

Ascension May 31- June 1, 2025



Gathering Song:

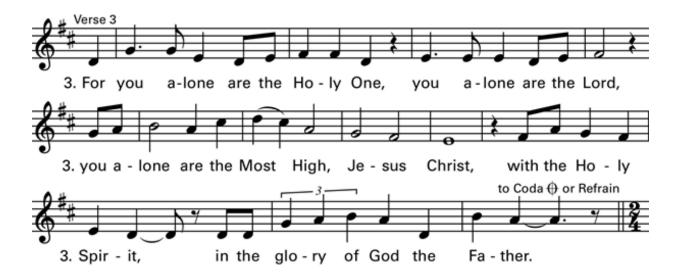
INTRODUCTORY RITES



Text: 77 77 with alleluias; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Robert Williams, 1781–1821.

Sign of the Cross Greeting Act of Penitence





Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Lectionary: 58

Reading I Acts 1:1-11 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." The Word of the Lord

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 47: GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE

Paul Inwood



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!

- 1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord Most High we must fear, great King over all the earth.
- God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
- Sing praise for God, sing praise for God, sing praise to our King.
- 3. God is King of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is King over the nations; he reigns on his holy throne.

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Reading 2 Ephesians 1:17-23

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.

OR:

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice.

Just as it is appointed that men and women die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many,

will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since through the blood of Jesus we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary by the new and living way he opened for us through the veil, that is, his flesh,

and since we have "a great priest over the house of God," let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.

Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy.

The Word of the Lord

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Mass of Christ the Savior Dan Schutte



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Gospel <u>Luke 24:46-53</u>

Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you

All Respond: And with your spirit

Priest or Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel According to: Luke

All Respond: (signing the cross on their forehead, lips and heart) Glory to you, O

Lord.

Gospel

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

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, 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.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: Risen Lord hear our prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:



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Invitation to Pray

Pray brothers and sisters ...

Response: 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.

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

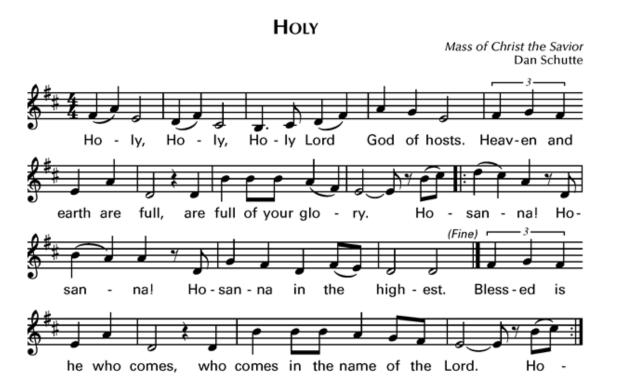
Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

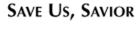
Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Christ the Savior



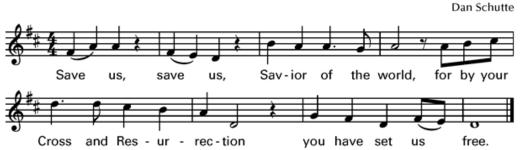
Memorial Acclamation

Priest: Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

All Sing:



Mass of Christ the Savior



AMEN Mass of Christ the Savior Dan Schutte A - men. A - men. A - men.

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The Lord's Prayer Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your Spirit

Breaking of the Bread

LAMB OF GOD



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Invitation to Communion

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.

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

Communion Songs: I Am the Bread of Life Verses You who am the Bread of life. 2. The bread will that. I give is my 3. Un - less_ of the you_ eat T am the Řes tion, ur rec 5. Yes, Lord, be that____ lieve come to me shall not and who be ger;_ flesh for the life of the world,and if you flesh of the Son of Man_ and_ the life. If you be am you_ are the Christ, the_ lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to eat_ of this bread, you shall__ live for of his drink blood, and lievein_ me, e - ven though you Son_ of. God, has. the_ Fa ther beck - ons. less me un ev - er, you shall shall___ ev - er. live for in you. ev - er. blood, not have life you with shall__ die. you live for in come to_ the. world._ Refrain And I will I will raise you up, and I raise you up, and will raise you on the last day. up

Post Communion Prayer

Text: John 6; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927 Tune: BREAD OF LIFE, Irregular with refrain; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927 © 1966, 1970, 1986, 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

Announcements

Final Blessing

Dismissal

Sending Song:



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