

The Proper Preface (Pastor)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer (Pastor)

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution (Pastor)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!
C: Amen.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a Light to lighten the gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
C: And his mercy endureth forever.

P: We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou has refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

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

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Order of the Holy Communion
Ascension 2021**

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1. A Hymn of glory let us sing:

New songs throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascendeth to the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with His followers they see
Jesus' resplendent majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

3. To whom the angels, drawing nigh,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
This is the Savior!" thus they say;
"This is His noble triumph-day."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

4. "Again shall ye behold Him so
As ye today have seen Him go,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In glorious pomp ascending high,
Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

5. Oh, grant us thitherward to tend
And with unwearied hearts ascend
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou,
As is our faith, art seated now.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

6. Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense
Who art our future Recompense:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So shall the light that springs from Thee
Be ours through all eternity.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to Thee let earth accord,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Amen.

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Ghost.
C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near
with a true heart and confess our sins unto
God, our Father, beseeching Him in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: Who made heaven and earth.
P: I said, I will confess my transgressions
unto the Lord.
**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my
sin.**

**C: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a
poor miserable sinner, confess unto Thee
all my sins and iniquities with which I
have ever offended Thee and justly
deserved Thy temporal and eternal
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for
them and sincerely repent of them, and I
pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and
for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter
sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful
to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of
my office, as a called and ordained servant
of the Word, announce the grace of God
unto all of you, and in the stead and by the
command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive
you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
C: Amen.

Introit (Pastor)

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ,
have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy
upon us.**

**Glory be to God on High: and on earth,
peace, good will toward men. We praise
Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee,
for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly
King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord,
the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O**

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray: *Collect* is prayed...

C: **Amen.**

Lesson: Isaiah 57.15

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Epistle: Acts 1:1-11

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up,

behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

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Hallelujah. Hallelujah. God is gone up with a shout: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Hallelujah. Thou hast ascended on high: Thou hast led captivity captive. Hallelujah.

C: **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

The Gospel is announced...

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

Gospel: Mark 16:14-20

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

C: I believe in one God, the father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from

heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

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1. Lo, God to heaven ascendeth!

Throughout its regions vast
With shouts triumphant blendeth
The trumpet's thrilling blast:
Sing praise to Christ the Lord;
Sing praise with exultation,
King of each heathen nation,
The God of hosts adored!

2. With joy is heaven resounding
Christ's glad return to see;
Behold the saints surrounding
The Lord who set them free.
Bright myriads, thronging, come;
The cherub band rejoices,
And loud seraphic voices
All welcome Jesus home.

3. From cross to throne ascending,
We follow Christ on high
And know the pathway wending
To mansions in the sky.
Our Lord is gone before;
Yet here He will not leave us,
But soon in heaven receive us
And open wide the door.

4. Our place He is preparing;
To heaven we, too, shall rise,
With Him His glory sharing,
Be where our Treasure lies.
Bestir thyself, my soul!
Where Jesus Christ has entered,
There let thy hope be centered;

Press onward toward the goal.

5. Let all our thoughts be winging
To where Thou didst ascend,
And let our hearts be singing:
"We seek Thee, Christ, our Friend,
Thee, God's exalted Son,
Our Life, and Way to heaven,
To whom all power is given,
Our Joy and Hope and Crown." Amen.

Sermon

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

General Prayer

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1. On Christ's ascension I now build
the hope of mine ascension;
This hope alone has ever stilled
all doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there full well
I know His members are to dwell
When Christ shall come and call them.

2. Since He returned to claim His throne,
Great gifts for men obtaining,
My heart shall rest in Him alone,
no other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before,
there all my thoughts shall ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.

3. Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,
recalling Thine ascension,
That I may ever walk with Thee,
adorning Thy redemption;
And then, when all my days shall cease,
Let me depart in joy and peace
in answer to my pleading. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: