

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Ascension of Our Lord

May 21, 2020

7:00 p.m.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Charles Callahan

ENTRANCE HYMN: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

(green) LBW #158

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887



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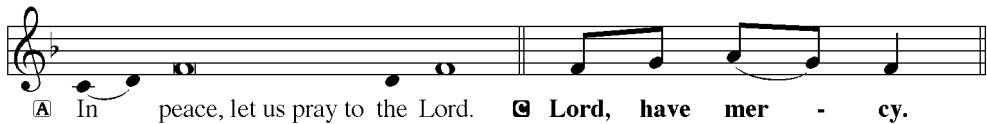
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

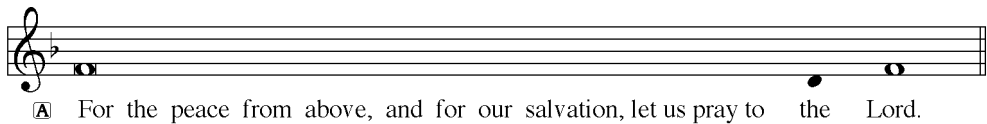
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

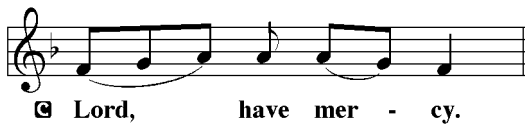
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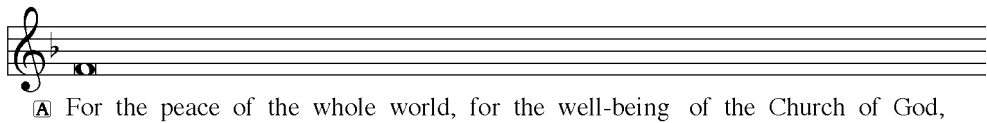
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



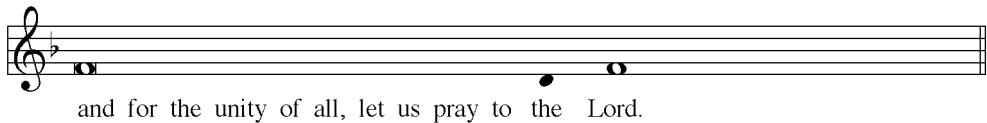
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



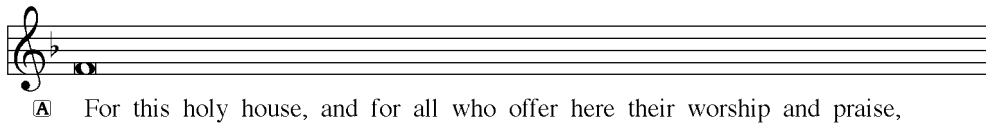
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



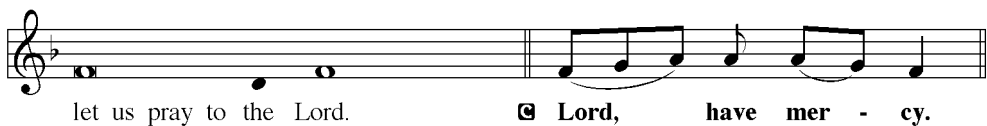
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A 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.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. Ⓒ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ



Ⓒ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le- lu - ia,



al- le- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⓛ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Ⓒ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le- lu - ia,



al- le- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⓜ Pow - er, rich- es, wis- dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



Ⓒ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le- lu - ia,



al- le- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⓛ Sing with all the peo- ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless- ing, hon-or, glo- ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for- ev - er. A - men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And also with you.

☐ Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1–11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴While 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; 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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.”

- ℒ The Word of the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 47

- ℒ 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.
- ℒ He subdues the | peoples under us,*
and the nations un- | der our feet.
- ☩ **He chooses our inheri- | tance for us,***
the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.
- ℒ 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.
- ℒ For God is King of | all the earth;*
sing praises with | all your skill.
- ☩ **God reigns o- | ver 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.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, 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 age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- Ⓐ The Word of the Lord.
- Ⓑ Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Christ Is Arisen



Christ is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise



full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.



Now, with him to life re-stored, we praise the Fa-ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
 Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt.
 Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44–53

- 📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- 🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Dave Lyle

HYMN OF THE DAY: Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

(green) LBW #159



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, cries of tri - umph
2 Death-de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, prov - en e - qual
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring send your prom - ised
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in his ears, to his heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,
to our need, now for us be - fore the Fa - ther
Spir - it guide; through our lives of fear and fail - ure
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -
as our broth - er in - ter - cede; flesh that for our
with your pow'r and love a - bide; wel - come us, as
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia!



on his faith - ful, leav - ing them in hap - py tears.
world was wound - ed, liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!
you were wel - comed, to an end - less Eas - ter - tide.
Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: ASCENDED TRIUMPH, Henry V. Gerike, b. 1948

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- Ⓟ Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- Ⓢ 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.

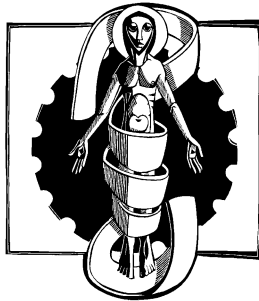
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
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.



Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.
Sing his praise without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand,
that thou likewise with him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name, who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is the best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long;
Or since all musick is but three parts vied and multiplied.
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

George Herbert

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- ℣ Lord, in your mercy,
- ☩ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- ℟ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- ☩ **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- ℣ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- ☩ **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.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

☐ Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Look, the Sight Is Glorious

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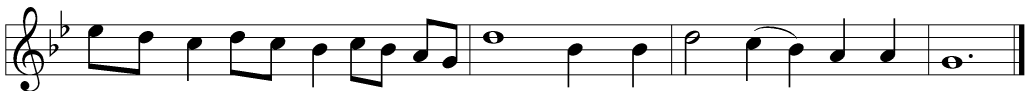
1 Look, oh, look, the sight is glo - rious, see the man of sor - rows now;
2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels crown him! Rich the tro - phies Je - sus brings;
3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned him, mock - ing thus the Sav - ior's claim;
4 Hark! Those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark! Those loud tri - umphant chords!



from the fight re - turned vic - to - rious, ev - 'ry knee to him shall bow.
on the seat of pow'r en - throne him while the vault of heav - en rings.
saints and an - gels crowd a - round him, own his ti - tle, praise his name.
Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion; oh, what joy the sight af - fords!



Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!



Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow. Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.
Crown the Sav - ior, King of kings. Crown the Sav - ior, King of kings.
Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame! Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame!
King of kings and Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.
Music: BRYN CALFARIA, William Owen, 1814–1893

DISMISSAL

- 📖 Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- 🎤 **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- 📖 Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- 🎤 **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Fugue in G Major (“Gigue”), BWV 577

Johann Sebastian Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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