

LUKE 24:34, ESV

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10 AM – Ascension of Jesus
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In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE – *“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”* – Karen Narveson
and Myrna Emata Diaz

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the risen Savior Jesus be with you all.
All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR ASCENSION DAY

– by Rev. Mindi

L: A new day has begun.

All: Hope wins!

L: A fresh start is granted.

All: Faith wins!

L: Today you have the opportunity to do something new.

All: Hope wins!

L: Christ is entering your life in a new way.

All: Faith wins!

L: Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

All: Love wins! Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR ASCENSION

– by Rev. Mindi

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Almighty God, we confess that we have our eyes set in the clouds instead of on the earth You have given us.

All: We desire heavenly treasure but we keep believing that worldly means will help us attain it.

P: Forgive us for our short sightedness.

All: Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power and measures of success,

P: and call us to the down-to-earth message of Your love, to care for the needs of those around us,

All: especially the oppressed and marginalized.

P: You have called us through scripture to care for the widows and orphans among us;

All: help us to see all those who are left out by society and are in need.

P: Help us to break down the dividing walls that we have placed, so that we may truly be one,

All: as You and Christ are one. For it is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: We were made by God, brought forth from the earth, the earth that was called good when God created it.

All: Our very being is good.

P: Go, know that you are forgiven and loved by the God who made the earth, and made you.

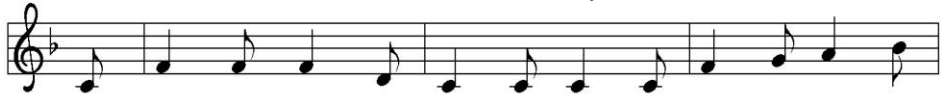
All: We will share the Good News. Amen.

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN – “I Come with Joy” vs, 1,4,5



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

INVOCATION

P: *Worship our Creator in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. The God who created the world and fills it with life is with you all.*

All: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



All: **Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.**



L: For the peace that comes from a - bove, For the



heal - ing of our bro - ken - ness and sin, Let us



pray, Let us pray to the Lord.



All: **Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.**



L: For the peace of all God's cre - a - tion, For the



u - ni - ty of all God's peo - ple, Let us



pray, Let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.



L: For this ho-ly house of God, For all who



of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, Let us



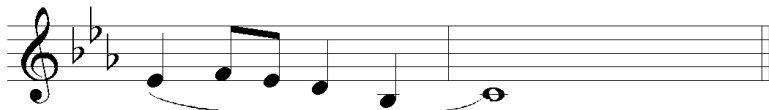
pray, Let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, oh Lord have mer - cy.



L: Help, save, com-fort and de-fend us gra-cious Lord.



All: A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE – “Life Together”



All: Cre - a - ted for a life to - geth - er, we
With sun and moon and stars of hea - ven we



come a - live in you. Now, in your fel-low-ship you
name you as our light; In mor-ning star and pas-chal



birth us, and give us life a - new. To - day we
can - dle You make our dark-ness bright. In wind or



come to sing your prais - es; Our hearts made one in
calm, in storm or sun - shine the earth sings forth your



song to Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit in
praise; With trees and fields and flow - ing ri - ver we



whom we all be - long. We
owe you all our days. We



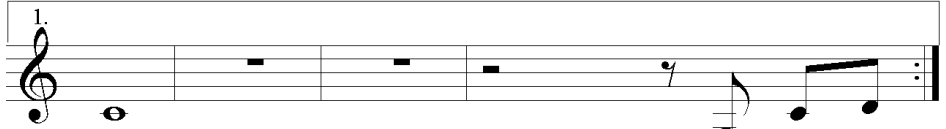
sing to the God of sun-rise, of kindled hearts and emp-ty
sing to our God who knows us in joy or sor-row, pain or



tomb. We sing to the God of sha-dows, of shat-tered
pleasure. We sing to our God now with us, Im - man - u -



dreams and bar - ren womb; We sing to our God of
 el, our price - less treasure; We sing to our God of



Love!

With sun and



Love!

We

sing to our God of

Love!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Creator of life, we do not know the face of the future,
 any more than your disciples did.

All: **Like them, we have many questions: how to live;
 how to bear witness.**

L: Like them, we thirst for the spring waters of the Spirit
 to inspire us in our living;

All: **to give us a heart language in our testimony.**

L: You have been raised in glory

All: **that we might rise with dignity.**

L: You live in power that we might live in peace

All: **You are present everywhere that we might be fully
 present in our own lives**

L: This we believe.

All: **This we step out on.**

Be Seated



Reader: Today's reading is from Acts, chapter one, beginning with the first verse.

READING – *Acts 1:1-11*

In my earlier account, Theophilus, I dealt with everything that Jesus had done and taught, from the beginning until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After the Passion, Jesus appeared alive to the apostles—confirmed through many convincing proofs—over the course of forty days, and spoke to them about the reign of God.

