

**492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build**

- 1 On Christ's ascension I now build  
The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled  
All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well  
I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.
- 2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne,  
Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone,  
No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before,  
There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.
- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,  
Recalling Your ascension,  
That I may serve You faithfully  
In thanks for my redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

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*Stand*

**Opening Versicles**

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**G let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**G the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**G I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**G Teach me Your paths.**
- L** Sanctify us in You truth.  
**G Your Word is truth.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**G the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels**

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- 1 Up through endless ranks of angels,  
Cries of triumph in His ears,  
To His heav'nly throne ascending,  
Having vanquished all their fears,  
Christ looks down upon His faithful,  
Leaving them in happy tears.
- 2 Death-destroying, life-restoring,  
Proven equal to our need,  
Now for us before the Father  
As our brother intercede;  
Flesh that for our world was wounded,  
Living, for the wounded plead!
- 3 To our lives of wanton wand'ring  
Send Your Spirit, promised guide;  
Through our lives of fear and failure  
With Your pow'r and love abide;  
Welcome us, as You were welcomed,  
To an endless Eastertide.
- 4 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Oh, to see the Father's face!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!

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**Readings From Holy Scripture**

**First Reading**

*Acts 1:1–11*

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Acts, the first chapter.

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own

authority. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>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."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

**P** The Epistle is from Ephesians, the first chapter.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>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 one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:44–53*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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."

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Responsory

**L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

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**495 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious**

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- 1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious;  
See the Man of Sorrows now!  
From the fight returned victorious,  
Ev'ry knee to Him shall bow.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)  
Crowns become the victor's brow. (2X)
  
- 2 Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him!  
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
On the seat of pow'r enthrone Him  
While the vault of heaven rings.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)  
Crown the Savior King of kings. (2X)
  
- 3 Sinners in derision crowned Him,  
Mocking thus the Savior's claim;  
Saints and angels crowd around Him,  
Own His title, praise His name.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)  
Spread abroad the victor's fame. (2X)
  
- 4 Hark, those bursts of acclamation!  
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station;  
Oh, what joy the sight affords!  
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)  
King of kings and Lord of lords! (2X)

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**Sermon**

**493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

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- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 To them the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"This is the Savior," thus they say;  
"This is His glorious triumph day!"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 "You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky."  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty."  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 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!

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## Offering

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## Prayer

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **In Our Prayers**

### **Health concerns:**

|  |                                   |                   |                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Joyce Wolfe  | Dan Brackett                      | Debra Hughes      | Kim Noe           |
| Missy Montgomery   | Theresa Clark                     | Tom England       | Walter Walker     |
| Fern Harding   | Arlene Hazlett                    | Janalee Gutierrez | Guy Hood          |
| Peggy LeStarge   | Rose Morris                       | Bev Donley        | William Burkhardt |
| Louis Linnenburger                                       | Rae Marie- Theresa Clark's mother |                   |                   |
| Glenn - Lori Kugler's brother                            |                                   |                   |                   |
| Arlene Hazlett's sister Donna Vilardi- battling leukemia |                                   |                   |                   |

### **Others:**

Our Graduates: Meghan Bird, Mason Carlson, Emmie Kersh and Jonathan Whittle  
Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna and the Kenya Mission  
PFC Douglas Havens- deployed in the Middle East  
LCpl Kaleb Karssen- stationed at Camp Pendleton, California  
Our nation, our world, our leaders, our neighbors  
Our healthcare workers: Tom, Mark, Jared, Gabby, Evelyn, Diane, Kathy, Shelly, Deb, Lori, Becca

## **Collect of the Day**

**L** Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**            **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.**

## Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**

## 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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1        Alleluia, alleluia!  
          Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
          Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
          Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
          He who on the cross a victim  
          For the world's salvation bled—  
          Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
          Now is risen from the dead.

2        Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
          Death at last has met defeat:  
          See the ancient pow'rs of evil  
          In confusion and retreat;  
          Once He died, and once was buried:  
          Now He lives forevermore,  
          Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
          Whom we worship and adore.

3        Alleluia, alleluia!  
          Glory be to God on high:  
          Alleluia to the Savior  
          Who has gained the victory;  
          Alleluia to the Spirit,  
          Fount of love and sanctity!  
          Alleluia, alleluia  
          To the triune Majesty!

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## **Announcements**

- As many of you know, Douglas Havens is currently stationed with our Armed Forces overseas. His mom, Wendy, received an email from him and we are hoping you can help us give him some cheer and encouragement while he is far away.  
Wendy says he misses everyone but is doing okay. We think as a Mt. Calvary community- we can help encourage him! Wendy isn't sure how often he gets to check his email, but his snail mail address and email are below. Would you be willing to write him a note of encouragement, to tell him we are thinking of and praying for him?  
His address is:  
PFC Havens, Douglas  
AOB-S Camp Brown CST  
APO, AE 09355  
His email is 88douglas.havens88@gmail.com if that will be easier for you to write him. Thank you for helping us keep his spirits up while he is serving our country, far from home
- Congratulations to our high school Seniors! We are so proud of Mason Carlson, Emmie Kersh and Meghan Bird for all the hard work that they have put in! God has big plans for you and we can't wait to see what He has in store for you!
- Congratulations to Jonathan Whittle! He is graduating from St. Ambrose University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11
- Keep our confirmands in your prayers! They will be doing first communion privately with their families, and we will be celebrating our confirmands this fall as a congregation on a Confirmation Sunday to be determined.
- A thank you goes out to those who have served our church during this time: Kay for playing the organ, Dale for mowing our law, Janet for working on landscaping, Derek and Leah for continuing to post our studies and services online, and Kim for helping with finances and bank deposits.