

### The Ascension of Jesus

As we continue to share the story of Jesus' life and ministry, the story of His ascension into heaven gives us a perspective about the ongoing work of those who believed and now believe in Him. Christ's ascension marks the beginning of a new era for Christ followers as the church would now move toward sharing the message of God's grace through Jesus given to all people of all time. Jesus' great commission serves as the basis for this call to action.

## Welcome & Announcements

### Opening Song

*Build My Life*

#### Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

#### Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

#### Chorus

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none besides You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

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**Chorus**

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**Bridge**

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

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## **A Time for Prayer and a Prayer Confessing Our Sins**

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## **Bible Readings**

### **Psalm 8:1-9 (ESV)**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **Acts 1:6-11**

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to

the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

## **Song**

## *Revelation Song*

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**

### **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

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 **Chorus**

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 **Chorus three times**

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Luke 24:44-53 (ESV)**

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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

## **Today's Message**

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## **The Prayers**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

## **Distribution Song**

*Behold the Lamb*

### **Verse 1**

See Him there the great I Am  
A crown of thorns upon His head  
The Father's heart displayed for us  
O God we thank You for the cross

### **Verse 2**

Lifted up on Calv'ry's hill  
We cursed Your name and even still

You bore our shame and paid the cost  
O God we thank You for the cross

**Chorus**

Behold the Lamb the story of redemption  
Written on His hands  
Jesus You will reign forevermore  
The victory is Yours  
We sing Your praise  
Endless hallelujahs to Your holy name  
Jesus You will reign forevermore  
The victory is Yours

**Verse 3**

Offer up this sacrifice  
For ev'ry sin our Savior died  
The Lord of Life can't be contained  
Our God has risen from the grave  
Oh our God has risen from the grave

**Chorus**

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Written on His hands  
Jesus You will reign forevermore  
The victory is Yours  
We sing Your praise  
Endless hallelujahs to Your holy name  
Jesus You will reign forevermore  
The victory is Yours

**Verse 4**

When the age of death is done  
We'll see Your face bright as the sun  
We'll bow before the King of kings  
O God forever we will sing

**1/2 Chorus**

Behold the Lamb the story of redemption  
Written on His hands

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### **Chorus**

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### **Ending**

You reign forevermore  
The victory is Yours  
King Jesus reigns forevermore  
The victory is Yours

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## **Benediction**