

Worship Leader Edition
The Ascension of Our Lord

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8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS {*Front Center*} (Rob)

+DIALOG FOR ASCENSION DAY: {*Front Center*} (Rob)

L: Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout!

C: The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia!

L: Sing praises to God, since praises!

C: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

L: The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand."

C: The Lord is high above all nations; his glory above the heavens!

L: He came forth from the Father, and has come into the world.

C: Again he leaves the world and goes to the Father.

L: Alleluia! He ascends to the Father, to my God and your God.

C: He will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+OPENING HYMN

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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Verse 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 ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood."

Verse 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"?

Verse 3

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Verse 4

Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

+GREETING {*Front Center*} (David Skinner)

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (David Skinner)

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. (BCP, p.226)

C: Amen

FIRST READING (*Eric Murphy*)

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.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

Then 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, 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.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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Verse 1

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:

All creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding,

see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding

Bring a taste of love unknown.

Verse 2

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits

From the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning.

See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection,

Not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion.

Joy and peace shall never end.

Verse 3

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven

Nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation

Where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus:

“Christ is risen! Get you gone!

God the First and Last is with us.

Sing Hosanna, ev’ry one!

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*) *Screen*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*) *Screen*

After each petition:

L: Loving God, we look to you.

C: Receive our prayer.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*David Skinner*)

C: 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.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*David Skinner*)

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

Something short and sweet by Lori

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

L: May almighty God bless you with the knowledge that his only Son has ascended into heaven to prepare a place for you.

C: Amen.

L: May you be lifted up and guided by Christ's intercession at God's right hand.

C: Amen

L: At Christ's promised return, may you be found blameless and welcomed into the joys of God's eternal kingdom.

C: Amen

L: And may almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

+SENDING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

Verse 2

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, might Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious

Verse 3

Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot over pow'r us.

Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

Verse 4

God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

L: Do not stand looking up towards heaven. You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Today

Given by:

Judy Ludwigson

In celebration of Tyler's birthday on May 31st