

**Worship Service for Ascension**  
**May 24th, 2020**

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**HYMN** ..... "A Hymn of Glory" 493

- 1) **A hymn of glory let us sing!**  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2) **The holy apostolic band**  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3) **To them the shining angels cry,**  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"This is the Savior," thus they say;  
"This is His glorious triumph day!"  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**THE INVOCATION AND LITANY** based on Psalm 47

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**
- P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P: Christ is ascended into heaven! Alleluia!  
C: **And He will come again! Alleluia!**
- P: Clap your hands, all you nations! Alleluia!  
C: **Shout to God with cries of joy! Alleluia!**
- P: How awesome is the Lord Most High! Alleluia!  
C: **The great King over all the earth! Alleluia!**
- P: God has ascended amid shouts of joy! Alleluia!  
C: **The Lord amid the sounding of trumpets! Alleluia!**
- P: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Alleluia!  
C: **Sing praises to our King, sing praises! Alleluia!**
- P: For God is the King of all the earth! Alleluia!  
C: **Sing to him a psalm of praise! Alleluia!**
- P: God reigns over the nations! Alleluia!  
C: **God is seated on his holy throne! Alleluia!**
- P: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."  
C: **Christ has risen! Alleluia! Christ has ascended! Alleluia! Christ will come again! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**HYMN** ..... 525 (verses 1 & 4)

- 1) **Crown Him with many crowns,**  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly 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.
- 4) **Crown Him the Lord of life,**  
Who triumphed o'er 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.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P: Let us confess our sins to our gracious God. Lord of heaven and earth,  
C: **We humbly confess all our sins to You. We are sinful at birth and fail to live up to your holy and righteous law in our thoughts, words and deeds. We are totally unfit to share with You in heavenly glory where righteousness and holiness are ever present. With our best efforts we will still fall short of the life to which you have called us. As condemned sinners we can only stand before your throne pleading, Lord, have mercy on us.**
- P: The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 8:34, "Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." Before ascending into heaven Jesus breathed on his disciples saying (John 20:22-23), "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Based on the authority Christ gave His Church on earth, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins. The blessing of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit abide with you always.  
C: **Amen! Christ has risen! Alleluia! Christ has ascended! Alleluia! Christ will come again! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT**

- P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray . . . now, and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

- Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53
- P: This is the word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN** . . . . . "Look, Ye Saints" 495

- 1) **Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious;**  
**See the Man of Sorrows now!**  
**From the fight returned victorious,**  
**Ev'ry knee to Him shall bow.**  
**Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)**  
**Crowns become the victor's brow. (2X)**
- 2) **Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him!**  
**Rich the trophies Jesus brings;**  
**On the seat of pow'r enthrone Him**  
**While the vault of heaven rings.**  
**Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)**  
**Crown the Savior King of kings. (2X)**
- 3) **Sinners in derision crowned Him,**  
**Mocking thus the Savior's claim;**  
**Saints and angels crowd around Him,**  
**Own His title, praise His name.**  
**Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)**  
**Spread abroad the victor's fame. (2X)**
- 4) **Hark, those bursts of acclamation!**  
**Hark, those loud triumphant chords!**  
**Jesus takes the highest station;**  
**Oh, what joy the sight affords!**  
**Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X)**  
**King of kings and Lord of lords! (2X)**

**THE SERMON**

**THE 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**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *(After each petition the Pastor will pray)* Lord in Your Mercy.

**C: Hear Our Prayer.**

P: *(The prayers conclude with)* Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray . . .

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

**THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

P: Go out into all the world with peace and joy "for this same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: Go out into all the world with great boldness proclaiming grace and forgiveness in Jesus' name. Do not be afraid, for He has declared, "I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus . . . be with you all.

**C: Amen! Christ has risen! Alleluia! Christ has ascended! Alleluia! Christ will come again! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**HYMN** . . . . . "On Christ's Ascension" 492

- 1) **On Christ's ascension I now build**  
**The hope of my ascension;**  
**This hope alone has always stilled**  
**All doubt and apprehension;**  
**For where the Head is, there as well**  
**I know His members are to dwell**  
**When Christ will come and call them.**
- 2) **Since Christ returned to claim His throne,**  
**Great gifts for me obtaining,**  
**My heart will rest in Him alone,**  
**No other rest remaining;**  
**For where my treasure went before,**  
**There all my thoughts will ever soar**  
**To still their deepest yearning.**
- 3) **O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,**  
**Recalling Your ascension,**  
**That I may serve You faithfully**  
**In thanks for my redemption;**  
**And then, when all my days will cease,**  
**Let me depart in joy and peace**  
**In answer to my pleading.**

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