

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

The Ascension of the Lord

May 29th, 2022, 10:30 am Mass

Entrance Song: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

1: Hail the day that sees Him rise. Alleluia!
To His throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!
Christ, the lamb for sinners giv'n. Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!

2: There for Him high triumphs waits. Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin. Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

3: See! The heav'n its Lord receives. Alleluia!
Yet He loves the earth He leaves. Alleluia!
Though returning to His throne. Alleluia!
Still He calls the world His own. Alleluia!

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Reading 1 Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reading 2 Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that men and women die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him. Therefore, brothers and sisters, since through the blood of Jesus we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary by the new and living way he opened for us through the veil, that is, his flesh, and since we have "a great priest over the house of God," let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 28:19a, 20b

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the 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, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Offertory Song:

One Sacrifice of Christ

1: One sacrifice of Christ, one throne above the heavens. Christ has risen as he said, And will come to wake the dead. Christ will return to set us free.
One sacrifice of love, one message for the nations; Jesus suffered, died and rose and ascended to the throne.
Christ will return to save the world.

2: One gaze we lift above, where Love was drawn to heaven. We stand watchful through the night for our King to come in light, heirs to the glory of the Lamb.
One mighty Word of truth: Christ did arise in triumph. Now he sits up on the throne; God's right hand is he alone. Christ reigns in splendor overall.

3: One banquet richly set for all God's holy people. We will die in joy and peace, and our song will never cease, praising the Lamb upon the throne.
One shout of joy we raise, one voice in exaltation. For in glory Christ has gone, and in hope we now are drawn to one sacrifice of Christ, one sacrifice of Christ.

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Communion Song 1:

Worthy is the Lamb

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
To receive honor and glory.
Worthy are the ones who believe
To receive the goodness of God.

1: Worthy are you, O Pascal Lamb,
Wisdom and strength belong now to you.
You laid down your life and died upon the cross:
We've become a people of hope. **Refrain**

2: Worthy are you, O Bread of Life.
Salvation and joy belong now to us.
By conquering death and rising to new life,
We've become a people of praise. **Refrain**

3: Worthy are you, O Risen Christ.
Wonders and signs, revealing your might.
Your power and glory shine upon our lives:
We've become your light for the world.

Refrain

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Communion Song 2:

In Christ Alone

1: In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2: In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,

3: There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world, by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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Sending Forth:

Hallelujah is Our Song

1: What hope we have, even in the longest night, for the light will overcome.
We will not fear, for we know the sun will rise. Hallelujah is our song.

2: What peace we have, even if this wounded world where the battle rages on.
We will not fear, for we know who heals our souls. Hallelujah is our song.

Refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah! He is risen over all. Hallelujah, hallelujah. Hallelujah is our song.

3: What joy we have, for the stone is rolled away and the tomb holds nothing now.
No sting of death, no power over sin and grave. Hallelujah is our song.

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Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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