

The Divine Service

The Ascension of Our Lord

May 24, 2020



AS WE GATHER

In Jesus' final appearance to the eleven disciples, He tells them that they will be His witnesses, witnesses of His resurrection. Not only will they be witnesses in familiar places such as Jerusalem and Judea, but they will also be witnesses in Samaria, a foreign land where these Jewish disciples did not care to travel. And finally, the disciples will be witnesses of Jesus' resurrection to the ends of the earth. As we remember Jesus' ascension, we also remember the faithfulness of His disciples to be His witnesses and to go where they were sent, so that we could know the power of Jesus and His resurrection even though we are thousands of miles from Jerusalem.

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome/Theme of the Day

Remembrance of Baptism

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Blessed by God, who chose us in Christ, let us come to the God of mercy.

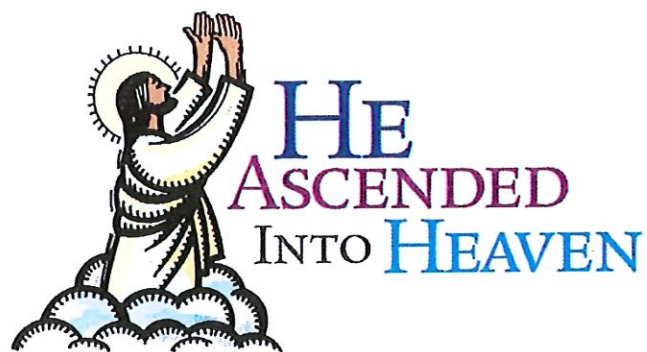
Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

- P** Though Christ is ascended on high and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling and reigning over all creation, there have been times when we have lived as though we rule and reign over our own lives. We have lived as though Christ were too far away to matter. But our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him, confess our sins, and receive His forgiveness.

Silence for meditation on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Heavenly Father,
C **we confess to You that we are sinful and unclean. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we walk in Your perfect way and delight in Your perfect will. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. Christ is ascended, and all things are under His feet, including sin, death, and the devil. On account of Christ's saving work and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \square Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen. We are forgiven and restored.**



Processional Hymn "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LBS 493 verses 1,3,5



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why
 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,
 be our fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
 al - le - lu - ia! Then, throned with You for - ev - er,



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph
 we Shall praise Your name e - ter - nal -



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

Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen and ascended!

C **Christ is risen and ascended indeed! Alleluia!**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen and ascended!

C **Christ is risen and ascended indeed! Alleluia!**

P Today is a day of celebration, grief, and anticipation.

C **We celebrate our Lord's triumph and reign.**

P We grieve that He is not physically present with us.

C **We anticipate the coming of the promised Holy Spirit on Pentecost.**

P And we celebrate that His promise to always be with us remains and will never fade away.

Prayer of the Day

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

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, 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."

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L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15-23

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.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Processional "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Congregation sings refrain; cantor sings Easter verse.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

C **Glory 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 on 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.**

Anthem "How Can I Keep from Singing"

Adult Choir

Sermon "Whatcha Lookin At"

Pastor Scott Henze

Apostle's Creed

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.

Prayer of the Church

Petitions end, "for we know that Christ is ascended."

Congregation responds, "He rules and reigns in glory"

Gathering of Gifts

Offertory Prayer

- P** Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C** **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.**

High School Senior Recognition

Benediction

Recessional Verse "Crown Him with Many Crowns" LSB 525 verses 1,4,5



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Easter Acclamation

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** Christ indeed has been raised from the dead.
- C** **Christ is risen!**
- P** He is risen indeed!
- C** **Alleluia!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We hope and pray you had a chance to see Christ in a very personal and real way. If you have a prayer request or would like to talk to the pastor or one of our Stephen Ministers contact the church office at 954-384-9096 or by email at office@stpaulweston.org.

Congratulations

Graduates



May God Bless you Always!

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