



JESUS EXALTED

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Welcome to Worship

How wonderful it is to gather with fellow Christians! May our praises proclaim God’s glory, and may our souls be comforted and refreshed as we hear God’s Word today.

GUESTS

- You’re our guest, so if there’s anything we can help you with, ask any of our friendly members.
- We love having children in our worship services! If your child becomes restless and you need to regroup, you are welcome to use any part of the building.
- Finally, everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin, and hymns are in the red hymnal.

TODAY’S FOCUS

We celebrate Jesus’ ascension, when he began the penultimate phase of his plan for the world: having saved the world, Jesus now grows his Church by the means of grace until it is time for him to come again.

SEASON’S FOCUS

Easter is the ongoing celebration of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. It’s the foundation of the Christian faith, as Paul writes, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins...But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead!” Jesus’ resurrection is the proof positive that all God’s promises for us are true.

The white paraments symbolize the robe of our glorified Jesus and the robes of the saints in heaven.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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The Divine Service

HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing | 171

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

M In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*To the name of
our God, the
faithful respond,
“Amen.” Yes,
God is here to
bless, we are here
to worship him,
and it is good to
be here.*

DIALOGUE FOR THE ASCENSION

M Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

C **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.** *Psalm 148:1-2*

M How majestic is the Lord’s name in all the earth!

C **He has set his glory above the heavens.** *Psalm 8:1*

M For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.

C **He is exalted far above all gods.** *Psalm 97:9*

M God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

C **God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.** *Psalm 47:5,8*

M The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

C **He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.** *Psalm 99:1*

M The throne of our God will last forever and ever.

C **A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.** *Psalm 45:6*

M Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

C **His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.** *Psalm 148:13*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.

M

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his holy life and innocent death.
Trusting in him, I pray:
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. And God has raised Jesus from the dead and placed all things under his feet and made him head over everything for the Church. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*

This ancient text, Kyrie Eleison, means "God, have mercy." Having received God's greatest gift of forgiveness, we also pray for the needs of all people. This wording of the Kyrie is intended to be included in the new hymnal.

M

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C

Lord, have mercy.

M

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

C

Lord, have mercy.

M

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 mercy.

M

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C

Lord, have mercy.

M

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C

Amen.

M In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his
 2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -



throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All
 side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
 grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
 bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The



mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the
 those he came to save. His glo - ries now we
 won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y



sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him
 sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward
 sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -
 crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye



as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Prayer of the Day, historically call the “collect,” collects the main thought of the day’s Scripture readings into one short prayer.

M

The Lord be with you.

C

And also with you.

M

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God’s right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C

Amen.

The Word

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

The account of Jesus’ ascension in the book of Acts.

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching ²until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

⁴Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which 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 were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons 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.”

⁹After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. ¹¹They said, “Men of

One of the two mountain-tops of the Divine Service is the Word, read and preached. In the Scripture readings, we hear the very words of God.

Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

SECOND READING

Our Ascended Jesus grows his body (the Church).

⁷But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ. ⁸That is why it says, “When he ascended on high, he took captivity captive and gave gifts to his people.” ⁹Now what does it mean when it says “he ascended,” other than that he also had descended to the lower parts, namely, the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. ¹¹He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, ¹²for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. ¹³This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. ¹⁶From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ’s activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The psalms are the ancient hymns of the Jews. Many were written by King David.

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Ephesians 4:7-16

Following each lesson, the pastor announces, “The Word of the Lord.” God gives us his life-giving Gospel in his word. In response to God’s gracious revelation, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 28:20b

Jesus ascended and is no longer visible to our eyes, but his promises and presence still remain. He is with us.

M Alleluia. "Surely I am with you always until the end of the age." Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

The account of Jesus' ascension in the book of Luke.

Luke is the writer of both the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts (from the first reading) and gives two accounts of Jesus ascending into heaven.

⁴⁴He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

EXTINGUISHING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

M Brothers and sisters, we have gathered during the season of Easter to focus on Jesus, our true Paschal Lamb. The flame of the Paschal Candle has burned at each service since the Easter Vigil. True to his word, our risen Lord has conquered sin, death, and the devil.

The candle has symbolized the presence of the resurrected Christ and the link between our baptism and the resurrection. But now we celebrate that our Lord has ascended into heaven and has disappeared from our sight and so we extinguish the Paschal Candle.

Hear the angels as they tell us, “He will return, just as he said!” and let us join with the disciples, worshipping with great joy, and praising God:

Symbols, like the paschal candle, are a blessing to us when they involve our senses and point us to Jesus.

M Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

C **Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.**

Philippians 2:8-9

M God worked [his mighty strength] in Christ when he raised Christ from the dead and seated Christ at his right hand in the heavenly places,

C **far above all rule, authority, power, and dominion, and above every name that is given.**

M God also placed all things under his feet,

C **and made him head over everything for the church.**

Ephesians 1:20-23

The Paschal Candle is extinguished.

APOSTLES' CREED *Credo*

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.

Also called the confession of faith, the creed summarizes the main teaching of the true Christian faith and unites us with Christians of the past who have made these same confessions for centuries.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hauptlied*

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build | 173

“Jesus Grows His Church”

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

God brings us good news through our called pastor, who explains and applies the Word of God.

OFFERING

We Thank You For Your Blessings | 615 (1,3)

We bring our offerings to the Lord to thank and praise him. These offering support Our Redeemer’s and Rock of Ages as well as our synod’s mission efforts around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to give, but are welcome to do so.

**We thank you for your blessings, Almighty Lord, our King;
 We thank you for the harvests, Yes, Lord, for ev’rything:
 For flow’rs that bloom in springtime, For rip’ning fruit and grain,
 For all the precious sunshine, And for the gentle rain.**

**But best of all your blessings, The rainbow of your love,
 Are all the many mercies Your Word brings from above.
 Our life now has full meaning-Christ Jesus is our God!
 Thanksgiving shall be living The way the Savior trod.**

One of the ways an individual supports, shares, and partners in the work of the congregation is through offerings freely and gladly given for God’s work.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

C **We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.**

M O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world.

C **Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.**

M O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

C **Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.**

M O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.

C **You are our Lord, Master, and King.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

C **Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.**

Through the Prayer of the Church we heed Christ's command to "love one another." One of the greatest forms of love we can show for our neighbor is to pray for them.

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.

We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, "Amen. Yes, it shall be so."

HYMN

Draw Us to Thee | 170

DEPARTING PRAYER

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he did so while lifting up his hands and blessing his disciples.

HYMN

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise | 175





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