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Ascension of Our Lord



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SERVICE of WORD and PRAYER

from *With One Voice*

THE PRELUDE: *He Is Exalted*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *LBW*

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne; Hark,
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born, Whose
3 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and side, Rich
4 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave And

how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. A -
arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now his brow a - dorn; Fruit
wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save. His

wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And
of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

hail him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

THE GREETING & DIALOG

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart.

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Faith comes from what is heard,

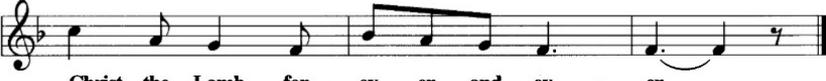
and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

SCRIPTURE SONG

Refrain



☐ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to

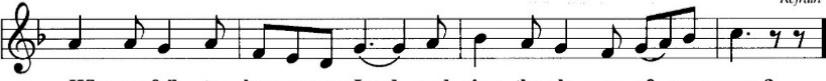


Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

☐ Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;

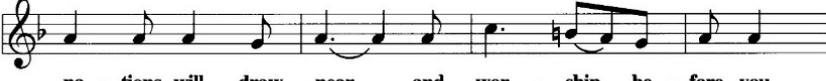


just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.



Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?

☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

VOCAL SOLO: *The Call*

Randall Fields

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

- ¹The LORD is king;
he has put on splendid apparel;
the LORD has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
- ²**He has made the whole world so sure
that it cannot be moved;**
- ³ever since the world began,
your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.
- ⁴**The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up
their pounding waves.**
- ⁵Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD
who dwells on high.
- ⁶**Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness adorns your house,
O LORD, forever and forevermore.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Word of Life"

Refrain



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just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.

Refrain



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Refrain



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THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: “Revelation Song”

1. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
 Holy, holy is He;
 Sing a new song to Him who sits on
 Heaven’s mercy seat. *Repeat*

Refrain

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.

2. Clothed in rainbows of living color
 Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
 Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
 To You, the only wise King. *Refrain*

3. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
 At the mention of Your name;
 Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
 Such a marv’lous mystery. *Refrain*

THE SERMON

HYMN: “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” vs 1,2,4,5 (tune #638)

1. Lord, you give the great commission:
“Heal the sick and preach the Word.”
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
And the Gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your
purpose with renewed integrity,
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
For the work of ministry.
2. Lord you call us to your service:
“In my name baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise,
Life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor,
Draw us closer in community.
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
For the work of ministry.
4. Lord, you show us love’s true measure:
“Father, what they do, forgive.”
Yet we hoard as private treasure
All that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
To a just society.
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
For the work of ministry.
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
“I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as you intend
And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
For the work of ministry.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away;

behold, everything has become new!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and
serve you in newness of life,**

**To the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power
of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,
Agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING: *Rondo*

THE OFFERTORY: "Glory to You, God" vs. 2



☐ (*Advent to Transfiguration*) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
(*Lent to Pentecost*) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
(*Season after Pentecost*) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As God's people called to love one another,

let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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 us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

God of Our Fathers

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1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 In this free land by you our lot is cast;
 Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

Our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*