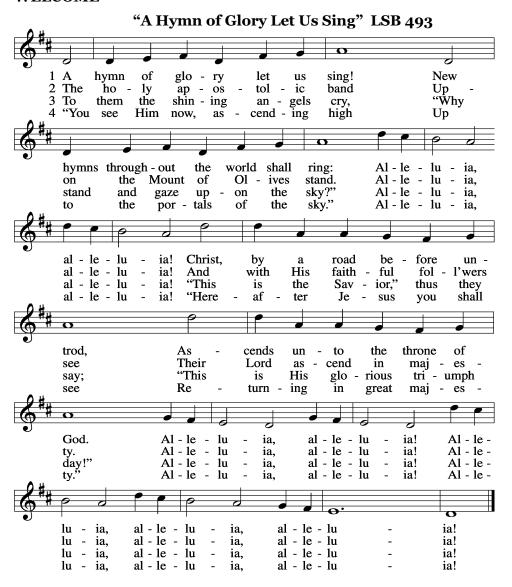
The Ascension of Our Lord Sunday, May 12, 2024

PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME



- Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward. 5
 - Alleluia, alleluia!
 - Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.
 - Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
- O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord: 6 Alleluia, alleluia!
 - You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

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INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our \mathbf{C} sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. P
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. \mathbf{C} We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen. \mathbf{C}

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you. C
- 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

EPISTLE Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For 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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:44–53

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then [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.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.



MESSAGE

Today's Martyrs

LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 AM Service Continues with the Benediction, 10:30 AM Service Continues with Communion.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (10:30 Only)

PAX DOMINI (10:30 Only)

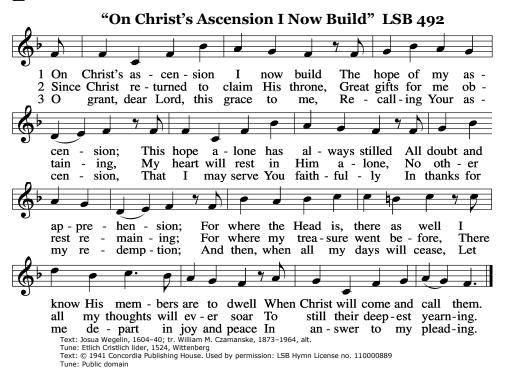
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION (10:30 Only)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT (10:30 Only)

BENEDICTION

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- C Amen.



FAMILY MATTERS

POSTLUDE

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