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The Ascension of Our Lord



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SERVICE of WORD and PRAYER

from *With One Voice*

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

HYMN: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" vs 1,2,5

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; Faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful Flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Mar - y, Earth your

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you

Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our
sin - ners, Earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the
en - tered, Robed in flesh, our great high priest, Here on

out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
 His the scepter, his the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph,
 His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 Thunder like a mighty flood:
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation
 Has redeemed us by his blood."

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.

Refrain



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



III 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.

Refrain

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

TENOR SAXOPHONE SOLO: *This Is My Father's World* Jayson Perry

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 ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴While 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; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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.”

THE PSALM

Psalm 93

- 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.**

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"



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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.

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A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the Mount of
 3 To whom . . shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up -
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the por - tals

world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cends un - to
 And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see Their Lord as - cend
 "This is the Sav - ior!" Thus they say, "This is his glo -
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing in

the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE SERMON

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.

(silence for reflection and self examination.)

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

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

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

THE BLESSING

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

Amen

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Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing, His cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, He comes to claim the
 moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, He suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. In death his love shall nev - er die.
 here and now And con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.
 midst of life, Our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 loves the more, And lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.

5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord—
 He rules the world his Father made,
 Till, in the end, his love adored
 Shall be to all on earth displayed.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE