secret place.*

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
Your eyes saw my unformed body.

*All the days ordained for me
were written in Your book before one of them came to be.*

**How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!**

**Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand.
When I awake, I am still with You.**

— Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

*LECTIONARY for the second Sunday
after Pentecost, Year B:*

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

This week begins the long season of the liturgical year between Pentecost and Advent called ordinary (or Proper) time. From Advent through Eastertide, the Church commemorates and celebrates specific acts of God in earthly history as He personally intervenes to bring about the salvation of creatures and all of the created order. We use the term “ordinary” not because this season is in some way less important, but to highlight the contrast between these weeks and the other, “extraordinary” liturgical seasons and because we count these weeks in an ordinal way. That’s why you’ll see the designation “Proper” followed by a number to designate its place within this long season.

The second Sunday after Pentecost is traditionally known as Credo (“I believe”) Sunday. On this Sunday we place particular focus on the mystery of the Person and Work of Christ, on our walk of faith in Him, and on the unfathomable blessings of our relationship with God and with each other within the community of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The lectionary for today invites us to consider God’s calling, both how He calls us and how we hear His voice; to meditate on His omnipresence and constant watchful care; and to ponder His holiness, and our responsibilities to His character and our relationship with Him. These themes are reflected in each of the readings, and summed up in a lovely way in Paul’s epistle passage. “We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord...” And though we are earthen vessels, “clay pots,” we possess such a treasure! For God “has shown in our hearts to give the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

O, Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
Oh, girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is the path on the wings of the storm.
Oh, sing of His grace.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
Oh, worship the King, worship the King.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,
Oh, worship the King.

Redeemer and Friend, He's our Redeemer and Friend,
Oh, worship the King. Worship the King.

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the Genevan *Psalter*, 1561. Hymn tune: LYONS, attributed to Johann M. Hadyn.

INVOCATION

Prayers of adoration, praise, and thanksgiving for God's presence

Sung:

Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.
Redeemer and Friend,
He's our Redeemer and Friend,
Oh, worship the King.
Worship the King.

Doxology (Holy God, We Praise Thy Name)

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

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Music for Ellen's setting of Holy God, We Praise Thy Name is available in the Hymn Settings section of the music catalog as a lead sheet. (It is also available as vocal line with piano accompaniment and as a choral arrangement by request.) This hymn is one whose verses may be chosen and used as doxologies in a variety of contexts.

Here's a link:

<https://clerestorynotes.com/live/sheetmusic/holy-god-we-praise-thy-name>

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,

God from God,

Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made;

of the same essence as the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;

He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried.

**The third day He rose again,
according to the Scriptures.**

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.**

He proceeds from the Father,

and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come.**

Amen.

—Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed is set here as an antiphonal congregational reading. Any of the historic creeds could be chosen for use on Credo Sunday, but the Nicene Creed, with its emphasis on Light, is resonant with the epistle reading (2 Corinthians 4:5-12).

This ancient creed was originally drafted and adopted by the First Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. to affirm the essential, eternal divinity of Christ. Theologians use the term homoousios to describe and explain the “consubstantial” nature of the Father and the Son: the Greek word means of the same being or essence. The creed was amended by the First Council of Constantinople in 381 to include, mainly, additions and clarifications about the divinity and work of the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. This is the statement of faith we now know as the Nicene Creed, and which declares the essential tenets of the doctrine of the Trinity.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pastoral call to confession

God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”

has shone in our hearts to give the Light

of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Shine now in our hearts, merciful Father;

reveal any places of darkness, and cleanse us from sin.

— based on 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

[Silence]

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men, their Pattern and their King.

Lord, we Thy presence seek; may this our blessing be:
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for Thee.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is God's faithful and true promise of pardon:
The Lord is the Spirit,

and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

**And we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror
the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image
from glory to glory. For this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.**

- from 2 Corinthians 3:18

Passing of the Peace

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Blessed are You, O Lord, our God.

All things were created through You and for You.

**With love You formed us in Your image, and blessed us
with the gifts of Your presence and Your goodness.**

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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Music for Blest Are the Pure in Heart is available in the music catalog as a lead sheet. This simple hymn, with the newly-composed melody, has four verses. For this song of confession and dedication we have used verses 1, 2 and 4. (The third verse is especially fitting during the Christmas season.) Here's the link:

<https://clerestorynotes.com/live/sheetmusic/blest-are-pure-heart>

THE WORD

1 Samuel 3:1-20
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again!

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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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Music for The Lord's Prayer is available in the music catalog as a lead sheet and scored for voice and piano. It is also available in the music collection, Singing the Liturgy, Volume 1. Here's the link:

<https://clerestorynotes.com/live/sheetmusic/lords-prayer>

You can hear The Lord's Prayer in the Audio Media Studio:

https://clerestorynotes.com/live/content/music_library/lords-prayer-clip

When It's All Been Said and Done

When it's all been said and done,
There is just one thing that matters:
Did I do my best to live for truth?
Did I live my life for You?