On one occasion, Jesus told them not to leave Jerusalem. “Wait, rather, for what God has promised, of which you have heard me speak,” Jesus said. “John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

While meeting together they asked, “Has the time come, Rabbi? Are you going to restore sovereignty to Israel?”

Jesus replied, “It’s not for you to know times or dates that Abba God has decided. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; then you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”

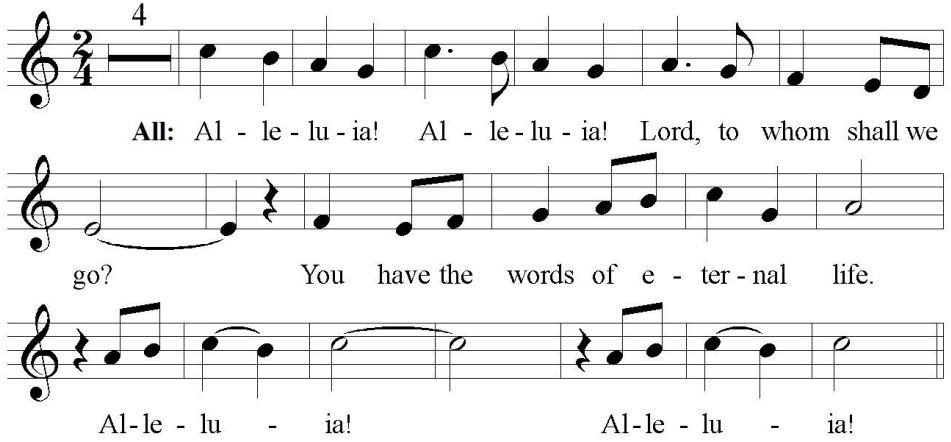
Having said this, Jesus was lifted up in a cloud before their eyes and taken from their sight. They were still gazing up into the heavens when two messengers dressed in white stood beside them. “You Galileans—why are you standing here looking up at the skies?” they asked. “Jesus, who has been taken from you—this same Jesus will return in the same way you watched him go up to heaven.”

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

ALLELUIA



4

All: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



All: Glo - ry to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL – Luke 24:44-53

“Then Jesus said to them, “Remember the words I spoke when I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the psalms had to be fulfilled.”

Then Jesus opened their minds to the understanding of the scriptures, saying, “That is why the scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. In the Messiah’s name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of all this.

“Take note: I am sending forth what Abba God has promised to you. Remain here in the city until you are clothed with the power from on high.”

Then Jesus took them to the outskirts of Bethany, and with upraised hands blessed the disciples. While blessing them, the savior left them and was carried up to heaven. The disciples worshiped the risen Christ and returned to Jerusalem full of joy. They were found in the Temple constantly, speaking the praises of God.”

P: The Gospel of our Living Creator.



All: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME – *Pastor Tim*

Please Stand

HYMN . . . “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” vs. 1,2

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: “Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o’er, shall our
 out of ev - ’ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood.”
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more”?

Be Seated

MESSAGE – *Pastor Tim*

Please Stand

AN ASCENSION DAY LITANY – *by Christine Sine*

L: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours—

All: a world in which justice does come for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.

L: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed—

All: a community that loves and cares for all members, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where all find a place of belonging.

L: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun—

All: all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.

L: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

All: God's new world has begun.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: God is our chosen portion, the cup of our salvation, the bread of life.

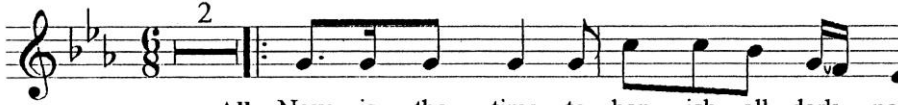
All: Let us share our gratitude for God's gift of everlasting presence as we share a portion of God's many abundant gifts with a world in need of the Easter miracle.

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE – “Now Is the Time”



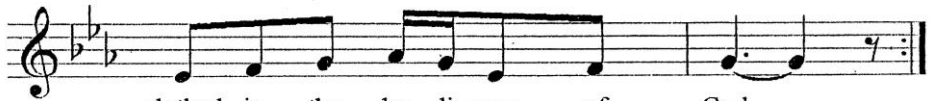
All: Now is the time to ban - ish all dark - ne
Here we are made to shine in God's glo - r



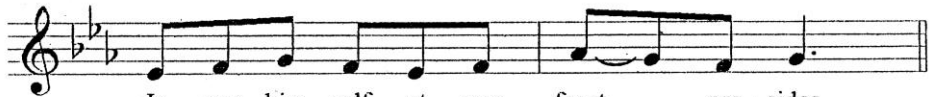
Christ is our way, our truth and light.
Here we're made whole as the bo - dy of Christ.



