

the distressed. Prepare us to be watchful, to be in prayer, longing for our Lord's return in like manner as He has gone up. For you live and reign, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The Offering and Offertory are omitted during Service this evening. While the holy altar is being prepared for the Holy Supper, you may spend time prayerfully preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament. If you wish you leave an offering, you may place it in the plate by the door as you depart the nave after Service.

The Service of the Sacrament

(Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS)

The Preface—The Agnus Dei (pp. 160-163)

Communicants are invited to pray the following:

Before receiving the Sacrament:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

The Distribution

The congregation receives the Holy Sacrament of Our Ascended Lord in silence this evening.

The Nunc Dimittis (p. 165)

The Post-Communion Collect (p. 166)

The Benediction (p. 166)

The Recessional Hymn: 494 “See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph”

The Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria!

The Ascension of Our Lord

29 May Anno † Domini 2014



“And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go

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The Service of Preparation

(Upon entering the nave, *silence* should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

The Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

(At the conclusion of the Ringing of the Bells, the congregation stands and faces the processional cross for the Procession)

The Processional Hymn: 493 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

The Confession and Absolution (p. 151)

The Service of the Word

The Introit

Ps. 47:1-2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11



Men of | Galilee,*

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,*

will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alle- | luia.

Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,*

a great king over | all the earth.

God has gone up | with a shout,*

the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

God reigns over the | nations;*

God sits on his | holy throne.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Men of | Galilee,*

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,*

will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alle- | luia.

The Kyrie (pp. 152-153)

The Gloria in Excelsis (p. 154)

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 156)

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:5-15

The Gradual is omitted during Easter

The Second Reading

Acts 1:1-11

The Alleluia and Verse (Common – p. 156)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

The Nicene Creed (p. 158)

The Hymn of the Day: 492 “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”

The Sermon

The Prayer of the Church

P O Lord God, heavenly Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son into our world, in which He laid aside His glory so that He might live our life and suffer our death. We thank You that in His ascension we can rejoice at the revelation of Your glory.

C **God is gone up with a shout.**

P We praise You for the life of grace and truth which He lived among us. Though the world is blind to Your glory, reveal Yourself, O God, through the faithful administration of Word and Sacraments, that every knee may bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, that those who sit in darkness may one day join in the shout of triumph at the coming again of our Lord.

C **The Lord has gone up with the sound of a trumpet.**

P In the midst of strife and conflict, wars and rumors of wars, remind us of your Lordship and triumph over all the enemies of Your people. Call to faithfulness the leaders of the earth, and bless those who govern. Thwart those who would hinder Your reign among all peoples. Deliver us from greed, self-centeredness, and pride. Grant us that sense of priorities that we may seek those things which are above.

C **You have ascended on high.**

P O most holy and merciful God, on this day Your Son ascended to the heavens where He intercedes for us. Give us the confidence that whatever we ask in His name and according to His will, shall be granted. As he has led the way into our heavenly fatherland, increase our hope.

C **You have led captivity captive.**

P You have not left us without comfort and hope. Consider our woes and fears; be not far from us in our times of trial. Be with the lonely, the forsaken, and