

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Thursday – May 21, 2020 – 7:00 pm. Worship

**“Christ is Risen; Christ has Ascended;
Christ will Come Again”**



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† Call to Worship †

The Proclamation

ALL Christ is risen; Christ has ascended; Christ will come again!

Hymn # 493:1-4 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up

hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers they
al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall

trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph
see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -

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

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!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Exhortation

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

LSB 290

Confession of Sins

LSB 254

L Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 151

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 8

P ¹O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C You have set your glory above the heavens.

P ²Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength

C because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

P ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

C ⁴what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

P ⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C and crowned him with glory and honor.

P ⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

C you have put all things under his feet,

P ⁷all sheep and oxen,

C and also the beasts of the field,

P ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

C whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

P ⁹O LORD, our Lord,

C how majestic is your name in all the earth!

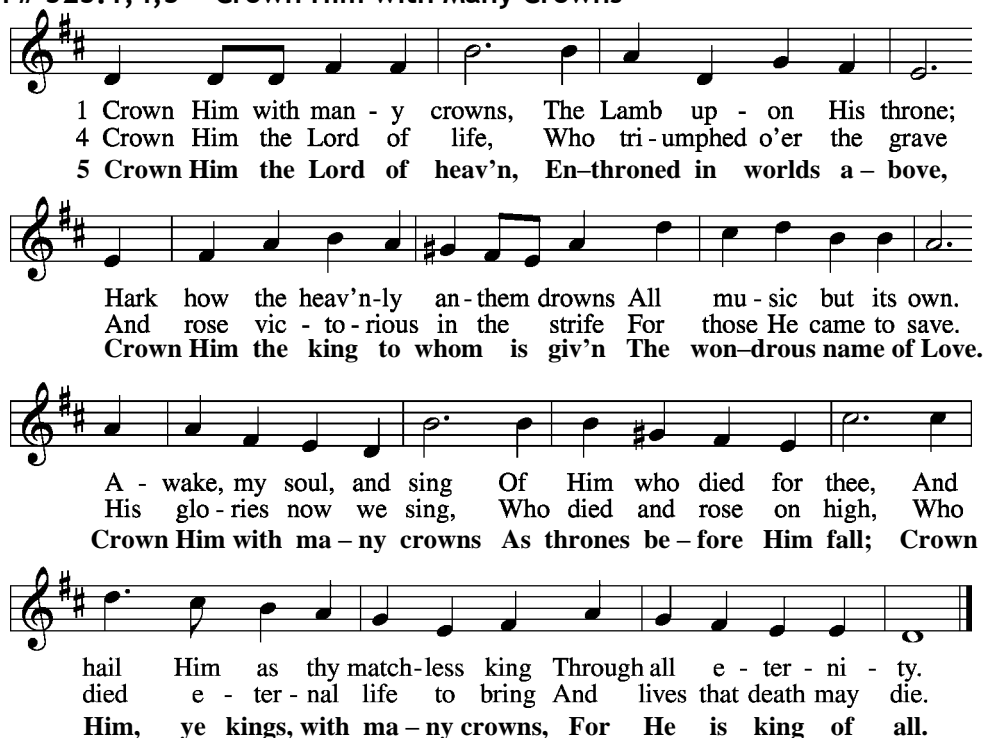
All Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

“Hymn # 525:1,4,5 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”



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 ma - ny 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 ma - ny crowns, For He is king of all.

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Collect 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 1:6-11

Acts 1:6-11

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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-7; 4:8-13

Ephesians 1:16-23; 4:7-13

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
 and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens,

that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



C 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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then he 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.”*

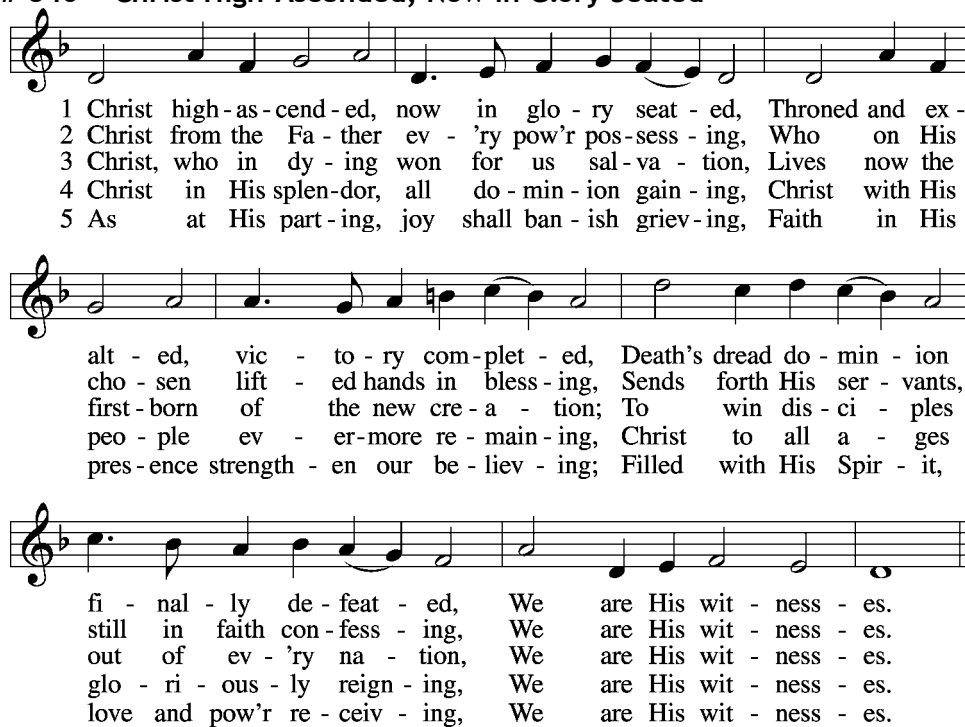
⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn # 840 “Christ High-Ascended, Now in Glory Seated”

