



The Feast of the Ascension May 24, 2020

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Welcome - Rob Crosby-Shearer, EC
Land Acknowledgment -Chivonne Graff
Bell x 3

Opening Words

God of all creation, we gather to celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Christ.

Like the disciples, we come and seek your face, we anticipate the coming of the Spirit!

We come into the presence of One who makes every place holy, every space sacred.

Even as we stay safe in our homes, the doors of your grace are flung open for us!

Strengthen our communion during this time and deepen our solidarity with your world.

Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel and give us the grace to love as you love!

In Christ, who offered his life on the cross, our broken world has been renewed.

In living rooms, on laptops and devices, we will sing songs of praise, we will remember!

May we who celebrate Christ's ascension this day receive God's promise to share in his life forever.

Amen.

Opening Song: Alleluia Sing to Jesus

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.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.
(repeat verse one)
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Poem and Collect: A Poem for Ascension Day by
Denise Levertov, read/prayed by Danny Allen

Reading: Acts 1:1-11, read by Melanie Ihmels

Song: Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (x4)

Reading: Luke 24:44-53, read by Margot Spence,
EC

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (x2)
Mass of Restoration / Josh Blakesley / OCP / OneLicense

Sermon: Rob Crosby-Shearer, EC

Silence for Reflection

The Creed

I believe in God the Maker almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus
Christ, God's 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 to the dead
on the third day he rose again. He ascended into
heav'n and is seated at the right hand of the
Maker. 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.
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Prayers of the People

Led by Roxy Humphrey, EC

Offertory: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

A hymn of glory let us sing;
 new songs throughout the world shall ring:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Christ, by a road before untrod,
 ascends unto the throne of God.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

“You see him now, ascending high
 Up to the portals of the sky.”

Alleluia! Alleluia!
 “Here after Jesus you shall see
 Returning in great majesty.”
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord
 All praise to you let earth accord:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 You are while endless ages run,
 With Father, and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Venerable Bede 5th century / tran. Webb. Public Domain

Prayer Over the Gifts**The Holy Eucharist:**

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

*(occasionally: **Glory to You forever and ever!**)*

The Sanctus:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord
 God of power and might!
 Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
 in the highest. +Blessed is the one who comes in
 the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

The Memorial Acclamation:

*Christ has died! Christ is risen!
 Christ will come again!*
 Eucharistic Prayer adapted - St. Lydia's Table, Brooklyn, NY

The Lord's Prayer:

As beloved children of our loving Parent,
 we pray as Jesus taught us:
***Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be
 Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be
 done, on earth as in it is 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, the power, and the glory. Forever
 and ever. Amen.***

These are the gifts of God for the people of God,
 feed on Christ in your hearts through faith with
 thanksgiving. **Amen.**

Silence

Song: God is with us

God is with us, we are not alone
 Christ is present here, the Spirit moves within us
 Let us give thanks to God in memory and hope
(repeat)
 Tom Wuest, Burn This As A Light, 2017 Brass Trumpet Music

Prayer After Communion**Blessing****Song: Crown Him With Many Crowns**

Crown him with many crowns
 The Lamb upon his throne
 Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
 All music but its own.
 Awake, my soul and sing
 Of him who died for thee
 And hail him as thy matchless king
 Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love –
 Behold his hands and side,
 Rich wounds, yet visible above
 In beauty glorified.
 No angels in the sky,
 can fully bear that sight
 But downward bend their burning eyes
 At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,
 Who triumphed o'er the grave
 And rose victorious in the strife
 For those he came to save.
 His glories now we sing
 Who died and rose on high
 Who died, eternal life to bring,
 And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years,
 The potentate of time,
 Creator of the rolling spheres
 In ineffably sublime.
 All hail redeemer, hail!
 For thou has died for me;
 They praise and glory shall not fail
 Throughout eternity.
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Sending:

Go in the peace and joy of the risen Lord!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: I'll Fly Away

Albert Brumley 1934 / CCLI
*Note: though this song is often interpreted as an
 escape from a world of woe, today we sing it with
 an understanding that we shall one day share in
 the glory of Christ's glorious ascension (and it's
 just good fun too! – please do sing along on the “I'll
 Fly Away” lines!)*...