

Feast of the Ascension

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING SONG

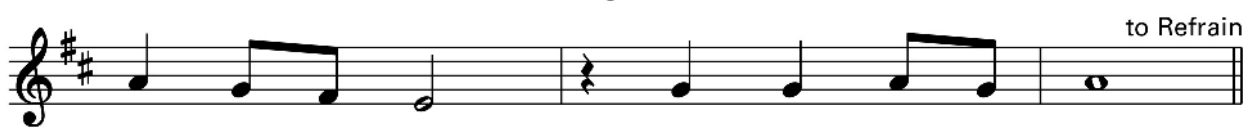
Lift Up Your Hearts #566



1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
2. Let the earth wor-ship, sing - ing your praise.
3. God's right hand made a path through the night,
4. Lis - ten now, all you ser - vants of God,



1. Praise the name a - bove all names! Say to God, "How
2. Praise the glo - ry of your name! Come and see the
3. split the wa - ters of the sea. All cre - a - tion,
4. as I tell of these great works. Bless - ed be the



1. won - drous your works, how glo - rious your name!"
2. deeds of the Lord; bless God's ho - ly name!
3. lift up your voice: "Our God set us free!"
4. Lord of my life, whose love shall en - dure!

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SIGN OF THE CROSS

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

GREETING

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
The absolution by the Priest follows:

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.



Cantor; All repeat Cantor; All repeat Cantor; All repeat

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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GLORIA



Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est,
and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We
praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy
you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord
God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on
 us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men, a - men.

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COLLECT

Priest: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



G. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trum - pets for the Lord.

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SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of him.
May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,
what are the riches of glory
in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might,
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,
and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.
And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Go into the whole world

and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;

whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe:

in my name they will drive out demons,

they will speak new languages.

They will pick up serpents with their hands,

and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.

They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,

was taken up into heaven

and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere,

while the Lord worked with them

and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

THE CREED

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’, all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day**

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.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

All: Hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Opportunity for online giving

OFFERTORY SONG To Live with Him Forever #518



1. We are the wheat, we are the bread; our lives we
 2. From wood and thorn the call comes forth to join in
 3. And to the throne of grace we run for help and



1. bring as of - fer - ing. And as the grain, we're crushed by trials yet
 2. his own suf - fer - ing. And as the Spir - it on us falls we
 3. time - ly com - fort, with faith that he will not re - ject the



1. bound by heal - ing wa - ter. The fruit of vine, the work of
 2. share his glo - rious ris - ing. We taste of his true bod - y
 3. flock his heart has pur - chased. From his pierced side pours forth the



1. hands, the cup of love's en - deav - or: we place be - fore the
 2. now, we drink his blood sur - ren - dered for us with mer - cy
 3. sign that he shall leave us nev - er. And at the end of



1. Son of Man to live with him for - ev - er.
 2. un - re - served to live with him for - ev - er.
 3. this veiled life we'll live with him for - ev - er.

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All: Blessed be God for ever (x2)

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Priest: Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a - gain.

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Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that you are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally,
come at lease spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

COMMUNION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb

Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive
 hon - or and glo - ry. Wor - thy are the ones who be - lieve
 to re - ceive the good - ness of God.

Verses

1. Wor - thy are you, O Pas - chal Lamb.
 2. Wor - thy are you, O Bread of Life. Sal -
 3. Wor - thy are you, O Ris - en Christ.

1. Wis - dom and strength be - long now to you. You
 2. va - tion and joy be - long now to us. By
 3. Won - ders and signs, re - veal - ing your might. Your

1. laid down your life and died up-on the cross: we've be -
 2. con - quer - ing death and ris - ing to new life, we've be -
 3. pow - er and glo - ry shine up-on our lives: we've be -

2 to Refrain

1. come a peo - ple of hope.
 2. come a peo - ple of praise.
 3. come your light for the world.

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Peace I Leave With You #533

Refrain
 Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Let not your
 hearts be trou-bled. Peace be with you.

(Fine) Interlude 4 to Verses

Verse 1
 1. Do not let your hearts be trou-bled. Have
 to Refrain
 1. faith in God and faith in me.

Verse 2
 2. In my Fa-ther's house are man-y dwell-ings. I
 to Refrain
 2. go there to pre-pare a place for you.

Verse 3
 3. I am the vine and you are the branch-es, re -
 to Refrain
 3. main in me; you will bear a - bun-dant fruit.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

FINAL BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

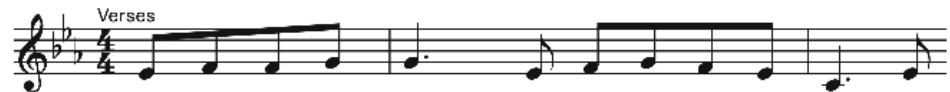
DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL SONG

All That We Have Seen



1. All that we have seen, we will not hide a - way. ♪
2. All that we have heard, we can - not keep with - in ♪
3. All we have re - ceived, ♪ may we free - ly share with



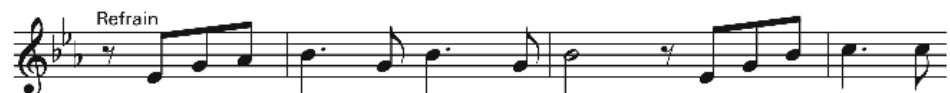
1. We will hold it up as the light of day, a lamp of
2. for the truth is meant to be told a - gain. Sing - ing the
3. ev - ery tribe and tongue, lead us ev - ery - where. 'Til all are



1. mer - cy meant to guide and lead ♪ car - ried to the least.
2. prom - ise of the sav - ing Word of he who loved us first,
3. gath - ered at the feast of love, ♪ and your king - dom comes,



1. We will show the world all that we have seen.
2. we will tell the world all that we have heard.
3. we will show the world all that love has done.



We will go forth to serve the Lord and we will love as



nev - er be - fore. The peace of God has set us free to pro -



claim to all of the world all that we have seen.