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Ascension
OF THE LORD

Thoughts of Preparation

The Ascension reminds us that Jesus is not in heaven idly waiting for us to show up. He's our reigning King! He rules over all—the nations, His Church and our lives. When these things seem out of control, the Ascension strengthens and comforts us with the knowledge that Jesus is in control and works through all things to accomplish His will.

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with you

Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, O so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came
to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor.

Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Bridge: And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. I'll never
know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. I'll never know how much it cost.

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Here I am to worship



Invocation

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

C Amen.

Call to Worship

(From Psalm 47 and Ephesians 1:21-22)

P Clap your hands, all peoples!

C **Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

P God has gone up with a shout,

C **The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

P Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,

C **And above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.**

P God reigns over the nations;

C **God sits on His holy throne.**

P [God] put all things under His feet

C **And gave Him as head over all things to the church.**

P Clap your hands, all peoples!

C **Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us bow before our heavenly King and acknowledge our unworthiness.

C **Lord Jesus, we confess that we often fail to trust in You as our reigning King. Failure to trust that You are in charge leads us to think we are. We make choices based upon what seems right to us rather than upon what is right. Our thoughts, words, and deeds become subject to our will rather than Yours. Our way of dealing with problems reflects the world's way rather than Yours. Have mercy upon us, King Jesus. Forgive our lack of trust and the many sins that result. Restore in us faithful hearts and trusting spirits.**

P Take courage people of God. When the Apostle John saw Jesus ascend into the throne room, he saw Him as a Lamb "as though it had been slain." Our King is also Our Savior! His blood cleanses us from all sin. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ the King, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 119:89-93; antiphon: Ps. 119:105

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."**

The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

**The Lord is at your right hand;
He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.**

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.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord Be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C 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.. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Congregation/Troubadours

Lord, the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain:
Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord, and let there be light

As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain:
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Lord, and let there be light

First Reading –

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "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 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle –

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked 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 one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord

G: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse of the Day

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

Behold, I am with you always,

to the end of the age. Alleluia.

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.

Sermon Hymn

"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

LSB 492



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -
 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



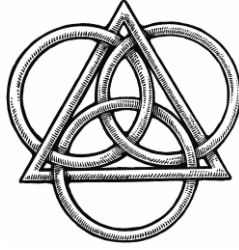
cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and
 tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er
 cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I
 rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There
 my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.
 all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
 me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.



Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

☩ 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.

Pax Domini

☩ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ Amen.

Benediction

**☩ 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.**

☩ Amen.

Please take a bottle of bubbles and circle up in the parking lot

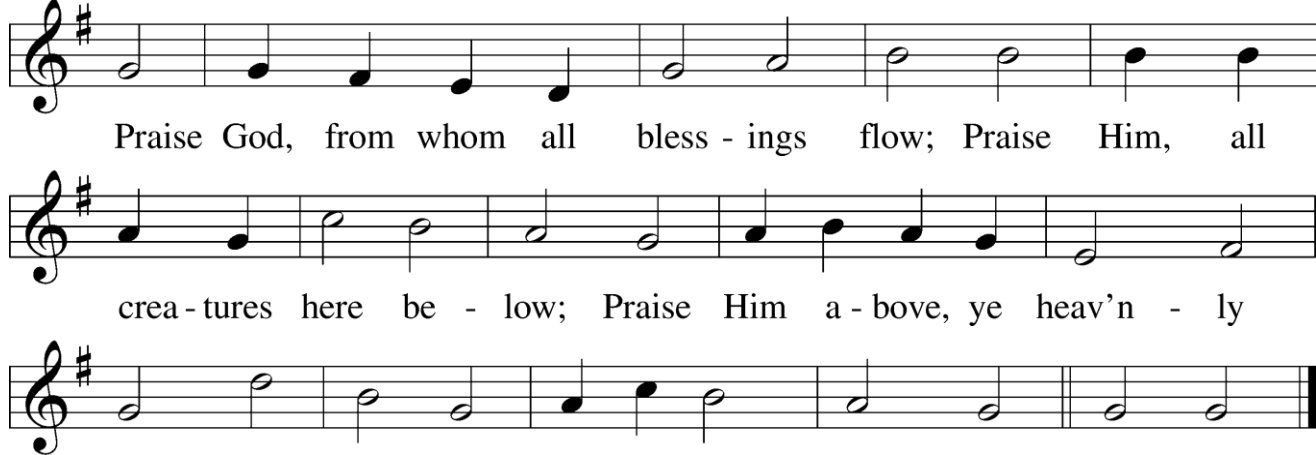
Closing Hymn

"Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow"

LSB 805

(Sung outside)

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

balloon release.

