

# ASCENSION



*God has ascended amid shouts of joy – Psalm 47*



# **The Ascension of our Lord**

**May 21, 2020**

## **PRELUDE**

**“Toccata” (from Organ Symphony no. 5)**

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## **OPENING HYMN**

**491 Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels**

- 1 Up through endless ranks of angels,  
Cries of triumph in His ears,  
To His heav’nly throne ascending,  
Having vanquished all their fears,  
Christ looks down upon His faithful,  
Leaving them in happy tears.**
- 2 Death-destroying, life-restoring,  
Proven equal to our need,  
Now for us before the Father  
As our brother intercede;  
Flesh that for our world was wounded,  
Living, for the wounded plead!**
- 3 To our lives of wanton wand’ring  
Send Your Spirit, promised guide;  
Through our lives of fear and failure  
With Your pow’r and love abide;  
Welcome us, as You were welcomed,  
To an endless Eastertide.**

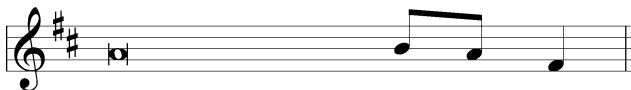
**4**        **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
            **Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!**  
            **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
            **Oh, to see the Father's face!**  
            **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
            **Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!**

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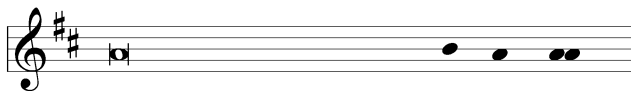
## OPENING VERSES



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord amidst soundings of trumpets.

**People: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord amidst soundings of trumpets.**

Cantor: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.  
How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth.  
He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.  
He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

**People: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord amidst soundings of trumpets.**

Cantor: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

**People: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord amidst soundings of trumpets.**

Cantor: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.  
God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.  
The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham,  
for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

**People: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord amidst soundings of trumpets.**

**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 gone up with a shout, the Lord amidst soundings of trumpets.**

## OFFICE HYMN

### 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

- 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!
- 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 them the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"This is the Savior," thus they say;  
"This is His glorious triumph 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!

5        **Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

6        **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!**

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## FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,  
<sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying<sup>[a]</sup> with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as



they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love<sup>[a]</sup> toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for<sup>[a]</sup> the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> 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.”

<sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

<sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

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## **THE ANNUNCIATION**

*An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, “Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High.” And Mary said, “I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will”*

## THE MAGNIFICAT

*My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you,  
You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One, strong is your kindness evermore.  
How you favor the weak and lowly one, humbling the proud of heart.*

*You have cast the mighty down from their thrones, and uplifted the humble of heart,  
You have filled the hungry with wondrous things, and left the wealthy no part.  
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One, strong is your justice strong with love,  
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.*

*My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you,  
You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.*

## PRAYER

### KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## COLLECTS

### COLLECT FOR PEACE

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

### BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

People: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

495    Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious

- 1        Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious;  
          See the Man of Sorrows now!  
          From the fight returned victorious,  
          Ev'ry knee to Him shall bow.  
          Crown Him! Crown Him! ...  
          Crowns become the victor's brow. ...
- 2        Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him!  
          Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
          On the seat of pow'r enthrone Him  
          While the vault of heaven rings.  
          Crown Him! Crown Him! ...  
          Crown the Savior King of kings. ...
- 3        Sinners in derision crowned Him,  
          Mocking thus the Savior's claim;  
          Saints and angels crowd around Him,  
          Own His title, praise His name.  
          Crown Him! Crown Him! ...  
          Spread abroad the victor's fame. ...
- 4        Hark, those bursts of acclamation!  
          Hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
          Jesus takes the highest station;  
          Oh, what joy the sight affords!  
          Crown Him! Crown Him! ...  
          King of kings and Lord of lords! ...

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## POSTLUDE

"Toccata in D Minor"

Gastor Béliér

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