



**Feast of the Ascension
May 16, 2021**

Prelude *Sinfonia from Cantata #146 ** J.S. Bach

Welcome

Hymn *Hail the day that sees Him rise* Hymn 214
(vs. 1,2,4)

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia! Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia! Raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia! Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

Opening Acclamation

Clergy Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Gloria

Glo - - ri - a, glor - - ri - a, in ex - cel - - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glor - ry in the high - est!

Glo - - ri - a, glo - - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Clergy 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. **Amen.**

Reading

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
 shout to God with a cry of joy.
- ² For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
 he is the great King over all the earth.
- ³ He subdues the peoples under us,
 and the nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chooses our inheritance for us,
 the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
 the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
 sing praises to our King, sing praises.

- 7 For God is King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.

Sequence Hymn

The head that once was crowned with thorns

Hymn 483
(vs. 1-4)

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light;

The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love and grants his Name to know.

To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given,
Their name, an everlasting name; their joy, the joy of heaven.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said to his disciples,] "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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Given new life by the risen Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope, and life.

Silence

In our Parishes, we pray for the people of Trinity Episcopal Church, Constantia; and the people of Grace Episcopal Church, Copenhagen, and their priest, The Rev. Holly Evans. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of Misión San Esteban, and their priest The Rev. Alfredo López. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Lexington Kentucky, and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of The Anglican Church of Korea and their bishop, The Most Revd Peter Kyongho Lee.

For the church made alive with Christ, that it would bear witness to the wonder of the resurrection through word and deed.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For the whole world, that the crucified and risen Christ will mend what is broken and fill all corners of the earth with justice and peace.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For Creation, that we may have wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature responsibly that generations to come may continue to praise you for your bounty.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are overshadowed by illness of body, mind, and spirit, especially those we now name____. That the Holy Spirit's healing and life-giving presence will touch their lives.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That all who await new life, those about to be born and those about to die, will know Christ's presence with them.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That with all the faithful who have died, especially those we now name____, we will join in songs of praise at the victory feast of God who triumphs over death and gives eternal life.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Leader

Gracious God, we give you thanks. Hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen one, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

Rejoice the Lord Is King!

Richard Pfohl

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart! lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love:
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
to Christ the Lord are given.

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Clergy May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and new possibilities, bring you new life...
May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you...
May Christ who by death has destroyed death, give you all courage and joy...
And the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

Hymn 494
(vs. 1,3,4,5)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who dies for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light, where waits with angels sing
their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Te Deum

Marc Charpentier

**(Special thanks for the music ministry of Dave Peebles – trumpet)*

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