

Holy Eucharist: Sunday After Ascension

**Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.**

Lift up your heart!

lift up your voice!

Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

**Jesus, the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love:
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.**

Lift up your heart...

**His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.**

Lift up your heart...

**He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:**

Lift up your heart...

The Gathering

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,
look upon us now in power and mercy.
May your strength overcome our weakness,
your radiance transform our blindness,
and your Spirit draw us to that love
shown and offered to us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.

Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give light to those in darkness.

Lord have mercy.

Silence for reflection

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what we ought to have done.
We are sorry and truly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

Ezekiel 36: 24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

The Lord is king: * let the / earth re- / joice:

let the multitude / of the / isles be / glad.

Clouds and darkness are / round a- / bout him: righteousness
and justice are the foun- / dation / of his / throne.

Fire / goes be- / fore him:

and burns up his / enemies • on / every / side.

His lightnings / lit • up the / world:

the / earth / saw it • and / trembled.

The mountains melted like wax at the / presence • of the / Lord:
at the presence of the / Lord • of the / whole / earth.

The heavens de- / clared his / righteousness:

and all the / peoples have / seen his / glory.

**Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in /
mere / idols: Bow down be- / fore him, / all you / gods.**

**Zion heard and was glad, * and the daughters of / Judah re- /
joiced: be- / cause of • your / judgements, O / Lord.**

For you, Lord, are most high over / all the / earth:

you are exalted / far a- / bove all / gods.

**The Lord loves those / who hate / evil: he preserves the lives of
his faithful * and delivers them / from the / hand • of the / wicked.**

Light has sprung / up • for the / righteous:

and / joy • for the / true of / heart.

Rejoice in the / Lord, you / righteous:

and give / thanks • to his / holy / name.

Acts 16: 16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe."

The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual:

Alleluia. Alleluia.

I will not leave you orphans says the Lord:

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John. **Glory to you O Lord.**

John 17: 20-26

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

Following each intercession:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

And after the final prayer:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace (Please stand)

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you! Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Or

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.'

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

**Hymn: The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;**

**The joy all of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his Name to know.**

**To them the cross with all its shame,
with all its grace is given;
their name, an everlasting name;
their joy, the joy of heaven.**

**They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.**

**The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.**

The Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

True and living God,

the source of life for all creation,

you have made us in your own image.

Always and everywhere we give you thanks, through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

Because in his victory over death a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed
and we are once again made whole.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your glorious name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, almighty God,
because on the night he was betrayed the Lord Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples
and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said,
Drink this, all of you;
this cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God,

recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son

once for all upon the cross,

and the triumph of his resurrection,

we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts

that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son

and be filled with your life and goodness.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace

that we may do your work

and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him, 🛎 in the unity of the Holy Spirit 🛎
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, 🛎
for ever and ever.

Dresden Amen

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As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

Every time we eat this bread

and drink of this cup

we proclaim the Lord's death

until he comes.

The Choir sings a setting of Agnus Dei by Norman Doe.

Alleluia!

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

The Communion is administered in one kind only.

Communion Hymn:

**Reign in me, sovereign Lord, reign in me,
Reign in me, sovereign Lord, reign in me.
Captivate my heart, let Your kingdom come,
Establish there Your throne, let Your will be done!**

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Taizé:

**There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
there is one God who is Father of all.**

The Anthem: If ye love me (*Tallis*)

If ye love me
Keep my commandments
And I will pray the Father
And he shall give you another comforter
That he may 'bide with you forever
E'en the spirit of truth

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Then all say together:

**God of truth, we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life.**

Strengthen our faith

**that we may grow in love for you and for each other,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.

Almighty God,
who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given you the victory,
give you joy and peace in believing
and the blessing of God Almighty:
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen.

Hymn: **Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!**

**There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
he hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!
far above the starry height, Alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!**