

Ascension Day

May 26, 2022

6:30 pm Sung Eucharist



William Blake, *The Ascension*, c. 1805-6

Celebrant: Fr. D'Angelo
Deacon: Fr. Humphrey
Homilist: Fr. Shire
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Communion Service in G, *Francis Jackson*

PRELUDE: *Majesté du Christ (L'Ascension)*, *Olivier Messiaen*

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia!
In the Name of the Lord. Amen. Alleluia!

HYMN 174 - Hail the day that sees him rise

- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise. Alleluia!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!
- 2 There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!
- 3 See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves: Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls mankind his own. Alleluia!
- 7 There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia!
Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

Station at the Rood

V / GOD is gone up with a merry noise. Alleluia!

R / *And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia!*

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that according to his promise he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMN

- 1 The Lord ascendeth up on high,
The Lord hath triumphed gloriously,
In power and might excelling;
The grave and hell are captive led,
Lo! He returns our living Head,
To His eternal dwelling!
- 2 The heavens with joy receive their Lord,
By saints, by angel hosts adored;
O day of exultation!
O earth, adore thy mighty King,
His Rising, His Ascension sing,
With thankful adoration!
- 3 Our great High Priest hath gone before,
Now on His Church His grace to pour,
And still His love He giveth:
O may our hearts to Him ascend,
May all within us upward tend
To Him who ever liveth!

At the conclusion of the Procession, the people kneel and the choir sings:

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

Please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Celebrant: Glory be to God on high,

Cantors: and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please remain standing for the Collect

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Acts 1.1-11

The First Lesson is written in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the first verse.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47 – *Omes gentes, plaudite; Tone VIII, 1*

Tone VIII, 1



- 1 O CLAP your hands together, all ye **peo**-ples :
O sing unto God with the **voice** of me-lo-dy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be **fear**-ed :
he is a great King **o**-ver all the earth.
- 3 He subdu-ed the peoples under **us** :
and the nations **un**-der our feet.

- 4 He chose our heritage for **us** :
even the glorious land of Jacob, **whom** he lov-ed.
- 5 God is gone up with a merry **noise** :
the Lord with the sound **of** the trum-pet.
- 6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our **God** :
O sing praises, sing praises **un**-to our King.
- 7 For God is the King of all the **earth** :
sing ye praises with **un**-der-stand-ing.
- 8 God reigneth over the **na**-tions :
God sitteth up-**on** his ho-ly throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are gatheréd to-**geth**-er :
with the people of the **God** of A-bra-ham;
- 10 For the rulers of the earth belong unto **God** :
he is very high-**ly** ex-alt-ed.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1.15-23

The Epistle is written in the first chapter of St Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 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 age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 835 - Eternal Monarch, King most high

Æterne Rex altissime

- 1 Eternal Monarch, King most high,
Whose Blood hath brought redemption nigh,
By whom the death of Death was wrought,
And conquering Grace's battle fought:
- 2 Ascending to the throne of might,
And seated at the Father's right,
All power in heaven is Jesus' own
That here his manhood had not known.
- 3 That so, in nature's triple frame,
Each heavenly and each earthly name,
And things in hell's abyss abhorred,
May bend the knee and own him Lord.
- 4 Yea, Angels tremble when they see
How changed is our humanity;
That flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,
And God, the Flesh of God, hath reigned!
- 5 Be thou our joy and strong defence,
Who art our future recompense:
So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all eternity.
- 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One. Amen. Alleluia.

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Tr J.M. Neale 1818-66*

GOSPEL: Luke 24.44-53

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-fourth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the forty-fourth verse.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

Jesus 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand. All who are able to kneel, please do so at 'And was incarnate.'

NICENE CREED

Credo (Missa de Angelis) Mode V

harmonized by Walter MacNutt



Celebrant

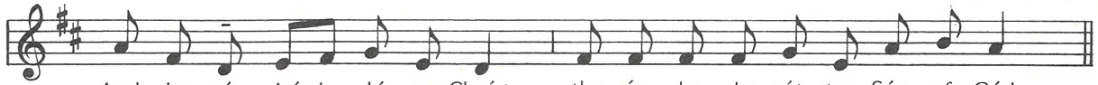
I be- lieve in one God *



the Fáth- er Al- migh- ty, Má- ker of héa- v'n and eárh,



And of áll things vís- i- ble and in- vís- i- ble:



And in oíe Lórd Jé- sus Chríst, the ón- ly- be- gót- ten Són of Gód,




Be- gót- t'n of the Fáth- er be- fóre all wórls;



Gód, of Gód; Líght, of Líght; Vé- ry Gód, of vé- ry Gód;



Be- gót- ten, nó- tá- máde; Bé- ing of one súb- stance with the Fáth- er;



Through whóm all things were máde: Who for ús mén and for oúr sal- vá- tion



came dówn from héa- v'n, And was in- cár- nate by the Hó- ly Ghóst




of the Vír- gin Má- ry, And was máde mán, And was



crú- ci- fi- ed ál- so for ús un- der Pón- tius Pí- late.



