

Trinity Lutheran Church

The Ascension of our Lord

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The Ascension of Our 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, 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.

Welcome

Pastor Robert Smith

Hymn –

"Here I Am To Worship"

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.



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! **2x**

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Call to Worship

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

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples!

People: **Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout,

People: **The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Pastor: Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,

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

Pastor: God reigns over the nations;

People: **God sits on His holy throne.**

Pastor: [God] put all things under his feet

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

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples!

People: **Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Let us bow before our heavenly King and acknowledge our unworthiness.

All: **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.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen!**

Introit

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.

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."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor.

He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

He has put all things under His feet.

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

“How Great is Our God”

Congregation/Troubadours

Verse 1:

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.



Verse 2:

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.

Bridge:

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing How great is our God. **2x**

Final Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray to our Ascended Lord and King. Lord Jesus, You sit at the right hand of the throne of God and have all things under Your feet. Renew our hearts that we might daily trust in your gracious rule in and over Your people and reflect that trust in the choices we make. We pray in Your name, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen!

The Holy Gospel –**Luke 24:44-53**

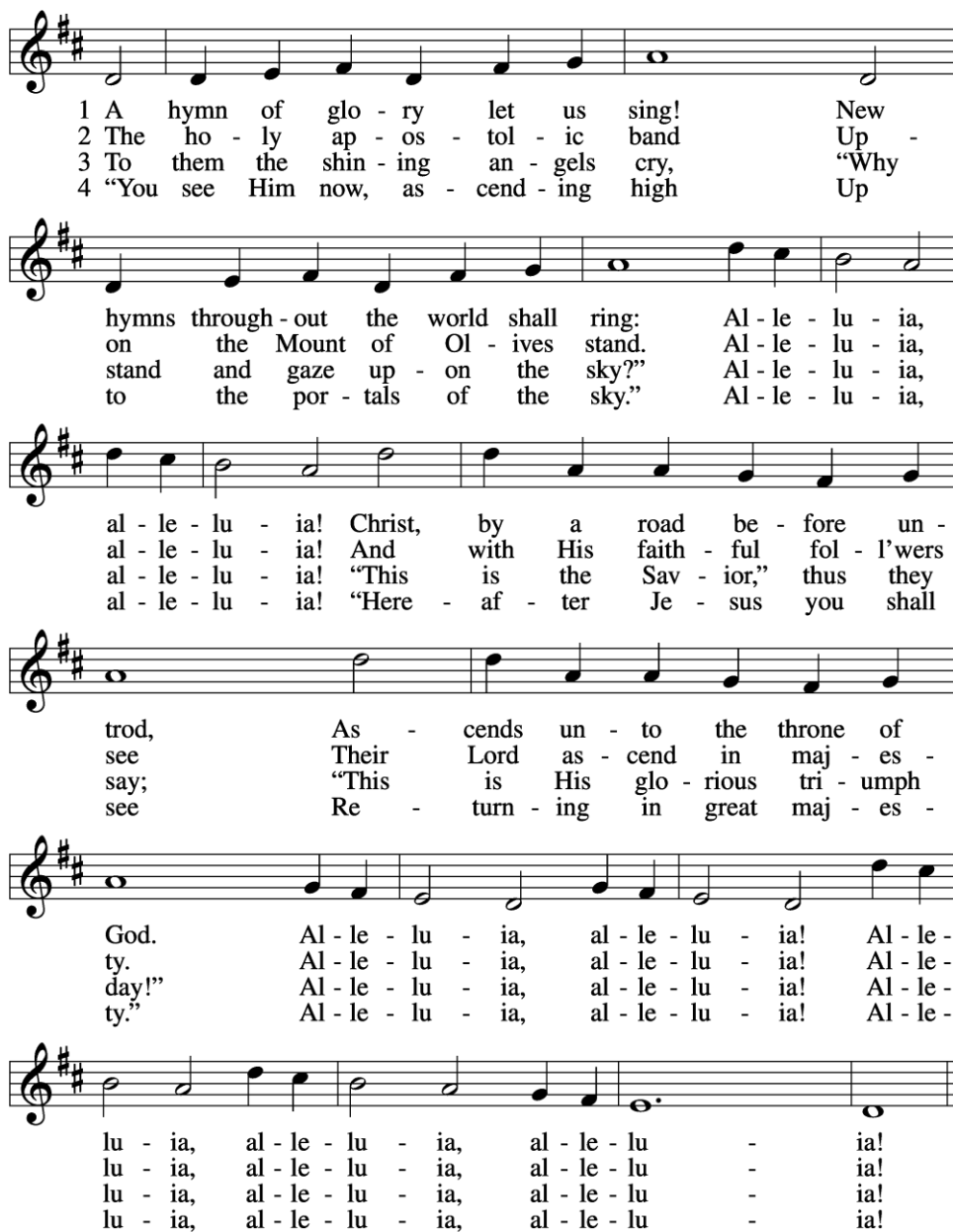
⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O God.



