

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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### THE INTROIT

*(Psalm 47:5; 110:1, 4-5)*

God has gone up with a shout,

**The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,

**Until I make your enemies your footstool."**

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,

**"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."**

The Lord is at your right hand;

**He will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son...***

God has gone up with a shout,

**The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

### THE COLLECT

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.

**AMEN.**

### THE FIRST READING + Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you 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, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea

and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 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 into heaven."

*P: This is the Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THE GRADUAL

*(adapt. Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6)*

Christ has risen from the dead.

**God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,**

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**He has put all things under his feet.**

### THE EPISTLE READING + Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked 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 one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

### THE ALLELUIA VERSE

*(Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b)*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**Death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.**

Behold I am with you always,

**To the end of the age. Alleluia**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL + Luke 24:44-53

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are 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 blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

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**Greeters:** 8am Mark and Connie Bulmahn

10:15am Josh, Haylee, Madison and Avree Fisher

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