ASCENSION SUNDAY | HOLY EUCHARIST

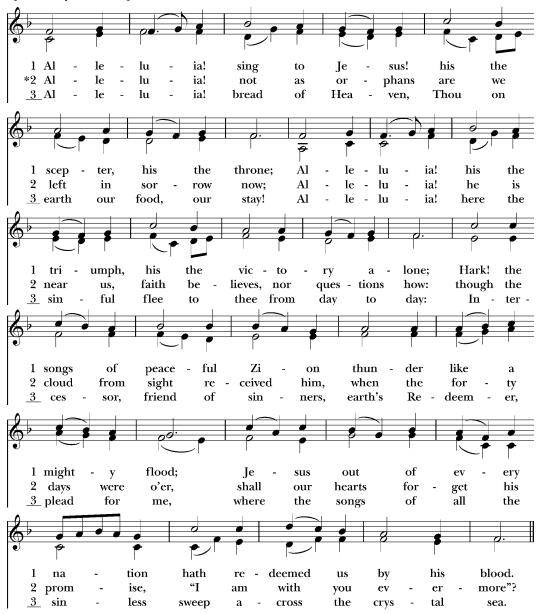
After multiple appearances to his followers, the risen Jesus is lifted to heaven yet continues to be active in our world and lives today.

About this Gathering

Ascension Day celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven covered with a cloud, which in the Hebrew Scriptures refers to the elusive presence yet cosmic power of God. Please lift your voice in hymns, worship and prayer!

Prelude

Hymn 460 | Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia.

St. Mary Magdalene

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MASKS & GATHERINGS
"So we may be exiting the public health emergency, but we haven't left the public health threat."
As Covid emergency ends for the WHO & USA, the response shifts to peacetime mode. So, while masks at Gatherings are now optional, St. Mary's asks that for the protection of others, people with cold or other symptoms to please wear a mask or worship online until symptoms clear.



Song of Praise | *Gloria, gloria, gloria* | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

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*.

Acts 1:1-11

The author summarizes the last events and instructions of Jesus' earthly ministry before he is lifted up into heaven.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.





Psalm 47

A hymn of praise to the mighty king who is raised up and enthroned on high.

Let us read Psalm 47 responsively.

¹Clap your hands, all you peoples; *

shout to God with a cry of joy.

²For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *

he is the great King over all the earth.

³He subdues the peoples under us, *

and the nations under our feet.

⁴He chooses our inheritance for us, *

the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

⁵God has gone up with a shout, *

the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises; *

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷For God is King of all the earth; *

sing praises with all your skill.

8God reigns over the nations; *

God sits upon his holy throne.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *

with the people of the God of Abraham.

 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, ${\color{red}\star}$

and he is highly exalted.

Ephesians 1:15-23

Paul gives thanks for there faith and love of the Ephesians.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far 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 age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 432 | O praise ye the Lord



Luke 24:44-53

Jesus leaves his followers with the promise of of the Holy Spirit and is carried up into heaven.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then he 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, 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.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Creed | Sung to Hyfrydol



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Prayers of the People

Come, let us pray with thanksgiving to him who ascended with great triumph to God's heavenly reign, responding: "For this we pray, Hear us, Ascended Lord." Open our minds to understand the truth of holy scripture, fashioning our lives to proclaim its saving message, and bearing witness to the power of forgiveness and mercv.

Silence

For this we pray,

Hear us, ascended Lord.

Send us into places of poverty and despair, that we may feed the hungry, comfort those who are ill, be present to the lonely, offer hope to the downtrodden, and reveal the healing power of the Risen and Ascended Christ; The people add their petitions & intercessions, followed by silence.

For this we pray,

Hear us, ascended Lord.

Turn our hearts toward your will, that we may choose new life, receive the grace of your forgiveness, and bear witness to your loving and sacrificial hope;

Silence

For this we pray,

Hear us, ascended Lord.

Move the leaders of Church and government to guide us into a simplicity of living, discovering our worth through virtuous living, and leaving behind the false promises of the world's wealth;

Silence

For this we pray,

Hear us, ascended Lord.

Give us faith to perceive that Christ dwells with his Church on earth and prepares for us a heavenly mansion where we join in the inheritance of the saints, especially remembering today all who have died;

The people add their remembrances, followed by silence.

