

Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that people be instructed before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishops, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



The Festival of the Ascension of our Lord
May 10th, 2018

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"So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." St. Mark 16:19

The Order of Divine Service

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|--|--|---|-----------------|-----------|
| The Prelude | <i>"Lasst uns erfreuen"</i> | Rudolf Moser | | |
| The Ringing of the Bell | | | | |
| Silent Prayer | | | | |
| <i>Stand</i> | | | | |
| The Processional Hymn | <i>"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"</i> | Δ | TLH 212 | |
| The Confiteor | | | | |
| The Address | | TLH p. 15 | | |
| Versicles | | TLH p. 15 | | |
| Confession and Absolution | | TLH p. 16 | | |
| The Introit | (Tone 2) | INSERT | | |
| The Kyrie | | TLH p. 17 | | |
| The Gloria in Excelsis | | TLH p. 17-19 | | |
| The Salutation | | TLH p. 19 | | |
| The Collect for the Day | | INSERT | | |
| The Collect for Rogate | | | | |
| <i>Sit</i> | | | | |
| The Lesson | | Isaiah 57:15 | | |
| After each Lesson: | V: This is the Word of the Lord. | | | |
| | R: Thanks be to God. | | | |
| The Epistle | | Acts 1:1-11 | | |
| The Greater Alleluia | | INSERT | | |
| The Triple Hallelujah | (Second Setting) | TLH p. 20 | | |
| <i>Stand</i> | | | | |
| The Holy Gospel | (<i>Paschal Candle is Extinguished</i>) | St. Mark 16:14-20 | | |
| The Nicene Creed | | TLH p. 22 | | |
| <i>Sit</i> | | | | |
| The Hymn | <i>"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"</i> | TLH 216 | | |
| The Sermon | <i>He Was Received Up into Heaven</i> | | | |
| <i>Stand</i> | | | | |
| The Offertory | <i>"Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God"</i> | TLH p. 22-23 | | |
| <i>Sit</i> | | | | |
| The Offering | | | | |
| <i>Stand</i> | | | | |
| The General Prayer | | TLH p. 23 | | |
| <i>Sit</i> | | | | |
| The Hymn | <i>"Lo, God to Heaven Ascendeth"</i> | TLH 214 | | |
| <i>Stand</i> | | | | |
| The Preface | | TLH p. 24 | | |
| The Proper Preface | | TLH p. 25 | | |
| The Sanctus and Benedictus | | TLH p. 26 | | |
| The Lord's Prayer | | TLH p. 27 | | |
| The Verba Domini | | TLH p. 27 | | |
| The Pax Domini | | | | TLH p. 27 |
| The Agnus Dei | | | | TLH p. 28 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | | | |
| The Distribution | | | | |
| <i>Stand</i> | | | | |
| The Canticle | | <i>"The Nunc Dimitiss"</i> | TLH p. 29-30 | |
| The Thanksgiving | | (<i>"And His mercy endureth forever"</i>) | TLH p. 30 | |
| The Post-Communion Collect | | | | |
| <i>Sit</i> | | | | |
| The Hymn | | <i>"Oh, Sing with Exultation"</i> | TLH 217 | |
| <i>Stand</i> | | | | |
| The Salutation | | | | TLH p. 31 |
| The Benedicamus | | | | TLH p. 31 |
| The Benediction | | | | TLH p. 31 |
| Silent Prayer | | | | |
| <i>Sit</i> | | | | |
| Announcements | | | | |
| The Postlude | | <i>"A Flat Major"</i> | Gottlieb Muffat | |
| Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand. | | | | |

THE FESTIVAL OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 10th, 2018



Introit

P: MEN OF || Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into | heav- | en? *

C: Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heav -en, (+) will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into | heav- | en. *

C: Alleluia! Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Acts 1:11b*)

P: || Oh, clap your hands, all you | peo- | ples! *

C: Shout to God with the voice | of | tri- | umph!

P: || For the Lord Most High is | awe- | some; *

C: He is a great King over | all | the | earth.

P: || God has gone up with a | shout, | - *

C: The Lord with the sound of | a | trum- | pet.

P: || God reigns over the | na- | tions; *

C: God sits on His | ho- | ly | throne. (*Psalm 47:1-2, 5, 8*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into | heav- | en? *

C: Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heav -en, (+) will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into | heav- | en. *

C: Alleluia! Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Acts 1:11b*)

Collect

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend and with Him continually dwell; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

(*From Quasimodogeniti through Whitsunday the Gradual is replaced by the Greater Alleluia.*)



Greater Alleluia

P: || Alle- | lu- | ia! *

C: Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || God has gone up with a | shout, | - *

C: The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || You have ascended on | high, | - *

C: You have led captivity captive. Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 47:5; 68:18a*)

Isaiah 57:15

¹⁵ For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”

Acts 1:1-11

¹ The former account 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 He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³ to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. ⁴ And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was

taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

St. Mark 16:14-20

¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

¹⁵ And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” ¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. (*The Paschal Candle is extinguished.*) ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

TLH 212 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

The Venerable Bede, died 735

1. A Hymn of glory let us sing;
 New songs thro’-out the world shall ring:—
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Christ, by a road before untrod,
 Ascendeth to the throne of God.—
 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!

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!

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!

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!

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!

Δ 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! Amen.

TLH 216 “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”

Josua Wegelin, 1636

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 tho’ts 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.

TLH 214 “Lo, God to Heaven Ascendeth”

Gottfried W. Sacer, 1661

1. Lo, God to Heav’n ascendeth!
 Thro’-out 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 Heav'n receive us
And open wide the door.

4. Our place He is preparing;
To Heav'n 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.

TLH 217 “Oh, Sing with Exultation”

Anders C. Arrebo, 1623

1. Oh, sing with exultation,
Sing to the Lord, rejoice,
And in His congregation
Shout with triumphant voice.
For, lo, at God’s right hand
Is Christ in glory seated;
With death and Hell defeated,
As Victor doth command.

2. Since Christ, our Lord, is living,
We nevermore shall die;
To God the glory giving,
We rise to Him on high.
Tho’ chastened we may be
And to our graves be taken,
We unto life shall waken
And live eternally.

3. Christ is the sure Foundation
The builders did reject,
But He for our salvation
Is precious and elect
And made the Corner-stone
On which the Church is founded;
This marvel now is sounded,
The work of God alone.

4. To Thee, O Christ, be glory,
Who camest in His Name!
Thy people sing the story

Thy praises to proclaim.
We thank Thee and adore,
O Christ, our Lord and Savior;
Thy grace and boundless favor
Stand fast forevermore. Amen.