

Ascension Day

9 May 2024 | 7:00 pm

THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary

Prélude (Sept Pièces pour Orgue)

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

The People stand as the procession enters the cathedral.

Hymn at the Entrance

Hail the day that sees him rise

The Hymnal 1982: No. 214

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria in excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —
— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God,
heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. _____

(♩ = ♩. of preceding – same beat as before, not slower)

Lord Je - sus Christ, _____ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, _____
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
Fa - ther: re - ceive

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 Spi - rit, _____

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men. _____

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

The People sit.

The First Lesson

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time

when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Acts 1:1-11 (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

Psalm 47

Chant: Richard Massey (1798-1883)

The Second Lesson

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and

revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 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 age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. *Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)*

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Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

Hymn at the Sequence

A hymn of glory let us sing

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The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. *Luke 24:44-53 (NRSV)*

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon bids the Prayers of the People, saying

We stand amazed, O Lord, at your presence with us in our time and beyond time. We turn our gaze to you, as we ask for your guidance and protection.

The Intercessor offers prayers for the Church, the Nation, the welfare of the world, the community, those who suffer, and the departed.

The Celebrant concludes

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may be your faithful witnesses in every area of our lives, everywhere we go, to everyone we meet. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

Anthem at the Offertory

God is Gone Up

God is gone up with a triumphant shout,
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies.
Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!
Lift up your heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flames of Glory down him to attend,
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

God is gone up...

Text: Edward Taylor (1642-1729)

Music: Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

Hymn at the Presentation

The Lord ascendeth up on high

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Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.




As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.


The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Cantor; then All




The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor




1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,




is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

The Celebrant says an Invitation to Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music at the Communion

Coelos ascendit hodie

*Coelos ascendit hodie
 Jesus Christus Rex gloriae:
 Sedet ad Patris dexteram,
 Gubernat coelum et terram.*

Today into the heavens has ascended
 Jesus Christ, the King of glory:
 He sits at the Father's right hand
 and rules heaven and earth.

*Iam finem habent omnia
Patris Davidis carmina,
Iam Dominus cum Domino
Sedet in Dei solio.*

Now have been fulfilled all
of father David's songs,
Now the Lord is with his Lord
and sits on the throne of God.

*In hoc triumpho maximo
Benedicamus Domino,
Laudetur Sancta Trinitas,
Deo dicamus gratias.
Alleluia. Amen.*

In this greatest triumph
let us bless the Lord,
Let the Holy Trinity be praised,
let us give thanks to God.
Alleluia. Amen.

Text: Latin motet

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The People stand.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
**you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! (*stanzas 1-4*)

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The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, says a dismissal. The People respond
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

Ascendit Deus: Offertoire pour la fête de l'Ascension

Théodore Dubois



Ministers

The Reverend Canon Brian Blayer, *Celebrant*
The Reverend Canon Jane Gerdsen, *Preacher*
The Reverend Canon George Hill, *Deacon*

Steve van Allen, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
John Moreland, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
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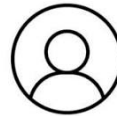
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