



The Ascension

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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

AS WE GATHER: "I'll see you soon!" So says the parent, spouse, or friend leaving for an errand or a short trip, with certainty that time together will soon be had again. "I'll see you soon!" so says Jesus as He departs and ascends into heaven. And though it has not been hours or days or even weeks, rather nearly two thousand years later, we still hold to the certainty of His promise that we shall see Him again soon at His time. Until that day, though, we are wise to not stay looking up into the sky, as the disciples began to do long ago. Rather, we heed His mission to make disciples and keep ourselves prepared for that day. Even as we long to see Him soon, we know that Jesus is enough for us every day, and we take comfort in the fact that our ascended Lord Jesus remains present with us now, in this life, even amid troubles and trials. We hold on to His promises by the faith given, and we anticipate that joyful day when He will come again in the same way He was taken up into heaven.



OPENING HYMN **Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord**

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1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF GRACE

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L Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

L I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.



INTROIT

Psalm 47 (antiphon: v.5)

- L** Clap your hands, all peoples!
- C** Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- L** For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
- C** a great king over all the earth.
- L** He subdued peoples under us,
- C** and nations under our feet.
- L** He chose our heritage for us,
- C** the pride of Jacob whom He loves.
- L** God has gone up with a shout,
- C** the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- L** Sing praises to God, sing praises!
- C** Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- L** For God is the King of all the earth;
- C** sing praises with a psalm!
- L** God reigns over the nations;
- C** God sits on His holy throne.
- L** The princes of the peoples gather
- C** as the people of the God of Abraham.
- L** For the shields of the earth belong to God;
- C** He is highly exalted!



GLORIA PATRI

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C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



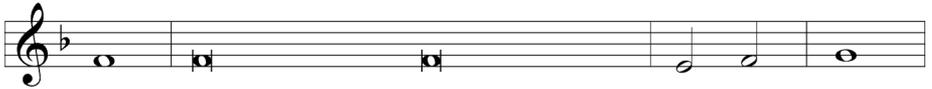
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



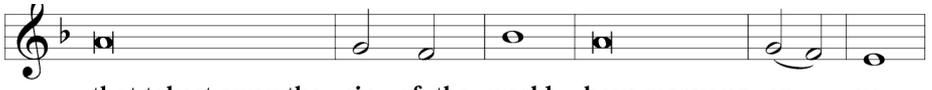
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray...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.

FIRST READING

(Ascension of Jesus)

Acts 1:1–11

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

⁴And 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; 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, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,

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

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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C 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.

SERMON HYMN A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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1	A	hymn	of	glo - ry	let	us	sing!	New
2	The	ho - ly	ap - os -	tol - ic	band			Up -
3	To	them	the	shin - ing	an - gels	cry,		“Why
4	“You	see	Him	now,	as - cend - ing	high		Up



hymns	through - out	the	world	shall	ring:	Al - le - lu - ia,
on	the	Mount	of	Oi - l	ives	stand.
stand	and	gaze	up - on	the	sky?”	Al - le - lu - ia,
to	the	por - tals	of	the	sky.”	Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia!	Christ,	by	a	road	be - fore	un -
al - le - lu - ia!	And	with	His	faith - ful	fol - l'wers	
al - le - lu - ia!	“This	is	the	Sav - ior,”	thus	they
al - le - lu - ia!	“Here	- af - ter	Je - sus	you	shall	



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



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

- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, **Δ** 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 And be our future great reward. All praise to You let earth accord:
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
 Then, throned with You forever, we You are, while endless ages run,
 Shall praise Your name eternally. With Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

Deacon Johnson

Text: Acts 1:1-11

OFFERTORY



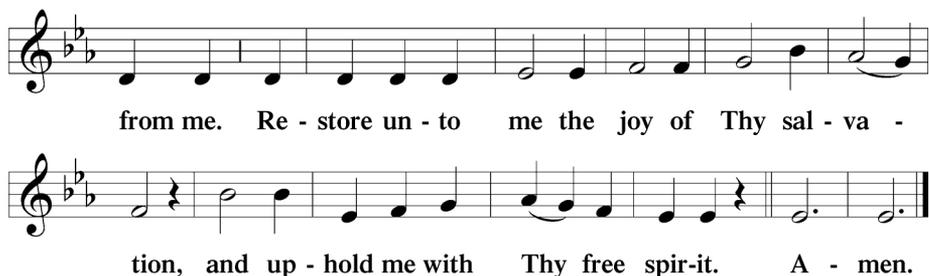
C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each Prayer will end with: . . . *Lord, in Your mercy,*

Reply with: . . . **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- A** 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.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

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- L** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
L Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.



BENEDICTION

- L** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

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1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

Soli Deo Gloria

PULASKI VETERANS' MEMORIAL SERVICE **MONDAY, MAY 31ST @9:00AM**

Please join the area veterans for a Memorial Day service to be held at the Ripley Performing Arts Auditorium at the Pulaski High School, featuring the PHS Band. All participants, please meet in the auditorium at 8:30am. Everyone is invited to take part in the Memorial Day Service ~ a time to remember our living and deceased veterans.



VOTERS'
MEETING

VOTERS' MEETING~SUNDAY, MAY 23RD

Please make it a priority to attend the Voters' Meeting that will take place following the service on Sunday, May 23rd. Voters' Packets were sent out so please join us and let your voice be heard.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

those in need of God's grace & mercy especially ...

Those in need of our prayers: Bill Fowler, Becky Haltaufderheid, Barb Harr, Larry Heckmann, Randy Lepak, Doug Kohlmeyer, Joe Schmidt, Larry Slaght, Louise Stevens, Grace Treml, Bev Wagner, Mary Wudtke and Harper Zuleger

Our Shut-Ins: Bill & Willie Burmeister, Juliana Gerrits, Faye Hintz, Cheryl Szccepanski, and Becky Ullmer

THOSE CELEBRATING...

Birthdays: **May 16:** Jeff Palmer, Deb Sparish, Ava Vandenlangenberg

May 18: Jodi Cramer, Gene Winkler **May 21:** Samara Frelich

May 22: Rebecca May

Anniversaries: **May 19:** Tim & Linda Prokash

May 20: Karrie & Steve Bierhals, Rock & Mrs. Pamannigel,
Mike & Esther Wiercinski **May 22:** Cathy & Ben Lom



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

The Ascension is the closing chapter of Easter. After 40 days of appearing to His disciples and comforting them that He truly rose from the dead, Jesus ascended into heaven not only as God but also as man. We observe this event by celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord, which always falls on a Thursday.

Jesus died for our sins, rose from the dead for our salvation, ascended into heaven, and rules the whole universe as both God and man as we confess in the Apostles' Creed: Jesus "sits at the right hand of God."

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was take up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life.

—Proper Preface for the Ascension of Our Lord