

Online Worship
May 24, 2020
Ascension of the Lord
We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

- One: Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,
All: for God reigns over all the earth
One: God has gone up with a shout!
All: Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, you draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your power...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

... through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

Response

Glory Be to the Father

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We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer

Psalm 47

- One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.
All: For the Lord Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,
One: who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;
All: who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.
One: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.
All: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.
One: For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.
All: God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.
One: The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.
All: The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.
- One: God of righteousness, you stand in power over all authorities, and you rule over all governments. Let the peoples of the earth rejoice and the leaders of nations follow the way of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:44-53

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The End is the Beginning

Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Leave to Serve God

***Charge and Benediction**

Hymn

Song of Hope

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