

The Oaks Community Church  
Worship Guide



May 5, 2024

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Armor of God #5

We are more than conquerors in Christ. Today we clothe ourselves in the full armor of God. We put on the helmet of salvation. Salvation is found in no one else but Jesus, for there is no other name under heaven given among people by which we must be saved.

Ephesians 6:10-18; Acts 4:12



III. "What The Ascension Means For Us As Followers Of Christ"  
Pastor Gary Barber

1. The Ascension = \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

John 20:16, 17 (NIV)

To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:6 (NKJV)

2. The Ascension = \_\_\_\_\_

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NKJV)

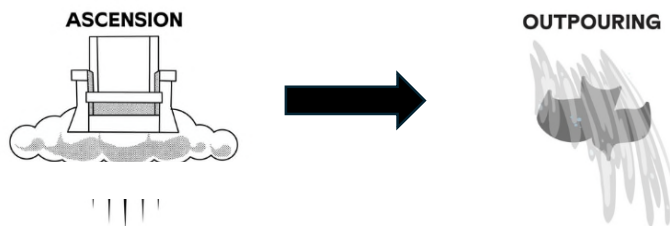
❖ Romans 8:31-39; I John 2:1, 2; Hebrews 7:25

### 3. The Ascension = \_\_\_\_\_

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.  
Luke 24:50-52 (NIV)

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.... He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."  
Acts 1:3, 7-11 (NIV)

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.  
Acts 2:32, 33 (NIV)



But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."  
Ephesians 4:7, 8 (NIV)

#### Application

- Will you praise and adore and honor your Ascended Lord?
  - Will you open your heart to receive Christ's Acceptance & Advocacy and His Empowering & Gifting from His Spirit?
- ❖ Family Communion

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
I Corinthians 11:23-26 (ESV)

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

**Stewardship Principle #7**

You can't outgive God. He always blesses generous givers.

What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver.

II Cor. 9:6, 7 (CEB)

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my Temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in! "Try it! Let me prove it to you!"

Malachi 3:10 (TLB)

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2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
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