

Ascension Sunday

May 25, 2025

A Service of the Word

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 47

✦ Opening Welcome & Lighting of the Candles ✦

The Opening Welcome will be marked by three bell tones from the organ.

This is followed with the Lighting of the Candles transitioning into the opening hymn.

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1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; New songs thro'-out the
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the Mount of
3 To whom the an - gels, draw-ing nigh, "Why stand and gaze up-
4 "A - gain shall ye be - hold Him so As ye to-day have

world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ,
Ol - ives stand; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! And
on the sky? Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! This
seen Him go, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In

by a road be-fore un - trod, As - cend-eth to the
with His fol - low - ers they see Je - sus' re-splen-dent
is the Sav - ior," thus they say; "This is His no - ble
glo - rious pomp as-cend-ing high, Up to the por - tals

throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tri - umph-day. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Behold, He was dead and is alive forevermore;
and He holds the keys of Hades and of Death.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

Let us pray: **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

We are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

Peace to you! Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Death, where is your sting?

O Hades, where is your victory?

The sting of death is sin,
and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

**5 Oh, grant us thitherward to tend
And with unwearied hearts ascend—Alleluia!
Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou,
As is our faith, art seated now.—Alleluia!**

**6 Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense,
Who art our future Recompense:—Alleluia!
So shall the light that springs from Thee
Be ours through all eternity.—Alleluia!**

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

HE WHO DWELLS

Antiphon



In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, You have been our ref - uge.

Psalm Tone



He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High*
 Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress;*
 My God, in Him I will trust."
 Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,*
 Even the Most High, your habitation,
 No evil shall befall you,*
 Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

Antiphon

For He shall give His angels charge over you,*
 To keep you in all your ways.
 They shall bear you up in their hands,*
 Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;*
 I will be with him in trouble;
 I will deliver him and honor him.
 With long life I will satisfy him,*
 And show him My salvation.
 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.

Antiphon

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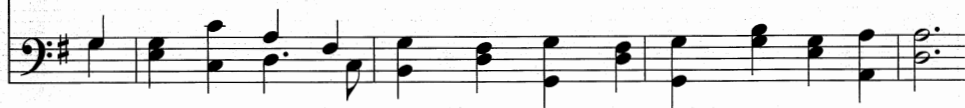
**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven
and sits on the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

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1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is His, is His by right,
3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The Joy of all be - low
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;



A roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;
To whom He man - i - fests His love And grants His name to know.
Their name an ev - er - last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.



5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of His love.

6 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.

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Heb. 2:10; 1 Peter 4:16; Phil. 2:9–11; 3:10–11

The Ascension of Our Lord

Waiting for The Kingdom

The Timing

The Season

The Power

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen. *Philippians 4:7*

RESPONSE SING (TLH 208)

**7 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to Thee let earth accord,— Alleluia!
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One.— Alleluia!**

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

♪ Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A joyous song of love.
— LSB 893:1

PRAYERS

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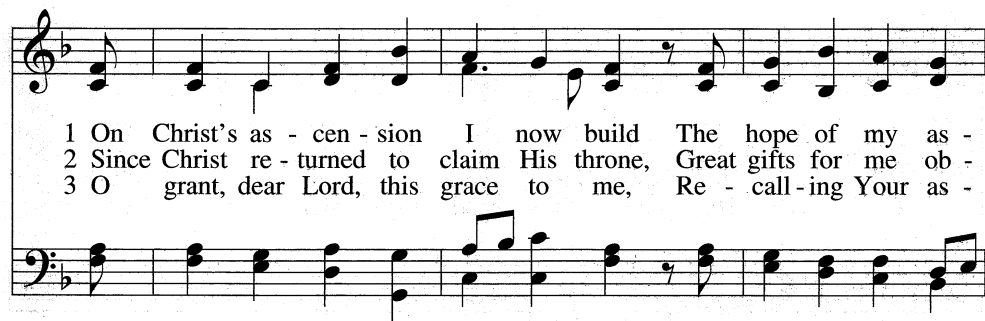
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✠ CLOSING DOXOLOGY ✠

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On Christ's Ascension I Now Build 492



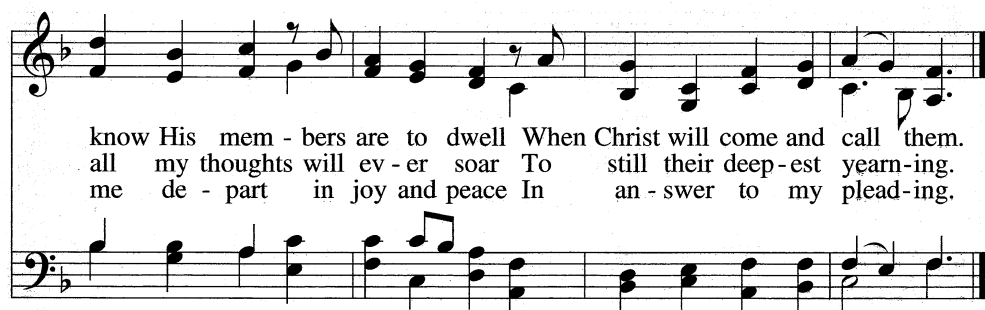
1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -
 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and
 tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er
 cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I
 rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There
 my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.
 all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
 me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.