



Ascension Sunday

being the Seventh Sunday of Easter

24 May 2020 AD

A LITURGY OF THE WORD

with Spiritual Communion

Prelude

Hymn 214 “Hail the Day”

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!
2. There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
the King of glory in! Alleluia!
3. See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!
4. Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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.*

Hymn of Praise: Hymn 460

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:

though the cloud from sight received him,
 when the forty days were o'er,
 shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

3. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!
 Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
 Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
 where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
 Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
 thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh,
 our great High Priest:
 thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

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The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Lesson

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 1:6-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Gradual Psalm 47 *metrical version, tune: Festal Song*

1. All peoples, clap your hands
 And make God's praises known;
 The Lord most high is to be feared
 Who rules the world alone.
2. All nations of the earth
 Are humbled by God's hand;
 God chooses our inheritance,
 Gives Jacob this good land.
3. God has gone up on high
 With shouts and trumpet's voice;
 Sing praise, sing praise to God who rules,
 Sing out your praise, rejoice.
4. For God rules over all,
 Sing praise with all your skill;
 God sits upon the holy throne

And rules all nations still.

5. The nobles of the earth
Are joined with Abraham's seed;
The rulers of the world are God's,
The Lord is praised indeed.

Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Sequence Hymn 215 “See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph”

1. See the Conqueror mounts in triumph;
see the King in royal state,
riding on the clouds, his chariot,
to his heavenly palace gate!
Hark! the choirs of angel voices
joyful alleluias sing,
and the portals high are lifted
to receive their heavenly King.
2. He who on the cross did suffer,
he who from the grave arose,
he has vanquished sin and Satan;
he by death has spoiled his foes.
While he lifts his hands in blessing,
he is parted from his friends;
while their eager eyes behold him,
he upon the clouds ascends.
3. Thou has raised our human nature
on the clouds to God's right hand;
there we sit in heavenly places,
there with thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne;
mighty Lord, in thine ascension
we by faith behold our own.

The Holy Gospel -

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.]

John 17:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Prayers of the People

*The Leader concludes each petition with: Jesus, Lord of glory:
And everyone responds: **We worship and adore you.***

The Peace *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

Hymn 494 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

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3. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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5. Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

The Blessing

Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude



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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

When we are unable to receive the Bread and Wine of the Holy Sacrament because of extreme sickness, physical disability, or, as in our present cause, the suspension of public worship to prevent the spread of infection, we can be assured that all the benefits of Communion are received. The following prayer may be said.

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your abiding love. Amen.

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