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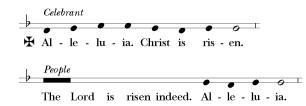
# ASCENSION DAY MAY 13, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

Voluntary: Prelude on "Ascended Triumph", Donald Rottermund

Hymn 214, Llanfair



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Llanfair, Robert Williams (1781-1821)



Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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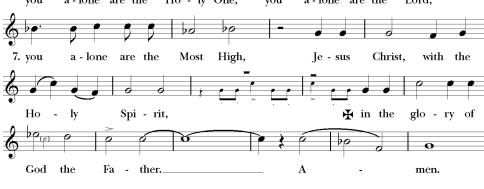
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S 278, Gloria in Excelsis (W. Matthias)



CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

### Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

MinisterThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm: 93, responsively by whole verse (Lector then the Congregation)

- 1 The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \* the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure \* that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \* you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; \* the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \* mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, \* and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

# Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

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

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# Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been 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 was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God."

Celebrant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon - Fr. John Thorpe

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  $\bigstar$  We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People, Form V

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, especially the Anglican Communion; the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; the Episcopal Church; the Diocese of Springfield; St. Andrew's, St. Michael's; the Diocese of Tabora; and the Diocese of Peru; that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For Justin (Archbishop of Canterbury); Michael (Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church); Daniel (Bishop of Springfield); Ben (Rector of St. Andrew's); John (Interim Priest of St. Michael's); Elias (Bishop of Tabora); Jorge (Bishop of Peru); and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust especially Joseph, JB, Hal, and all executive, legislative, and judicial officials, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For these congregations, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For ourselves; 🛱 for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially Bobby, Mike, Laura, Rebecca, Elmer, Joseph, Thomas, Bob, Keith, Richard, Alice, Deborah, Debbie, Tim, Sammie, Kathy, Trudy, Jay, Peter, Kyle, Alex, Robert, Grant, Anna Claire, Xavier, Chase, Angela, Jack, Nelson, Nick, Sue, Ted, Ken, and Janice; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

 $\mathbf{F}$  For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Mark, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Andrew, blessed Michael, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

### The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

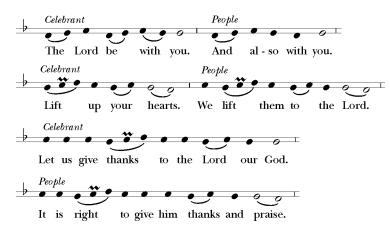
The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

### Voluntary: Prelude on "Hyfrydol", Paul Manz

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361 / Hymnal S 120

The people standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says



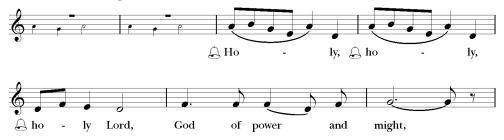
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

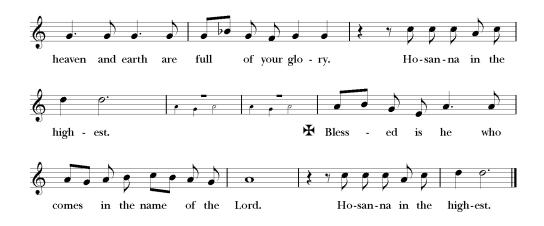
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (S 128, Sanctus, W. Matthias)





The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.  $\triangle$ 

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."  $\mathbf{F} \ominus \ominus \ominus$ 

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."  $\mathbf{F} \ominus \ominus \ominus$ 

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

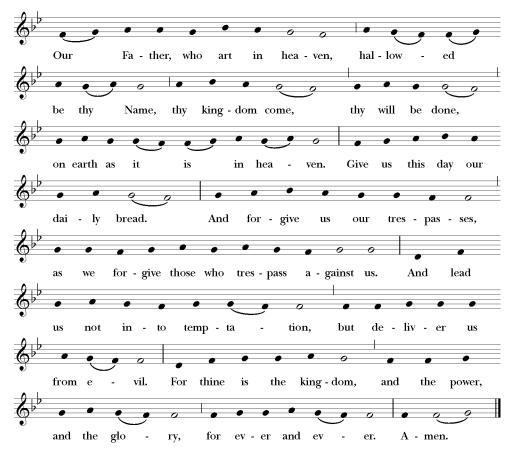
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.  $\bigstar$  Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  $\mathbf{F} \ominus$ . *People* 

**•** q A-men.

### The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal S119)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



# The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover (Hymnal S-155, G.R. Near - Cannot be reproduced due to copyright)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament. Those who wish to receive come forward to the foot of the Altar. The celebrant will be administering both the bread and the wine by intinction then distributing the Sacrament into the hand. Neither drinking from the chalice nor self-intinction are permissible. Should you choose to receive only the host, please indicate by crossing a single arm across your chest while extending the other to receive in the hand. As always, crossing both arms across the chest indicates the reception of a blessing instead of Communion. Please wait to consume the Host until returning to the pew. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive.

An Act of Spiritual Communion may be found below, and additional prayers may be found at the end of the bulletin.

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

This form is for use with those who have prayed through the liturgy of the day and not as a standalone devotion. The longer form for such occasions may be found at: http://anglicanhistory.org/oceania/wood\_communion1916.html

Now make a special effort to realize the presence of Jesus in your soul, and make your act of Spiritual Communion, remembering how at countless altars of the Church the Holy Sacrifice is being pleaded and souls fed sacramentally by the Body and Blood of Christ.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love.~Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God.~Amen.

Ask Jesus for the spiritual gifts you most need. Ask Him for any other needs for yourself, your school, and your friends. Pray,~

O Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, who hast promised to be with Thy Church even to the end; grant to Thy children the sense of Thy abiding presence, and bless our Bishop, clergy, and teachers, that Thy Kingdom may be spread and all brought to the knowledge of Thy saving grace.~Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Hymn 603, St. Botolph



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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

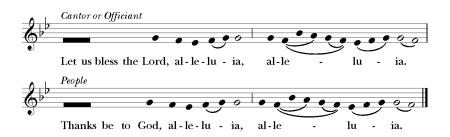
The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

God the Son, our great high priest, who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power from on high. Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful followers of the risen Christ. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, ₱ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.



Hymn 460, Hyfrydol - Found on the next page

### Announcements

Voluntary: Toccata in E Minor, Johann Pachelbel



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

### ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

#### 64. Before Worship, BCP p. 833

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Prayer of Humble Access, BCP p. 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

#### 66. Before Receiving Communion, BCP p. 834

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

#### 67. After Receiving Communion, BCP p. 834

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### 68. After Worship, BCP p. 834

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.