

# THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS 9:15 AM

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## **TRINITY PRACTICES CLOSED COMMUNION**

We welcome all of you to our celebration of Holy Communion this morning. Because of the sad divisions that exist in Christianity today, we cannot invite all of you to the Lord's Table. Trinity practices closed Communion which means we commune active members of Trinity and those guests who have been invited to commune prior to the service. If you are a guest and have not spoken to our pastor, please do not come forward to receive Communion.

## THE PRELUDE

### PREPARATION

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

(LW 149:1-5,7)

*(It is fitting to face the crucifix as it is brought down the aisle)*

1. **A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*CHOIR:*

2. *The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
3. **To whom two shining angels cry,  
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
“This is the Savior,” thus they say;  
“This is His glorious triumphant day!”  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
4. **“You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty.”  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CHOIR:

5. *O Lord, our homeward pathway bend  
That our unwearied hearts ascend,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Where, seated on Your Father's throne,  
You reign as King of kings alone.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

ALL:

7. *O risen Christ, ascended Lord,*  
*All praise to You let earth accord:*  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*You are, while endless ages run,*  
*With Father and with Spirit one.*  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.*

INVOCATION (LW Divine Service II pp. 158-159)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN. (Spoken)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**

*ALL MAY KNEEL*

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BY NATURE SINFUL AND UNCLEAN. WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART; WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE JUSTLY DESERVE YOUR PRESENT AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US, SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of

the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN. (Spoken)

*ALL MAY STAND*

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

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



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

The Lord says to my Lord:  
“Sit at my right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies a footstool  
for your feet.”

The Lord has sworn and will not change  
his mind:\*

“You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek.”  
The Lord is at your right hand;\*

he will crush kings on the day of his  
wrath.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen

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

*(Antiphon, Ps. 47:5;  
Ps. 110:1, 4-5)*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

“Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices” (TLH 221: 1-3, 5)

1. Hark! ten thousand harps and voices  
Sound the note of praise above;  
Jesus reigns, and heav’n rejoices  
Jesus reigns, the God of Love.  
See, He sits on yonder throne;  
Jesus rules the world alone.
2. Come, ye saints, unite your praises  
With the angels round His throne;  
Soon, we hope, our God will raise us

To the place where He is gone.  
Meet it is that we should sing,  
"Glory, glory, to our King!"

3. Sing how Jesus came from heaven,  
How He bore the cross below,  
How all pow'r to Him is given,  
How He reigns in glory now;  
'Tis a great and endless theme,  
Oh, 'tis sweet to sing to Him!
5. King of Glory, reign forever;  
Thine an everlasting crown.  
Nothing from Thy love shall sever  
Those whom Thou hast made Thine own,  
Happy objects of Thy grace,  
Destined to behold Thy face.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray...

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that even as we believe Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind ascend and continually dwell there with Him; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **AMEN.** (sung)

*SIT*

## THE FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

After the reading:

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL (Choir/ Cantor)

Christ has risen <sup>1</sup>from the dead.\*

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has made him ruler over the works of his hands;\*

he has put everything under his feet. (*Adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:5-6*)

## **CHILDREN’S CHOIR ANTHEM “Why Do You Peer Into the Skies”**

*Why do you peer into  
the skies,  
Staring with open,  
wond’ring eyes?  
See and believe that  
Christ came down,  
Now claims again His  
holy crown:  
Dying that all should  
be fulfilled,  
Living as God the  
Father willed.*

*Why are you waiting  
on this hill?  
This is no time for  
standing still.  
Soon to receive the  
Spirit’s pow’r,  
Pray and prepare for  
that great hour.  
Filled with the Word,  
go out and tell:  
Jesus defeated death  
and hell.*

*The reign of Satan  
now dispelled,  
The reign of God is  
still upheld.  
Shout to the Lord  
great songs of joy;  
Reaching new ears,  
all fears destroy.  
When trumpets sound,  
the great surprise:  
He will return, and we  
will rise.*

### **THE EPISTLE LESSON**

Ephesians 1:16-23

After the reading:

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*STAND*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (LW 436:7)

7. **Let all things their Creator bless**  
**And worship God in humbleness.**  
**Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!**  
**Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,**  
**And praise the Spirit, Three in One,**  
**Oh praise Him! Oh, praise Him!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 24:44-53

