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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

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AS WE GATHER

It is not over. Easter is not over. Christ's mission is not over. Peace and pardon are not over. Even as we gather to commemorate the ascension of our Lord, nothing ends today. It is not as if Christ ascends to heaven and takes all His blessings with Him! This world remains forever marked by His grace and love. And now, reigning over all things, our ascended Lord intercedes for us at His Father's right hand. Christ remains present for us in His Word and Sacraments, and Christ's Body, the church, continues the joyful proclamation that Christ is risen, and indeed, He is coming again!

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Paul Manz

WELCOME

✠ Preparation ✠

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

LSB 493

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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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 141:1–2

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!
C **Give ear to my voice when I call to You!**
P Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,
C **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Philippians 2:1–11

- P** Blessed Lord God, King of the universe, You rule and reign over all things.
C **And yet, we arrogantly elevate ourselves above others and above You.**
P You sent Your Son, Jesus, as a model of humility, as a servant of all.
C **And yet, we neglect the needs of others and prioritize our interests above Yours.**
P Jesus became human like us in all respects.
C **And yet, we refuse to see others' struggles, withholding our affection and sympathy.**
P Christ offered Himself as our substitute, giving His very life for us.
C **And yet, we stubbornly and selfishly hoard our gifts from others and from You.**
P Now exalted above all things, it is at the name of Jesus that every knee should bow.
C **And yet, it's our heart's sinful condition to seek its own glory.**

Pause for silent reflection

- P** We confess our sins:
C **Forgive our sins, O Lord. Make our ambitions model those of our Savior, Jesus, that our words and deeds might confess that He is Lord, to the glory of Your name. Amen.**
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, having all authority in heaven and on earth, has given Himself for you. Bearing the marks of His sacrifice in His own body, He has made a place for you in eternal glory, declaring your sins forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

INTROIT *(sung)*

Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

Choir: God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.
The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my | right hand,*
until I make your enemies your | footstool."
The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,*
"You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek."*

*The Lord is at your | right hand;**
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Choir: God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.*

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

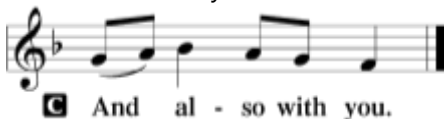
P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

SALUTATION PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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.

G Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1–11

(As He ascends to heaven, Jesus instructs the disciples to anticipate the coming Holy Spirit.)

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, ¹¹and 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.

BRASS ANTHEM

"The Heavens are Telling"

Beethoven

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15–23

(Paul rejoices in those who have been embraced within the story of the risen, ascended, and reigning Christ.)

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that 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, ¹⁸having 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Crown Him Lord"

Michael Helman

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

(Christ illumines His disciples' minds that all Scripture points to His work of redemption.)

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from high." 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Introduction – Trumpets and Organ

- All:** 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!**

Choir: 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.*

- All: △** 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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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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THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

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.

OFFERING

*The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.
Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.*

PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P** Heavenly Father, receive these gifts joyfully brought to you this day for Your use in Your kingdom. Bless them and all the gifts which you have entrusted to us so that with them, the kingdom is strengthened to Your glory. Strengthened to sustain the saints and for their witness to those who have not yet awakened to know Jesus, Your Son, as their Lord and Savior.
- C** **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**
- P** Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** There is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ, who ascended to His Father, and who makes intercession for us. Ascended Christ, we long to be with You. Draw us to Your Word and feed us by Your Sacrament, that You may keep us in faith until the day of Your returning. We pray:
- C** **hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Ascended Christ, You have reclaimed Your rightful place as ruler of the nations. Bless our world with peaceable leaders and citizens who pursue the common good. We pray:
- C** **hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Ascended Christ, Your heart remains with the humble. Give holy purpose to all who serve, particularly those whose service goes unnoticed. Be their strength and satisfaction. We pray:
- C** **hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Ascended Christ, You answer the fears of the lonely with the promise, "I am with you always." Be a comfort to those who feel isolated and alone. Heal those who struggle in body or spirit. Draw near with Your mercy. We pray:
- C** **hear us, Lord Jesus.**

P Ascended Christ, just as You brought heaven's goodness to lowly men, so also You make a place for humanity in eternal glory. Bring comfort to those who grieve the death of loved ones, and reassure them that You have opened paradise to all who believe. We pray:

C **hear us, Lord Jesus.**

P There is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ. Hear us, Lord Jesus, that our Father may answer us according to the riches of Your mercy and grace.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Malotte/arr. Dobrinski

The congregation is asked to silently pray these words as the handbells play:

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.

BENEDICTION

Psalm 47:5–6, 8; 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

P God has gone up with a shout!

C **Christ died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again.**

P Sing praises to our King, sing praises,

C **for God sits on His holy throne.**

P Now may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LSB 525

Introduction – Organ & Handbells

**All: 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.**

Women & handbells:

**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.**

Choir: 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 wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.*

Men & Handbells:

**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.***

**All: 5. *Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.***

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"Allemande"

Holborne/arr. Wolff



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