# **Ascension of the Lord**

## **INTRODUCTORY RITES**



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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.

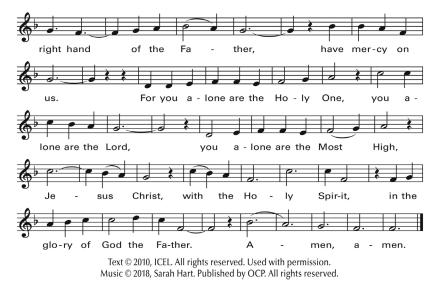
#### GREETING

- 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.

#### **PENETENTIAL 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.





## COLLECT

Priest:

All:

Amen

..... 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.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **FIRST READING**

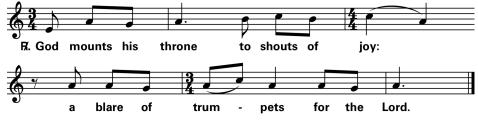
Acts 1:1-11

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.

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## SECOND READING

#### Ephesians 1:17-23

#### A reading from the letter of St. 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

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

## All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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

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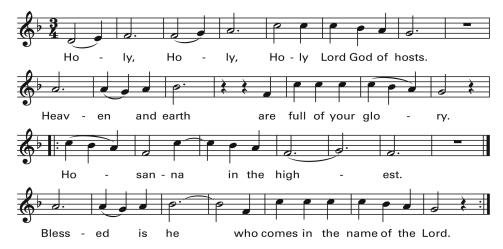
#### All: Blessed be God for ever (x2)

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



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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



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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



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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.



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