For this we pray,

Hear us, ascended Lord.

With the freedom of an enlightened heart and in thanksgiving for the faith of the apostles, whose devotion to Jesus inspires our holy and life-giving commitment to proclaim his message today.

In the name of Jesus for this we pray:

Hear us, ascended Lord.

During the Great Fifty Days of Easter, St. Mary's follows the early Church practice of omitting the Confession of Sin. We are not deceiving ourselves that we are less sinful during the Easter Season; however, our desire is to joyfully celebrate the power and grace of God in the new life of the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

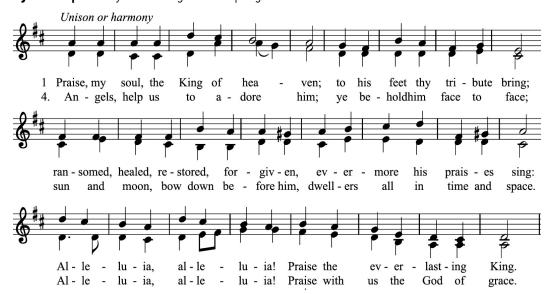
HOLY COMMUNION | PLEASE SHARE COMMUNION WITH US

Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us. So, as Jesus the Christ commands his Church to "Do this for the remembrance of me.", St Mary's gathers in person or remotely to follow this command believing that by the power of the Holy Spirit the Word of God is proclaimed and the bread and wine at the church table and at your home become for us the holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Offering | An Invitation to Joy & Gratitude

Ways to give: Please drop your offering in the basket Or click the "Giving" tab to make a secure online offering Or Secure mail to St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church PO Box 90811 San Diego, CA 92169-2811. FYI, St Mary's has earned a CANDID GOLD STAR OF TRANSPARENCY on Guidestar, the premiere donor/organization vetting & clearing site in the US.

Hymn 410 | Praise my soul the king of heaven | Sing vs. 1 & 4



The Great Thanksgiving

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power;

because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more. Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks as we sing:

WLP 785 | Santo, santo, santo Holy, holy, holy | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



All glory and honor to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. The night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom. O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God; how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in our chosen language and voice.

The contemporary version below is optional; however, please pray boldly the version of choice and language of choice.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread & Communion

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen. | The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

We come forward take the Bread and, for those who choose, the Wine. St. Mary's upholds the Doctrine of Concomitance that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the holy bread or wine or both.

Sending Prayer

Let us pray together.

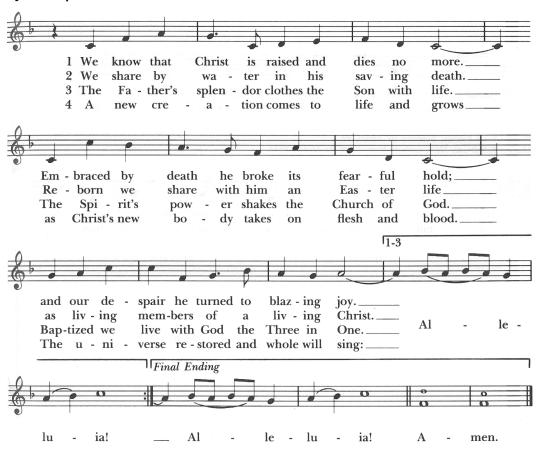
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Easter Blessing Over the People

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and may God's Blessing be with us, Christ's peace be with us, the Spirit's outpouring be with us, now and always. *Amen*.



Hymn 296 | We know that Christ is raised and dies no more



An Easter Season Prayer

Let us bless pray.

Holy God, thank You for entrusting us with the people in our churches. And thank You for calling us to go and make Christ-followers. You know exactly what the people we serve need, and we have watched You move in amazing ways to draw people close to You. You have loved all of us with an everlasting love. We cannot serve people without You guiding us. God, we need You—and we want You. So with the Season of Easter, please make us aware of how our people are struggling. Show us how to help communities that desperately need hope. Renew our passion, remind us of our purpose, and make us ready for what You are going to do. We want Easter Day and the Season of Easter to be filled with miracles that remind us that You are not done working. So please change lives and resurrect hearts. Let revival start with us—but please don't let it stop with us. God, we expect You to do great things—and we want to be a part of it. So here we are, Lord. Use us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dismissal

Let us bless the our Savior. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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