LSB 840



1 Christ high-as-cend-ed, now in glo-ry seat-ed, Throned and ex-
2 Christ from the Fa-ther ev-'ry pow'r pos-sess-ing, Who on His
3 Christ, who in dy-ing won for us sal-va-tion, Lives now the
4 Christ in His splen-dor, all do-min-ion gain-ing, Christ with His
5 As at His part-ing, joy shall ban-ish griev-ing, Faith in His
alt-ed, vic-to-ry com-plet-ed, Death's dread do-min-ion
cho-sen lift-ed hands in bless-ing, Sends forth His ser-vants,
first-born of the new cre-a-tion; To win dis-ci-ples
peo-ple ev-er-more re-main-ing, Christ to all a-ges
pres-ence strength-en our be-liev-ing; Filled with His Spir-it,
fi-nal-ly de-feat-ed, We are His wit-ness-es.
still in faith con-fess-ing, We are His wit-ness-es.
out of ev-'ry na-tion, We are His wit-ness-es.
glo-ri-ous-ly reign-ing, We are His wit-ness-es.
love and pow'r re-ceiv-ing, We are His wit-ness-es.

Sermon: “All Those Prayers” Ephesians 4:10

Apostles' 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Hymn # 537:1,4 “Beautiful Savior”

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray,

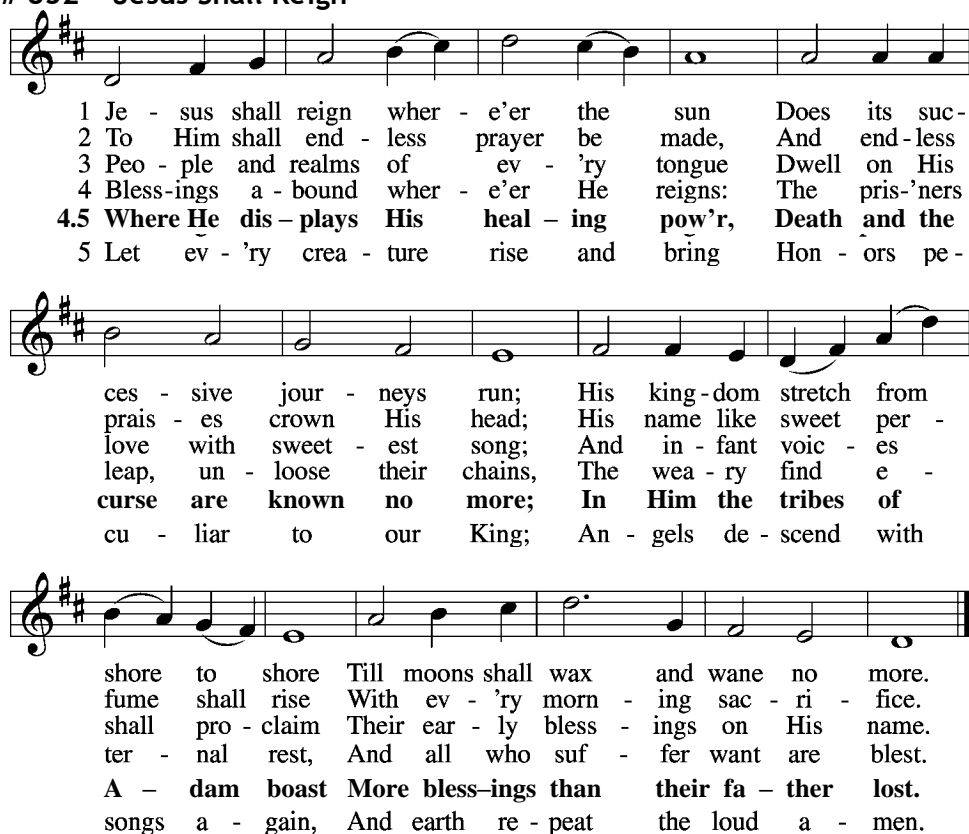
Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn # 832 "Jesus Shall Reign"



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc-
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
4.5 Where He dis - plays His heal - ing pow'r, Death and the
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - or's pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
curse are known no more; In Him the tribes of
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with

shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
A - dam boast More bless - ings than their fa - ther lost.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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