He súf- fer- ed and was bú- ri- ed, And the thír- d day he róse a- gáin



ac- córd- ing to the Scrip- tures, And as- ceénd- ed in- to héa- v'n,



And sí- teth on the ríght hand of the Fáth- er.



And hé shall cóme a- gáin with gló- ry to júdge both the quíck and the deá- d:



Whose kÍng-dom shall háve no énd. And I be-líeve in the Hó-ly Ghóst, The LoÍrd,



The GÍv-er of Lífe, Who pro-ceéd-eth from the Fáth-er and the Són,



Who with the Fáth-er and the Són to-géth-er is wór-shíp-ped



and gló-ri-fi-ed, Who spáke by the Pró-phets.



And Í be-líeve One, Hó-ly, Cá-tho-lic, and Á-po-stó-lic Churách.



Í ac-knów-ledge óne Báp-tism for the re-mís-sion of síns.



And I loók for the Re-sur-réc-tion of the deád,



And the Lífe of the world to come.



A - - - - - men.

OFFERTORY

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Please stand for the hymn during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY HYMN 389 - 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,
Every knee to him shall bow;
Crown him! Crown him!
Crowns become the Victor's brow.
- 2 Crown the Saviour! Angels, crown him!
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of power enthrone him,
While the vault of heaven rings;
Crown him! Crown him!
Crown the Saviour King of kings!
- 3 Sinners in derision crowned him,
Mocking thus Messiah's claim;
Saints and angels throng 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;
O what joy the sight affords!
Crown him! Crown him!
King of kings and Lord of lords.

The congregation may sit at the conclusion of the offertory hymn. Please stand as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

Please kneel

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the World.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop and for all who serve and minister to God's people. May the presence of the risen and ascended Christ be with us all.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our nation, province, and city; that the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace and justice.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick_____, and all those suffering from the coronavirus, for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all for whom our prayers are asked_____, that God's unfailing love will never abandon those who call upon his name.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy
We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed awaiting the final resurrection and judgement, especially _____ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for _____, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O God our Father, hear and answer the prayers of thy people; help us who now behold thy son lifted up upon thy right hand to bear witness of thy great love as we await his return in glorious majesty. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

The Choir sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

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 them that 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 consecrated Bread is broken. A sustained period of silence is kept, after which the Celebrant bids the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

The Celebrant then kneels to begin the Prayer of Humble Access.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.

MOTET

‘God is gone up with a triumphant shout,’ *Gerald Finzi*

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding Trumpet's melodies: Sing Praise, Sing Praises out, Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise! Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing, And let the King of Glory enter in. Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, In flakes of Glory down him to attend, And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody Surround his Chariot as it did ascend; Mixing their Music, making every string More to enravish as they this tune sing. (Edward Taylor)

COMMUNION HYMN 380 - Hail, thou once despised Jesus

- 1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus,
Hail, thou Galilean King:
Thou didst suffer to redeem us,
Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Saviour,
Bearer of our sin and shame,
By thy merits we find favour;
Life is given through thy Name.
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven,
Through the virtue of thy Blood:
Opened is the gate of heaven,
Peace is made 'twixt man and God.
- 3 Jesu, hail! enthroned in glory,
There for ever to abide;
All the heavenly hosts adore thee,
Seated at thy Father's side:
Worship, honour, power, and blessing
Thou art worthy to receive:
Loudest praises, without ceasing,
Meet it is for us to give.

IN BABILONE
Traditional Dutch Melody

John Bakewell, 1757

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

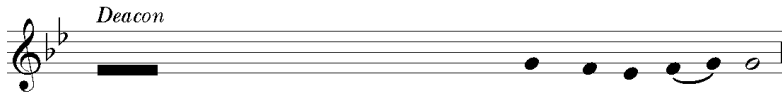
May the gifts we have received from thy altar, O Lord, kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly homeland and cause us to press forward, following in our Saviour's footsteps, to the place where for our sake he entered before us. Who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

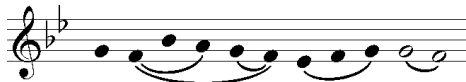
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand.

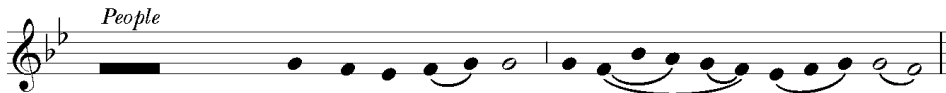
DISMISSAL



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CONCLUDING HYMN 392 – Rejoice, the Lord is King

- 1 Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
- 2 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,
Lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

- 3 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,
Lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
- 4 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,
Lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

DARWALL
Rev. John Darwall, 1770

Rev. Charles Wesley, 1746

POSTLUDE: Pavilioned in Splendour, *Richard Lloyd*