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
 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!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Proclamation of the Word

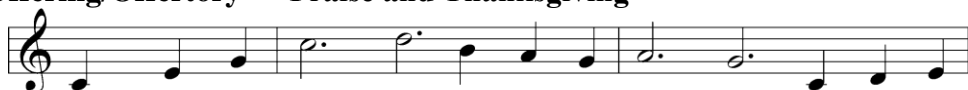
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Apostles' Creed

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.

Offering/Offertory – “Praise and Thanksgiving”

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1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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Prayers

Pastor: Worthy are You, Ascended Jesus, to enter the throne room in heaven on our behalf.

People: “For you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9).

Pastor: Worthy are You, Lamb of God, to have all things placed under Your feet and to rule over all for the sake of Your Church.

People: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” (Revelation 5:12)

Pastor: Increase our faith and trust in Your gracious rule in our lives, help us rest secure in Your hands knowing You control all things.

People: “Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control” (Hebrews 2:8b).

Pastor: We commend the following into Your hands trusting in Your mercy and Your will... Hear us, ascended Christ.

People: Nothing is outside Your control.

Pastor: Because You are seated at His right hand, we bow before the throne of Your Father and are bold to pray,

People: 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

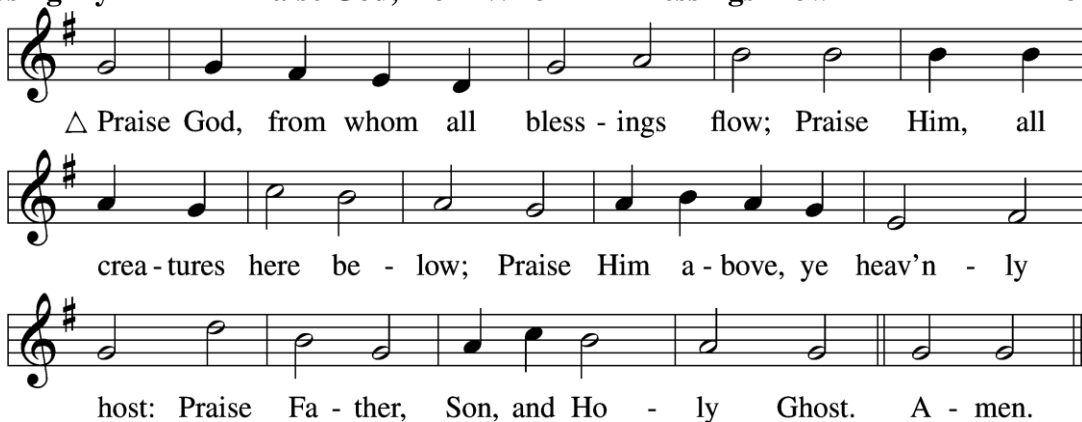
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: AMEN! “The Lord our God the Almighty reigns” (Rev. 19:6b).

Please take a bottle as you exit the church for the ascension of bubbles.

Closing Hymn “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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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.

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