

May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Ascension of Jesus



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

Hymn: *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build* CW # 173

1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, Great gifts for me ob -
3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing your as -

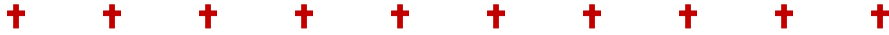
cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and ap - pre -
tain - ing, My heart shall rest in him a - lone, No oth - er rest re -
cen - sion, That I may serve you faith - ful - ly, A - dorn - ing your re -

hen - sion; For where the head is, there as well I know his
main - ing, For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There all my
demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let me de -

mem - bers are to dwell When Christ shall come and call them.
thoughts shall ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

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Confession and Absolution

L: *(rise)* The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: O Lord, teach us your ways,

C: That we may walk in your truth.

L: You comfort and help us day by day.

C: We trust your loving care.

L: You are the King of heaven and earth.

C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: AMEN

Prayer and Praise

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord,

C: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,

C: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

L: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand;

C: The heights of the hills are also his,

L: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God,

C: We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. AMEN

Prayer of the Day

L: Lord Jesus, your Father raised you on high, seated you at his right hand, and appointed you to be head over everything for the sake of the Church. Gather the elect from all nations into your Church and make them a holy people to praise and adore you, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. *(seated)*

First Lesson:

Acts 1:1-11

L: ¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ⁶ So when they met together, they asked him,

C: “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

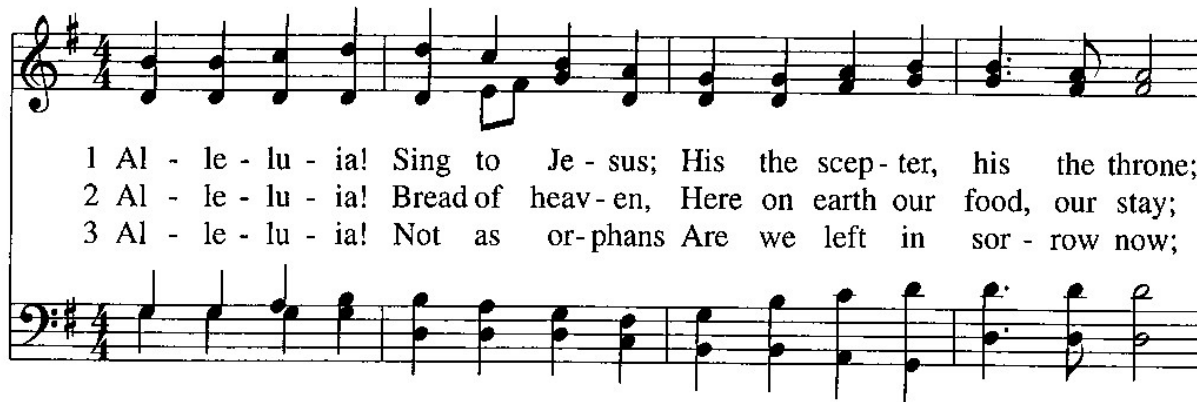
L: ⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

C: ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

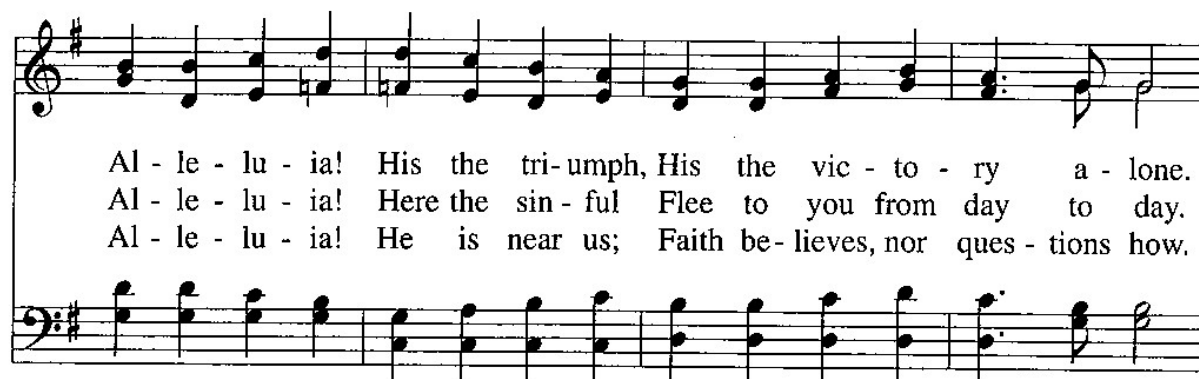
L: ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” *(The Word of our God)*

Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus..... CW # 169

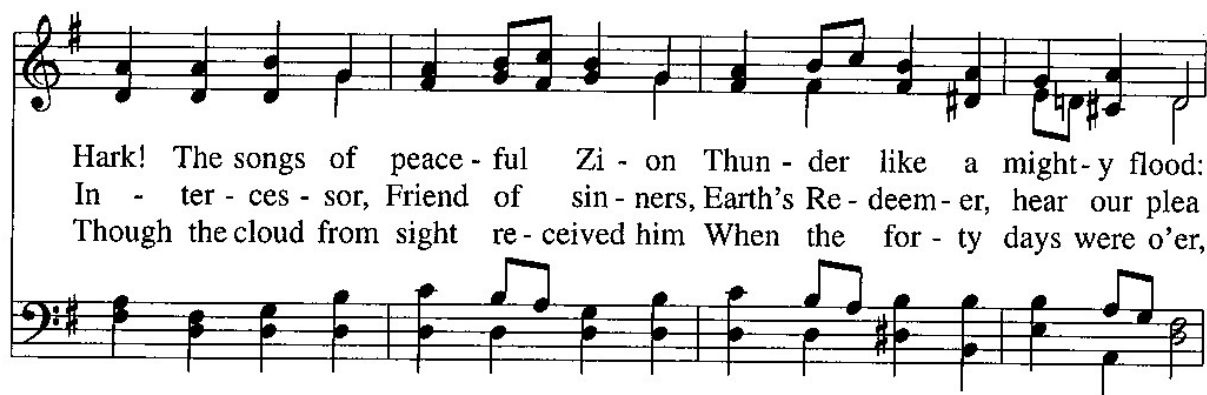
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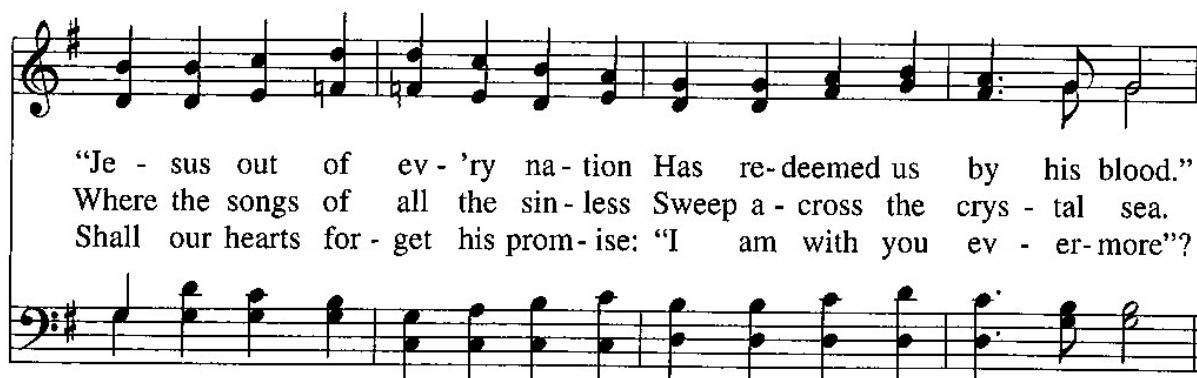
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter, his the throne;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our food, our stay;
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in sor - row now;



Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful Flee to you from day to day.
Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood:
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er,



"Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
Where the songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
Shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?

2nd Lesson:

Ephesians 1:16-23

¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (The word of the Lord)

Gospel: (rise)

Luke 24:45-53

L: ⁴⁵ Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise be to you, O Christ! (seated)

Hymn: *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* **CW # 175 Stz 1-4**

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1 Hail the day that sees him rise To his throne a - bove the skies!
 2 There the glo-rious tri-umph waits: Lift your heads, e - ter-nal gates.
 3 See, the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Yet he loves the earth he leaves;
 4 See, he lifts his hands a - bove; See, he shows the prints of love.

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Re - as-cends his na - tive heav'n.
 He has con- quered death and sin; Take the King of glo - ry in!
 Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Still he calls man - kind his own.
 Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.

Sermon:

Acts 1:9-11

Keep Your Eyes on the Skies Promises

L: He is risen!

C: He is risen Indeed!

Apostles' Creed: *(Rise) (together we confess)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world. This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

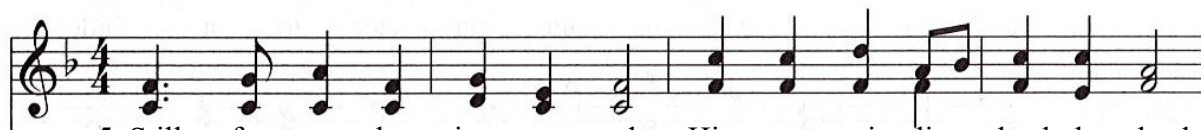
L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

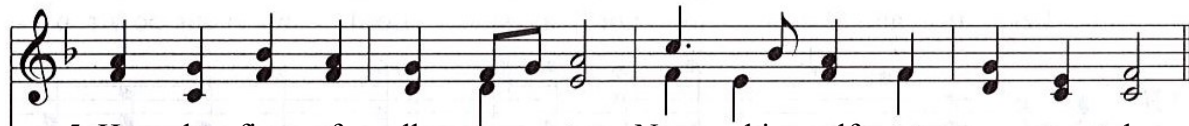
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Hymn: *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* CW # 175 Stz 5 & 6



5 Still for us he in - ter - cedes; His pre - vai - ling death he pleads
6 There we shall with you re - main. Part - ners in your end - less reign,



5 He, the first of all our race, Near him - self pre - pares a place.
6 There your face un - clou - ded view, Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.

Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day

Let us remember and honor those men and women who gave their lives to preserve and protect our freedoms and liberties.