Come to the Lord's fes - tive ta - ble
Here we be - come a liv - ing of - fer - ing—



clothed in the ho - li - ness of God.
ho - ly com - mun - ion in Christ.



Je - sus him - self at our feast pre - sides.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Your power and might, O God, bring forth our worship and praise.

All: **Your love and mercy, Compassionate One, call forth our gratefulness and thanksgiving.**

L: In appreciation for your blessing in our lives,

All: **we offer you these gifts from our hearts, this fruit of our industry.**

L: Receive them, we pray, in the name of the one who ascended to heaven,

All: **that our lives here on earth might be filled with your Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. Holy One, ruler of heaven and earth, wash us in your Holy Spirit and make us witnesses to your resurrected life in this community. Let our fellowship be a sign to others of the presence of Christ. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: In faithful and diverse worship, turn all people toward you and your loving will for humankind. Bridge differences among traditions and across faiths. Unite us in mission for the sake of a world in need. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: In the suffering and death of Jesus, draw near to those who suffer and for whom death approaches. Hold them in the palm of your loving hand and give them rest. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



L: The Lord be with you.



All: And al - so with you.



L: Lift up your hearts.



All: We lift them up to the Lord.



L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new

covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. As we remember his life, his service, his death, his resurrection, his ascension, we speak of the mystery of faith:

All: Christ died to reveal salvation to us; Christ arose to reveal resurrection life to us; Christ ascended and will return to reveal glory to us.

P: Then, when we gather at your feast in glory, seated with our siblings from all time, we will clap our hands, shouting our joy to you,

All: God in Community, Holy in One, now and forevermore. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The disciples knew Jesus in the breaking of the bread!

All: We come to the table of the risen Christ where we are known and loved.

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table
after the Lamb of God is sung.

Be Seated

THE LAMB OF GOD

3

All: Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the

1.

sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh

2.

mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Detailed description: The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 3/4 time signature. The first measure contains a whole note G4 with a '3' above it, indicating a triplet. This is followed by a quarter rest, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. A repeat sign follows. The melody continues with quarter notes C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, Bb5, and C6. The lyrics 'All: Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the' are aligned under the notes. The second line starts with a quarter note C5, quarter note D5, quarter note E5, quarter note F5, quarter note G5, quarter note A5, quarter note Bb5, and quarter note C6. The lyrics 'sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh' are aligned under these notes. A first ending bracket covers the last three notes (Bb5, C6, Bb5). The second line starts with a quarter note C5, quarter note D5, quarter note E5, quarter note F5, quarter note G5, quarter note A5, quarter note Bb5, and quarter note C6. The lyrics 'mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,' are aligned under these notes. A second ending bracket covers the last three notes (Bb5, C6, Bb5). The third line starts with a quarter note C5, quarter note D5, quarter note E5, quarter note F5, quarter note G5, quarter note A5, quarter note Bb5, and quarter note C6. The lyrics 'grant us peace, grant us peace.' are aligned under these notes.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is open to all.

If you need communion brought to you,
please let an usher know.

For communion at the altar rail:

You may come up the center aisle to the altar rail as space allows, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to dip the wafer into. Then take a cup of grape juice from the assistant, partake, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:

You may come to altar rail as above, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake. Or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

COMMUNION HYMN – “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
fir - ma - ment: O Wind of heav - en, by thy might save
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, our loved ones go, pro - tect them by thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

COMMUNION HYMN – “One Bread, One Body”

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

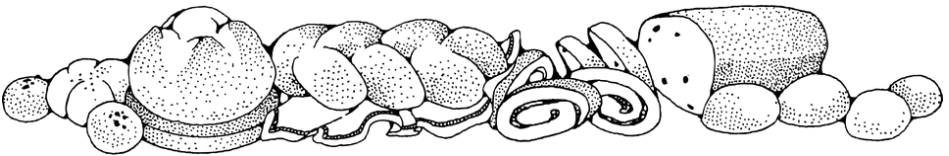


1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.



SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament. May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . **SENDING**

BENEDICTION – “*May the Lord Bless and Keep You*”

L: May the Lord bless and keep you, make
his face shine up - on you, May the Lord smile up -
on you and give you peace.

All: A - men.

Benediction+

SENDING OUT HYMN – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

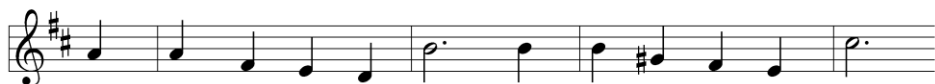
vs. 1,4



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

DISMISSAL

L: Go as witnesses of the Risen Savior.

All: Christ ascended to bring life to all!

POSTLUDE – Myrna Emata Diaz



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