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

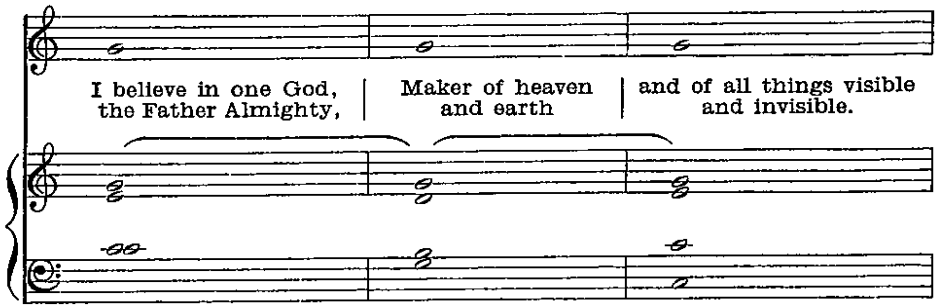
**C:** **Glory to You, O Lord.** (spoken)

After the reading:

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

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

**NICENE CREED** (Chanted following the Cantor's lead)



And in one Lord Jesus Christ, / the only-begotten Son of God, / begotten of His Father before all worlds, / God of God, / Light of Light, / very God of very God, / begotten, not made, / being of one substance with the Father, / by whom all things were made; / who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven / and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary / and was made man; / and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. / He suffered and was buried. / And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures / and ascended into heaven / and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. / And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, / whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, / the Lord and giver of life, / who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, / who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, / who spake by the prophets. / And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, / I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, / and I look for the resurrection of the dead (†) / and the life of the world to come. / A-- men.

SIT

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (HS 98:851)**

- 1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the Scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."**
  
- 2. Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?**
  
- 3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our  
stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**
  
- 4. Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heaven  
Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered,  
Robed in flesh our great high priest;  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.**
  
- 5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the Scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."**



## THE SERMON

## THE PRAYERS

## OFFERING

### **CHOIR ANTHEM** “Sing, Joyous Christians”

*Sing, joyous Christians! Sing forth your alleluias, Sing forth your alleluias!  
Christ, our Redeemer, from death is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Death and hell are conquered, are conquered, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Sing, joyous Christians! Sing forth your alleluias, Sing forth your alleluias!  
Christ is ascended on high to heaven, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sitteth at the right hand of the Father, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Christ have mercy, have mercy, have mercy!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### STAND

### PREFACE

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And with Thy spirit.** (Chanted)

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.** (Chanted)

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is meet and right so to do.** (Chanted)

**P:** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up to heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine nature. Therefore with angels and

archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

## THE SANCTUS “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (LW 126:1,2)

**1. At the Lamb’s high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King.  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!**

**2. Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast-  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed  
Give us this day our  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver

be Thy name.  
dai - ly bread;  
us from e - vil;

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for

earth as it is in heaven.  
those who trespass a - gainst us.  
ev - er. A - men.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PEACE OF THE LORD

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** *Amen* (sung)

**THE AGNUS DEI** "At the Lamb's High Feast we Sing"  
(LW 126: 3 and 4)

3. **Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!**
4. **Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**

*SIT*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** TLH 314, 341

*STAND*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** (Tune: St. Anne)

**Lord, let Your servant go in peace,  
Your Word has been fulfilled:  
My eyes have seen the Light increase  
Which for the world You willed.**

**For Israel's Light, the promised One,  
Now shines for all to see.  
To God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Be praise eternally!**

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Let us pray.

**P:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the Day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *Amen* (sung)

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

**L:** Let us bless the Lord.

- C:**     **Thanks be to God.** (Spoken)
- P:**     The Lord bless thee and Keep thee.  
The Lord make His face shine on thee and be gracious unto thee.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and (+) give thee peace.
- C:**     **Amen, Amen, Amen.** (Sung)

***THE CLOSING HYMN     “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”***  
**(TLH 213)**

- 1.     Hail the day that sees Him rise  
To His throne above the skies!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n,  
Reascends His native heav'n.**
- 2.     There the glorious triumph waits:  
Lift your heads, eternal gates.  
He hath conquered death and sin;  
Take the King of Glory in!**
- 3.     See, the heav'n its Lord receives,  
Yet He loves the earth He leaves;  
Though returning to His throne,  
Still He calls man-kind His own.**
- 4.     See, He lifts His hands above;  
See, He shows the prints of love.  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow  
Blessings on His Church below.**
- 5.     Still for us He intercedes;  
His prevailing death He pleads,  
Near Himself prepares our place,  
Harbinger of human race.**
- 6.     There we shall with Thee remain  
Partners of Thy endless reign,  
There Thy face unclouded see,  
Find our heaven of heavens in Thee. Amen.**