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The Ascension of Our Lord

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*A gathering
of the congregations of
St. Matthew, Manhattan,
& Immanuel, Mt. Vernon.*

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

C **Amen.**

Introit:

P Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;

C **Day when our risen Lord
Rose in the heavens to reign.**

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

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

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

C **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.**

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

Psalm 110:1, 4-5; 47:5

493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

- 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!

- 4 "You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky." Alleluia, alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty."
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 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!

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
- C And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise: To God Be the Glory

- 1 To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done.

- 2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender by grace may believe,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receive. *Refrain*
- 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our vict'ry, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- P Let us pray...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. **C Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In 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." *Acts 1:1-11*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**²For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,*
a great king over all the earth.**

³He subdued peoples under us,*
and nations under our feet.

**⁴He chose our heritage for us,*
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

⁵God has gone up with a shout,*
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises!*
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷For God is the King of all the earth;*
sing praises with a psalm!

⁸God reigns over the nations;*
God sits on his holy throne.

⁹The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.*
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Lord I Lift Your Name On High
Lord I Love To Sing Your Praises
I'm So Glad Your In My Life
I'm So Glad You Came To Save Us

You Came From Heaven To Earth To Show The Way
From The Earth To The Cross My Debt To Pay
From The Cross To The Grave
From The Grave To The Sky

Text: Rick Founds

A Reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians

For 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. *Ephesians 1:15–23*

A The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Then [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.

Luke 24:44–53

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn: See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph

- 1 See, the Lord ascends in triumph;
Conqu'ring King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,
To His heav'nly palace gate.
Hark! The choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heav'nly King.
- 2 Who is this that comes in glory
With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,
He has gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer,
He who from the grave arose,
He has vanquished sin and Satan;
He by death has crushed His foes.
- 3 While He lifts His hands in blessing,
He is parted from His friends;
While their eager eyes behold Him,
He upon the clouds ascends.
He who walked with God and pleased Him,
Preaching truth and doom to come,
He, our Enoch, is translated
To His everlasting home.
- 4 He has raised our human nature
On the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heav'nly places,
There with Him in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne.
By our mighty Lord's ascension
We by faith behold our own.

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Apostles' Creed

P God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **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

The Peace is shared

Offertory

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits
to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

P Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your name's sake.

C Amen.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P 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.

C Amen.

Announcements

Hymn: I Serve A Risen Savior

I Serve A Risen Savior
He's In The World Today.
I Know That He Is Living,
Whatever Men May Say.
I See His Hand Of Mercy;
I Hear His Voice Of Cheer;
And Just The Time I Need Him
He's Always Near.

He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus Lives Today!
He Walks With Me and Talks With Me
Along Life's Narrow Way.
He Lives, He Lives, Salvation To Impart!
You Ask Me How I Know He Lives?
He Lives Within My Heart.

In All The World Around Me
I See His Loving Care,
And Though My Heart Grows Weary,
I Never Will Despair;
I Know That He Is Leading,
Through All The Stormy Blast;
The Day Of His Appearing
Will Come At Last.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Oh Christian,
Lift Up Your Voice And Sing
Eternal Hallelujahs To Jesus Christ The King!
The Hope Of All Who Seek Him,
The Help Of All Who Find,
None Other Is So Loving,
So Good And Kind.

Alfred Henry Ackley (1887-1960)

P Go and share the Good News.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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