When it's all been said and done,
All my treasures will mean nothing;
Only what I've done for love's reward
Will stand the test of time.

Lord, Your mercy is so great,
That you look beyond our weakness;
And find purest gold in miry clay,
Making sinners into saints.

I will always sing Your praise,
Here on earth and ever after;
For You've shown me Heaven's my true home,
When it's all been said and done,
You're my life when life is gone.

When it's all been said and done,
There is just one thing that matters:
Did I do my best to live for truth?
Did I live my life for You?
Lord, I'll live my life for You.

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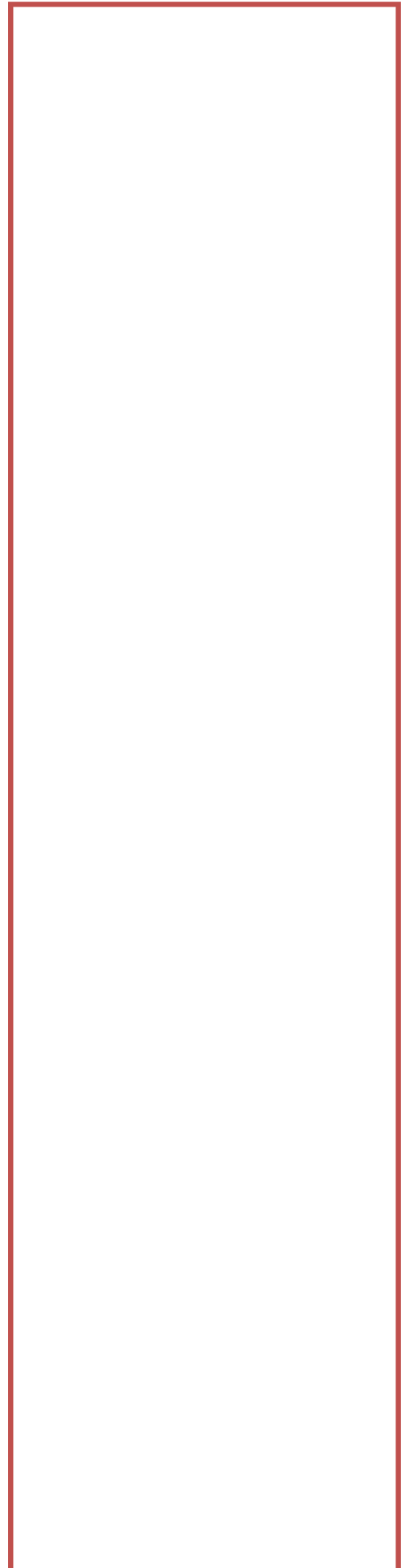
Have Thine Own Way

Have Thine own way, Lord;
Have Thine own way.
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord;
Have Thine own way.
Search me and try me, Master I today.
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now;
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord;
Have Thine own way.
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.

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SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

Doxology

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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Benediction:

Beloved, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
walking out our baptisms in trust and faithfulness,
may our ears and hearts be ever attentive, attuned,
and responsive to His voice.

Amen!

And now, Almighty God,
whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
grant that Your people, illumined by Your word and Table,
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,
that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

“God doesn’t judge the beauty of His work by how it charms the eyes. He doesn't have the same idea of beauty that we do. What He considers beautiful is that which perfectly demonstrates skillful artistry and tends to be useful toward its end. So then, God judged the design of His own works and approved each one of them. They fulfilled their ends according to His creative purpose. A hand, an eye, or any piece of a statue lying separate from the rest wouldn't look beautiful to anyone. But if each one is restored to its own place in beautiful proportion, although almost unperceived until now, they would strike even the most uncultured. Before uniting the parts of a work, artists distinguish between and recognize the beauty of each piece. They think of the object they have in hand. And Scripture depicts the Supreme Artist in the same way. It praises each one of His works. Soon, however, when His work is complete, He will give well-deserved praise to the whole.”
– Basil

Lectionary for next week: 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15; Psalm 138;
Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130;
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

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