

Ascension Sunday

Musical Eucharist with Livestream May 12, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

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OPENING HYMN #214, VS. 1, 2, 4

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

The People stand as they are able.



OPENING ACCLAMATION

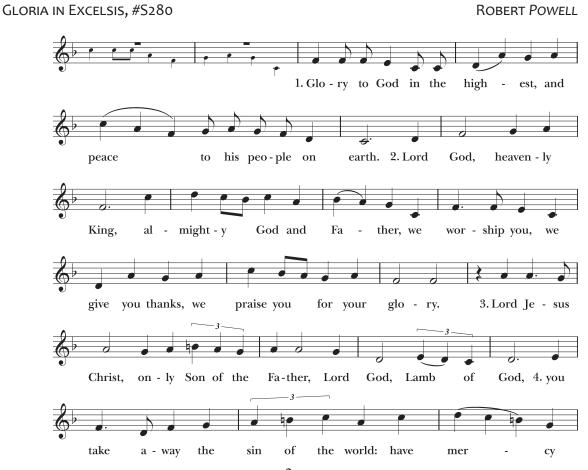
Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

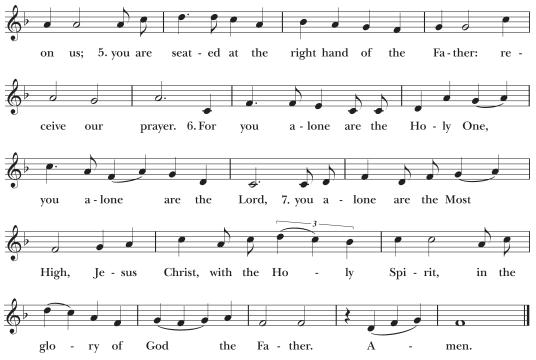
People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

PresiderGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray together.

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.





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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The People are seated.

FIRST READING ACTS 1:1-11

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."

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47

GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE

Refrain sung by choir, then repeated by all.



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, to shouts of joy!



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Nicholas Palmer

Verse 1, sung by choir
All people, clap your hands, cry out to God with joy!
For the Lord, Most High, we revere, great king over all the earth.
All repeat refrain

Verse 2, sung by choir
Our God goes up with shouts of joy to the trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing out praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.
All repeat refrain

Verse 3, sung by choir God is the king of all, sing praise with all your skill. God is the ruler of all the lands, God reigns upon the throne. All repeat refrain

SECOND READING EPHESIANS 1:15-23

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION CELTIC ALLELUIA

All stand as they are able.

Refrain, sung by all



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Verse sung by choir.

All repeat refrain.

THE GOSPEL LUKE 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. JENNIFER HORNBECK

A period of silence is kept.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People stand as they are able.

Leader We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leaders of your

people; for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Pray for those who carry

out your mission under their leadership.

Pray for God's Church.

Silence

Leader We offer our prayers for the leaders of our nation; for our president,

our governor, Congress, and the courts of this land. Give them the

courage and wisdom and a heart for justice.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Leader We pray for mercy for those who suffer from hunger, in poverty, in the

wake of violent storms, after earthquakes. Sustain them in their struggles and give them hope. We are thankful for compassionate people who

answer their call for help.

Pray for those who suffer around the world.

Silence

Leader We pray for those who are ill, for those who live in fear and whose spirits

are restless. Give comfort for those who are dying and those who stand

beside them as they find their way home.

Pray for new and unending life in this world and the next.

Silence

Leader We pray for those who have died.

People Our hearts are full this day, Lord, as we embrace new life in you.

We give you thanks for the gift of song and joyful spirits.

Presider

O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

May the Peace of Christ Be With You

Lori True

DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

The People stand as they are able.



Music: Old Hundredth, Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561); Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1710), adapt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2)

PresiderGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.

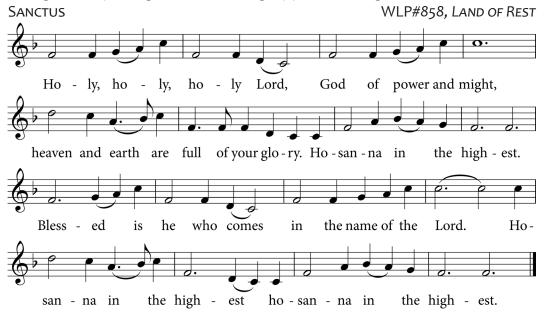
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy

child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.



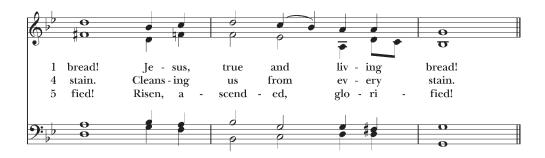
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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to share Communion (or receive a blessing in which case, please cross your arms in front of your chest as a sign to the minister). If you need gluten-free bread, it will be provided. We have returned to the common cup, which is optional. Please refrain from intincting (dipping bread in the wine).

Please come forward to receive the Eucharist.





POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

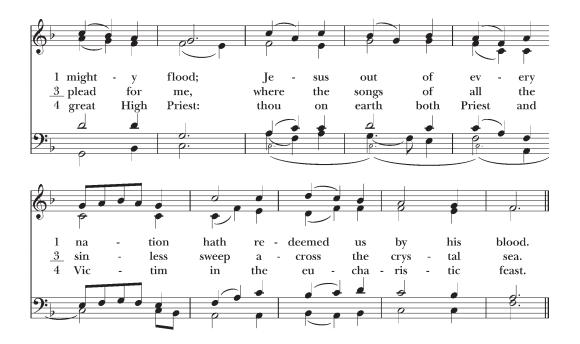
The People stand as they are able.

Presider & People
Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the congregation with appropriate words.





DISMISSAL

Presider People Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleuia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleuia!

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Greeter: Bob Adams

Coffee Hour Host: [No volunteer signed up as of time of print]

Community of Wonder

Volunteers: [No volunteers signed up as of time of print]

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