



The Ascension of Our Lord

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Mission Statement

*Trinity is a caring family where people gather
to know, worship, serve, and share Jesus.*



The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)

Welcome

It may seem that the church, the Body of Christ, has little power. Yet just as Jesus was taken out of the disciples' sight by that cloud, power and the Holy Spirit were promised to them. Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus that God would give "a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him." (Ephesians 1:17) And Jesus gave marching orders to His followers just before His ascension, orders to proclaim the forgiveness of sins in His name to all nations. How might they do that? How are we to achieve such a goal? By the grace of God, we "are clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49) Our Head may have ascended to glory, but His active Body has work to do—and the Spirit's power to do it!

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please speak to the pastor at any time. Non-alcoholic white wine is offered as part of Holy Communion. The cups are in the center of the serving trays. Gluten free wafers are also available, just let the pastor know. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a ❖. Thank you!

PRELUDE "Variations on 'Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels'" - Hobby

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **OPENING HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" LSB 525



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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❖ INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*
C **Amen.**

❖ EASTER PROCLAMATION

- P** *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

❖ CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

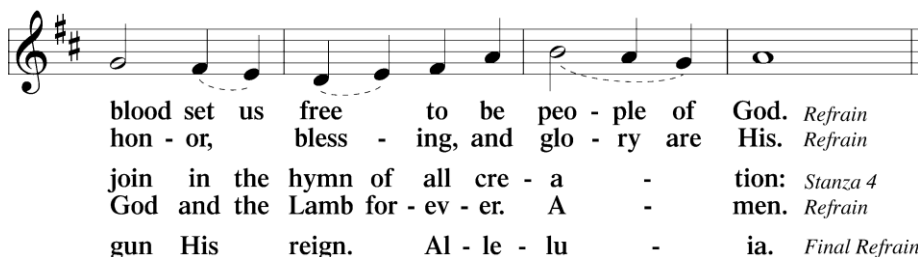
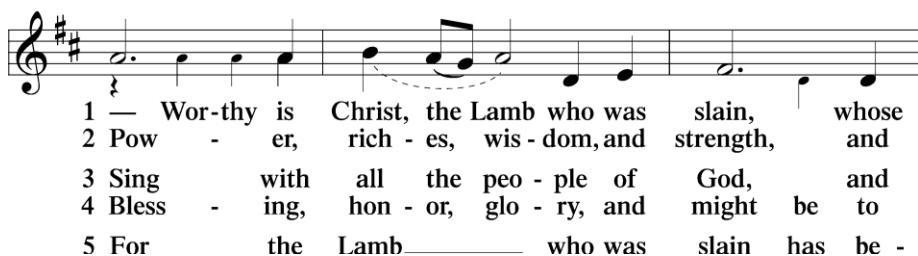
- P** *Even on this festival day, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
P *Let us pray. Almighty God, heavenly Father,*
C **We confess that we have not remained strong in faith. We have not always let the sure news of your resurrection dispel the fear that wells up within**

us. We have thought, spoken, and acted in weakness. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We deserve your judgment in time and eternity. Forgive us and renew in us the sure hope of joining saints and angels around the eternal feast which you have prepared for all who call your Son their Savior and Lord.

P *By his suffering and death our Lord has paid for our sins, and by his rising has destroyed the power of death. As a called and ordained servant of our risen and triumphant Lord Jesus Christ and by his authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C Amen.

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *This is the Feast*





❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*



C And al - so with you.

P *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens,

C **so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him,**

P *who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN ARE NOW DISMISSED TO ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ 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.

⁴ And while staying 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;⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.⁸ 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.”⁹ 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.¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,¹¹ 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.”

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,¹⁷that 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,¹⁸having 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,¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,²¹far 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.²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA** (*Sing twice before the Gospel and once after*)

LSB 952



❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 24:44-53

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.*



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

⁵⁰And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



C Praise to You, O Christ.

❖ **HYMN**

“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts’ Desire”

Tune: *Lobt Gott, ihr Christe*

- 1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts’ desire,
Creation’s mighty Lord,
Redeemer of the fallen world,
By holy love outpoured:
- 2 How vast Your mercy to accept
The burden of our sin
And bow Your head in cruel death
To make us clean within.
- 3 But now the bonds of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid;
You now ascend the Father’s throne
In robes of light arrayed.

- 4 O let Your mighty love prevail
To purge us of our pride
That we may stand before Your throne
By mercy purified.
- 5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be
To glory in the Lord!
- △ 6 All praise to You, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Through all eternity!

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SERMON

❖ NICENE CREED

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 at 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.

❖ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** *Lord, in your mercy,*
C **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

+ Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad at this time +

Your gift to the Lord is an act of worship which shows your trust in God to provide for you and it shows your thankfulness for the blessings received.

† On your Mobile Phone: Send a text to 77977 and type in TLCLI. Follow the instructions to send your gift today or set up a recurring gift.

