

Easter 6B/Ascension – May 16, 2021

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Welcome

- † If you would like to know more about Grace, visit our **website** at gracelutheran.church. A **membership** class, a class that covers the basic teachings of the Bible and what it means to be a Christian is beginning soon. Contact Pastor Sievert for more information. We would also love to share information with you about our Sunday worship services, our weekly Bible Classes, and our youth programs.



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is a member of the
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The Ascension of our Lord

Welcome and Invitation of Worship

L. The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

The Ascension

May 9, 2021

*40 days after Easter,
Jesus ascended into
heaven assuring us His
work for us is
victorious and fulfilled
for us. May the
uplifted hands of our
Ascended Lord bless
you today.*

L. In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING *(Selected from Psalm 47 & 68)*

On May 25, 735 AD, Ascension Day, the English Venerable Bede (the teacher who divided history into AD and BC) finished his translation of the Gospel of John into Old English. Then, on that day he died. From his deathbed, he spoke the words that have become the Prayer of the Day on Ascension, a prayer that sets the tone for the day, beginning with a note of triumph and ending with a supplication for the Spirit

L. God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

C: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King.

L. For God is the King of all the earth;

C: Sing to him a psalm of praise.

L: When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train.

C: Praise to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

L: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a song of praise.

C: God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

L: Clap your hands all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

C: How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!

L: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Prayer of the Day

L. Lord Jesus, King of Glory, after you rose from the dead, you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

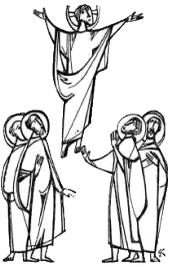
C. Amen. (spoken)

God's Word

First Lesson: Acts 1:9-11 *Luke records the account of the Ascension which leaves the disciples with joy and a mission.*

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."



The text for this hymn also comes from The Venerable Bede, 673–735. See the note on the prayer of the day.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:16-23

¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

- 2 Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.**

- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

- 4 Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to whom is given The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is King of all.**

**Notice His
lifted hands.**

They tell us of
**Complete
forgiveness**

**Complete
control**

Complete joy

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

L. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise be to you O Christ!



APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The Holy Christian Church – the communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

*God loves a
cheerful giver.*

*You may leave your
gift at the entry
way. Automatic
giving from your
bank account is
available through
our website.*

LITANY FOR ASCENSION

L: Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father in majesty,
power and glory and now rule as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords:

C: Rule over everything for the good of your church.

L: Ascended Prophet, that we may continue to proclaim the precious
message of the gospel in this place and throughout the world:

C: Rule over everything for the good of your church.

L: Ascended Priest, represent us before our Father as his own dear children
and heirs. That we might be protected from Satan's accusations and
receive the Father's blessing in our everyday life:

C: Rule over everything for the good of your church.

L: Ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they
may serve the best interests of your Church, and that those suffering in
India and throughout the world, might find healing in your love.

Lift your hands in blessing over our relatives and friends who need your
peaceful presence. Grant healing to our fellow members here at Grace
who need your healing touch. We ask this of you because you laid down

your life that we might share a heavenly glory with you. There is no greater love than this.

C: Rule over everything for the good of your church.

L: Lord, on this day when we honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks. We are grateful that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect your love modeled in the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for step-moms.

Grant them patience and understanding and love.

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for moms who have lost children.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for mothers who chose abortion.

Grant them healing and peace.

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive mothers.

Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

Grant them wisdom and discernment.

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

Grant them grace to accept your timing and will and their value in Christ.

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother.

Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

L: *Other petitions may follow...* As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

C: Lord Jesus, rule over everything for the good of your church. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

[L] The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

[C] Amen. (*spoken*)