

Feast of the Ascension May 29, 2022 10:45am

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns (vs. 1-3)

Hymn 494

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 died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began, and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

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.

Opening Acclamation

Clergy Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

- Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.
- For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth.
- 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.
- God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.
- God reigns over the nations;God sits upon his holy throne.

- The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.
- The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

Gospel Song

Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

Holy Gospel Luke 24:44-53

Clergy 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.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

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

Leader

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

A brief silence.

In this diocese, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; and the people of St. John's Episcopal Church in Oneida and their priest, the Rev. Nick Smith. We also pray for the people of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Oswego and their priest, the Rev. Anne Wichelns. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador, we pray for the seminarians and Postulants in the Salvadoran Diocesan Clergy Formation Program. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of Utah and their bishop-elect. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of South India and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Dharmaraj Rasalam.

God of glory and grace, you answer those who call on your name. Continue the transformation of your church so that we may share your love with the world. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

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.

We acknowledge the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are worshipping today. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region.

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 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.**

The Peace

Clergy The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Offertory

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,

is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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Sanctus (sing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Lord we sing your praise. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Lord we sing your praise. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Lord we sing your praise. Lord we sing your praise.

Great Thanksgiving Continues

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The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

Music at Communion

St. Peter

Healey Willan

The Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May we who have received the gift of God's reconciling love, be his body for the world, his hands to bring blessing, and his joy in the promise of creation restored.

And may Almighty God bless you, renew the risen life of Christ within you, and bring forth in you the fruit of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 1,2,3,6)

Hymn 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call, the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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