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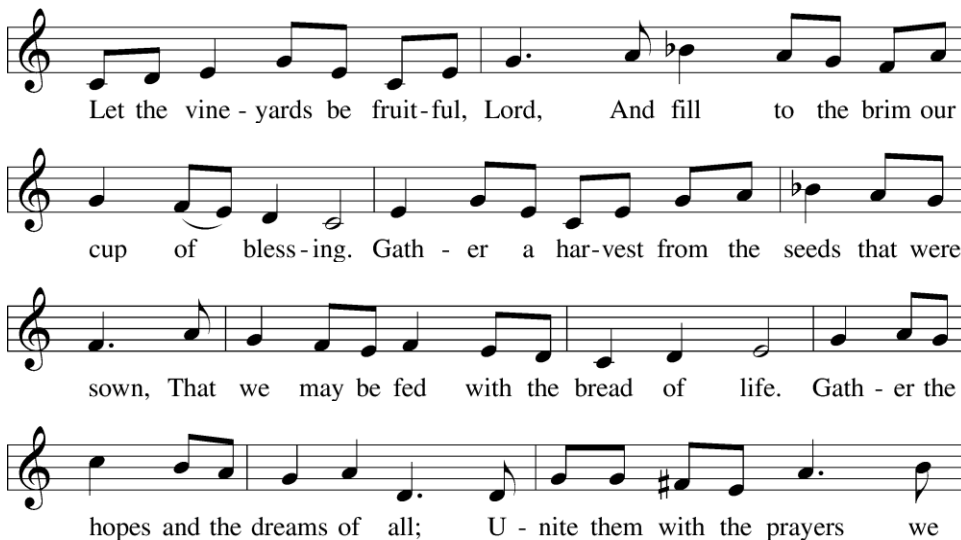
TRINITY CHOIR

“Up through Endless Ranks of Angels”

– arr. Pelz

Up through endless ranks of angels, cries of triumph in His ears, to His heavenly throne ascending, having vanquished all their fears, Christ looks down upon His faithful, leaving them in happy tears. Death destroying, life restoring, proven equal to our need, now for us before the Father as our Brother intercedes; flesh that for our world was wounded, living, for the wounded pleads. To our lives of wanton wandering send our promised Spirit guide. Through our lives of fears and failure with Your power and love abide. Welcome us as You were welcomed to an endless Eastertide. Alleluia! Alleluia! O to breathe the Spirit's grace! Alleluia! Alleluia! O to see the Father's face! Alleluia! Alleluia! O to feel the Son's embrace! Amen!

❖ OFFERTORY

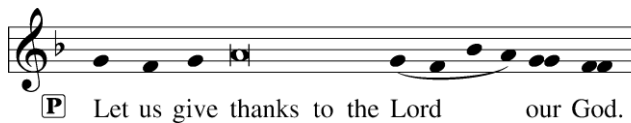
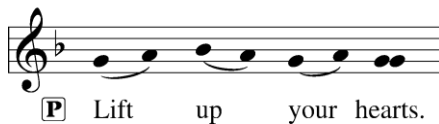


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we



❖ THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PREFACE



P *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of*

heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

❖ 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.

❖ **AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God*

■ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns” LSB 532

1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is
3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With
crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -
His, is His by right, The King of kings and
Joy of all be - low To whom He man - i -
all its grace, is giv'n; Their name an ev - er -
dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.
Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;
fests His love And grants His name to know.
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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"Draw Us to Thee"

LSB 701



1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy
 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -
 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the
 4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly
 5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy



steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art
 part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er
 road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should
 bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and
 king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry



gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.
 free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
 stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.
 hell No more can vex our spir - it.
 share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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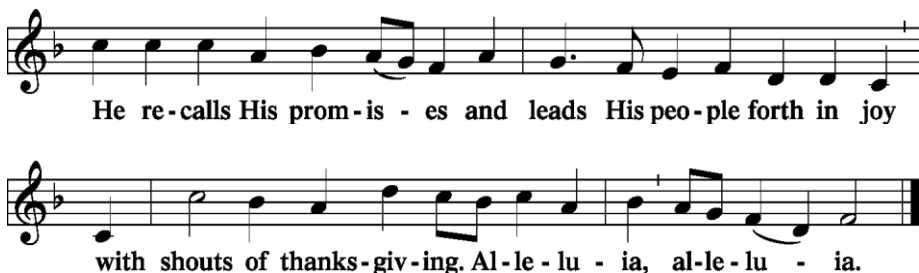
❖ HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *Thank the Lord*



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.



❖ CLOSING PRAYER

- P** *Let us pray.*
- We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in every way through this life-giving Sacrament.*
- C** **and we pray that we shall reflect our Savior's continued presence with us in all that we think, say, and do;**
- P** *through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*
- C** **Amen.**

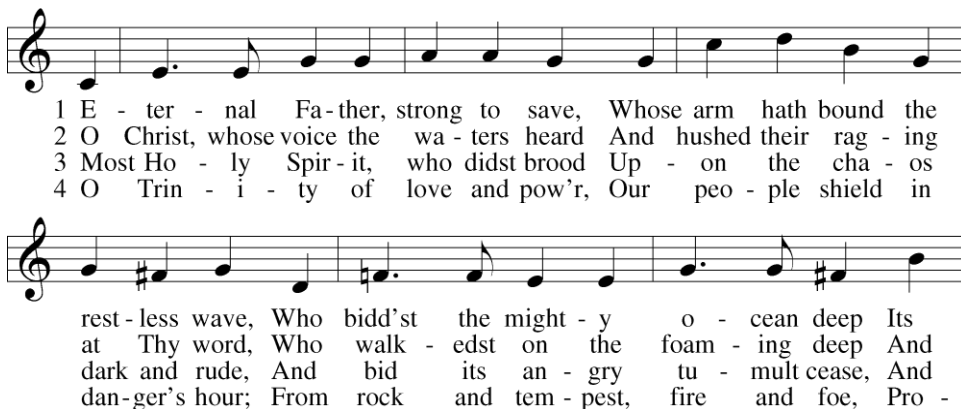
❖ BENEDICTION

- P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.*
- C** **Amen.**

❖ HYMN

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

LSB 717



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall

cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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❖ DISMISSAL

- P** *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE 'Toccata on "Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels" - Hobby

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