

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ASCENSION SUNDAY • HOLY EUCHARIST

The risen Jesus the Christ is lifted up into heaven.

About this Gathering

Ascension Sunday reminds us that Jesus prepared his followers to say goodbye as he promised that the Holy Spirit will empower them to share the Gospel story so that the reign of Christ will continue, even in our own time. Please lift your voice in hymns, worship and prayer!

Prelude

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

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

Final Ending

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en - las al - tu - ras a Dios!
 Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to God on high

y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - qué - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
 and on earth peace to all peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.

Collects

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.*

Holy God, on this Mothers' Day we give thanks for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hopes to have children have been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all those who have mothered others in any way; and for all those who have been substitute mothers for those in need. We pray this in the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. *Amen*

Acts 1:1–11 | The last events of Jesus' earthly ministry are summarized before he is lifted up to 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 Most High who is raised up and enthroned on high.

Let us read Psalm 47 responsively.

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.

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.

Ephesians 1:15-23 | Paul gives thanks for the 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 380 | *From all that dwell below the skies*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Luke 24:44-53 | Jesus leaves his followers with the promise 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 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, 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*



1. We be - lieve_ in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by _ whose plan
2. Christ, who on _ the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
3. We be - lieve _ in God the Spi - rit; in one Churce, be - low, _ a - bove:



earth and hea - ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cen - ded to _ the dead.
saints of God _ in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness_ and love.



We be - lieve_ in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God_ in hu - man frame,
We be - lieve_ in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's King_ to rule_ and reign,
So by faith, _ our sins for - gi - ven, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,



vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
to _ the Fa - ther's side_ as - cen - ded till as judge he comes a - gain.
we _ shall rise_ with him_ in glo - ry to the life_ that knows no end.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Prayers of the People

God of love, as we celebrate the Ascension of your Son we ask you to bless this joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment. We stand amazed, O Lord, at your presence with us in our time and beyond time. We turn our gaze to you, and ask for your guidance and protection.

Silence

Fix the eyes of the church always on you, that we may see your glory and receive your blessing as we follow you in everything we do. Guide our leaders and give them hearts for you and your people. Lord, in your mercy.

We pray for the church.

Turn the hearts of the rulers of the nations toward the peace which you intend for all people, toward wise stewardship of the earth's resources, for the good of all people in every time and place. Lord, in your mercy.

We pray for the nations of the world.

Increase our efforts to become determined and compassionate bearers of your love and comfort to a broken world. Lord, in your mercy.

We pray for those in need.

Hear our songs of praise and thanksgiving as we lift our gratefulness to you, especially for _____. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayers.

Receive our prayers and intercessions for those in any need or trouble, especially _____. Lord, in your mercy.

We pray for those in need of healing.

Receive those who have died especially _____ into the heavenly reign where there is no pain or grief, where time is no more, where they sing with your glorious saints in light. Comfort those who grieve their loss and give them the confidence of your love which knows no limits. Lord, in your mercy.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may be your faithful witnesses in every area of our lives, everywhere we go, to everyone we meet. We depend on your constant presence and power. Lord, in your mercy.

We pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

All this we ask, O Lord, in Jesus's name, the one who lived and moved among us and who loves us still. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

For the Great Fifty Days of Easter, St. Mary's follows the early Church practice of omitting the Confession of Sin in a desire 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

Offering | An Invitation to Joy & Gratitude | Give in Person with Offering Basket, by US Mail or Online. Gifts received are blessed with this prayer: "Generous God, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen."

Hymn 410 | *Praise my soul, the King of heaven*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

The Great Thanksgiving

Through your dearly, beloved son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, after his glorious resurrection, openly appeared to his disciples

and in their site ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us that where he is there, we might also be and reign with him in glory.

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread & Communion

Alleluia! Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

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

Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst, for the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table,
St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us.

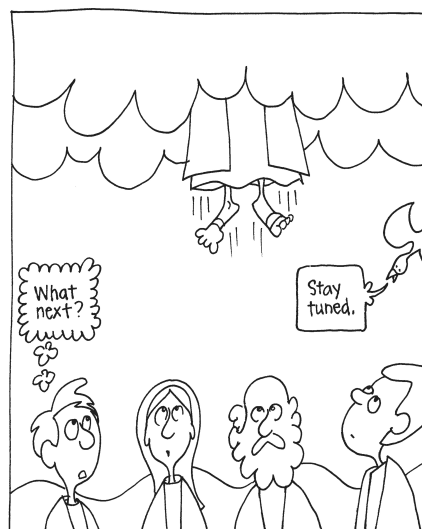
Sending Prayer

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 Christ, who by death has destroyed death and who out of defeat brings new hope and new alternatives, bring you new life so that you may be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you; And may God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen.*



Hymn 494 | Crown him with many crowns | Sing vs. 1, 4 & 5

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Dismissal

Let us bless our Savior. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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