

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 12, 2024

Ascension of Our Lord

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

GATHERING

♫ PRELUDE

† WELCOME

† THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

♫ GATHERING SONG ~ The King of Glory

Praise Songbook #86

Refrain:

The king of glory comes,
The nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him,
Lift up your voices.

Verse 3:

Sing then of David's Son,
our Savior and brother;
in all of Galilee
was never another. *Refrain*

Verse 1:

Who is the King of glory;
how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel,
the promised of ages. *Refrain*

Verse 4:

He gave his life for us,
the pledge of salvation;
he took upon himself
the sins of the nation. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

In all of Galilee,
in city or village,
he goes among his people,
curing their illness. *Refrain*

Verse 5:

He conquered sin and death;
he truly has risen,
and he will share with us
his heavenly vision. *Refrain*

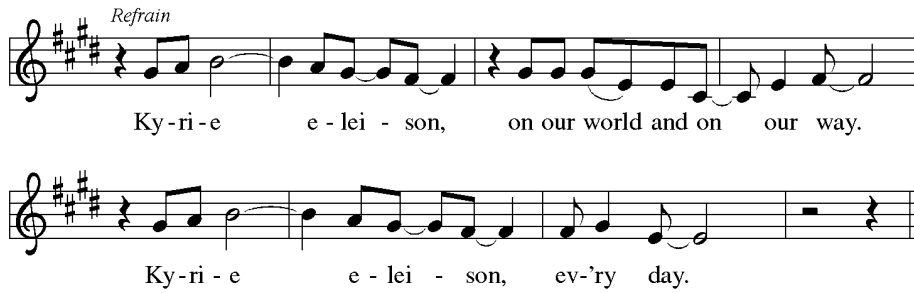
† GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C: And also with you.

Congregation:

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



Cantor: ...let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

†**GLORY TO GOD**

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Verse 1:

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Verse 2:

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. *Refrain*

Verse 3:

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen. Amen. *Refrain 2X*

†**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: God upheld by word or wall; power of love beyond all lords of war: lift us from dullness and cynical contempt; make us ready for your Spirit of transforming fire; and turn our hearts to the mending of the world; through Jesus Christ, the name above all names.

C: Amen.

WORD

†**FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:1-11**

†**PSALM 47**

¹Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

²**For the Lord Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,**

³who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

⁴**who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

⁵God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

⁶**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

⁷For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

⁸**God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.**

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.



†**SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23**

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



† **GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

† **SERMON**

Pastor Katie Emery

♫ **HYMN OF THE DAY ~ A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!**

ELW #393

Verse 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!

Verse 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!

Verse 3:

To whom 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

Verse 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!

Verse 5:

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!



† **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: We believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. We 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.

† **PRAYERS**

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

† **PEACE**

♪ **SPECIAL MUSIC ~ No Matter by Miller and Roger P.**

MEAL



† **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪ **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



† **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

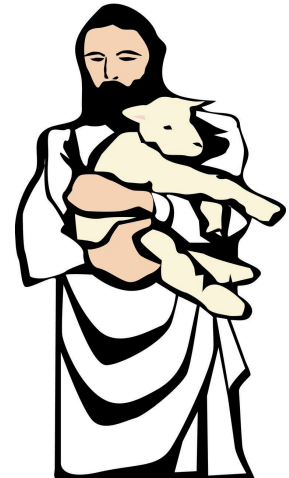
†**LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

♫**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.



†**THE MEAL IS SHARED**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table for Holy Communion.
The ushers will direct you to the altar to receive the gifts.
You will receive gluten free bread from Pastor Katie.
Then the assisting minister will offer you a prefilled cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light).*

†**COMMUNING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

♫**COMMUNION SPECIAL MUSIC ~ Communion Canon by Schram, Ruth Elaine**

Glory Tones Choir

♫**COMMUNION HYMN ~ Blessing, Honor, and Glory**

ELW #433

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!
Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God!
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!
Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God!
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God!



†**COMMUNION BLESSING**

†**PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

SENDING

†BENEDICTION

♫SENDING SONG ~ *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

ELW #855

Verse 1:

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly 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.

Verse 3:

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.

Verse 4:

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.

Verse 2:

Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.

Verse 5:

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

†DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Okay, we will! Thanks be to God!

♫POSTLUDE



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