



Ascension Sunday ☞ May 12, 2024
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ☞ 10 a.m.

PRELUDE "L'Ascension"

Olivier Messiaen

I. "Majesty of Christ praying that his Father should glorify him"

Father, the hour is come: glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee. John 17: 1

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 214

Hail the day that sees him rise

Llanfair

The people's responses are in bold.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE ACCLAMATION

Please remain standing.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

SONG OF PRAISE "Batid las Manos!" ("Clap Your Hands")

Mark Burrows

Pueblos todos, batid las manos! ("Clap your hands all you people!")

Aclamad a Dios con voz de júbilo! ("Shout to God with a joyful voice!")

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON Acts 1:1-11

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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.

Silence is kept.

PSALM 47

Please remain seated. Read responsively by whole verse.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

**For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.**

He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

**He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; *

God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

**The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.**

HYMN 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! (stanza 1)

Coronation

Please stand and face the reader of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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 worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rev. Amy Feins

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remain standing. The Leader and the People pray responsively.

Let us pray in the name of our risen and ascended Savior for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, "Jesus has gone up with a shout! The Lord has ascended on high!" Thank you for his triumph over sin and death. Keep us faithful unto death, until Jesus takes us unto himself.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give your Church faith, joy, and boldness to proclaim that Christ is Lord to all the world until he comes again in glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Be with all mothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, and everyone who acts with a mother's love. Comfort those who are bereaved, or separated physically or emotionally from their children. Bless them all with the tender love of Jesus, who himself knew a mother's tender love and care.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Your Son has ascended on high, and is king of all nations. We pray for the leaders of those nations, our own, as well as those whose countries are involved in war or any kind of strife. Make them righteous and merciful. Conform them to your will. Teach us all to live together in peace and unity, until the day Christ comes to judge the living and the dead.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We lift before you the needs of all whose lives are shadowed by suffering or sorrow. remembering especially Natalie Blumenthal, Rennie Boule, Foster Nichols, Brian Ward, and the needs and concerns of others on our parish prayer list. Give them the abundant life promised by Jesus. Fill them with the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit. And bless those who care for them.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,. keep in your care all who have died. Keep us in union with them, with all of your saints, and with you, in the power of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Christ our Savior.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Hear and graciously answer our prayers in accordance with your will, dear Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING FOR SENIORS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give toward the continuing work of Ascension as the Body of Christ in the world.

In addition to giving in the offering plate, you can make a gift by texting "AscensionDenver" to 73256 or visit www.ascensiondenver.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O Lord Most High" Tallis Canon/arr. Richard Shephard

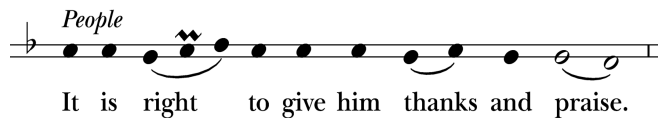
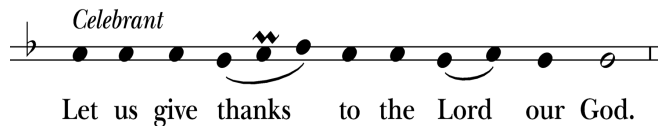
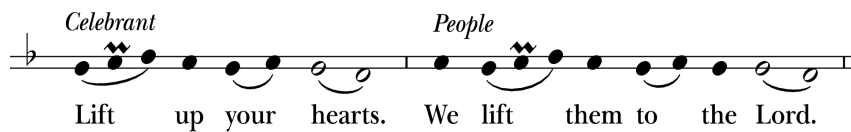
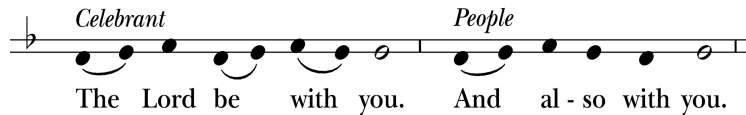
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PRESENTATION HYMN 380 From all that dwell below the skies (stanza 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Children are invited to gather around the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S125

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Richard Proulx

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel or remain standing.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Bells are rung.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Bells are rung.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Bells are rung.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM S164 **Lamb of God** *Agnus Dei* Franz Peter Shubert; arr. Richard Proulx

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail where you will receive the consecrated bread, followed by the consecrated wine if you choose to receive it. We do not offer intinction at this time. Please remember that communion in one kind is full communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. **Please indicate if you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

Sung by all, seated.

HYMN 307 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor *Bryn Calfaría*

HYMN 328 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord *Song 46*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE EASTER BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Duke Street

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE "Carillon" from *Partita on Duke Street*

Charles Callahan

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Dorris Foxwell Amass and Jane Hardy Harris.*



PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Lucy S. L. Amerman; **Preacher:** The Rev. Amy M. Feins; **Crucifer:** Jack Wold; **Torchbearers:** Teddy Stapleton and Freddie Wold; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Stephanie Johnson and Cora Neslin; **Lector:** Doris Kimbrough; **Intercessor:** Julie Mahoney; **Musicians:** Dr. Cindy Lindeen-Martin, *Organist and Director of Music*, Ascension Parish Choir; SONshine Singers; Janelle Crandell, *pianist*; Doris Kimbrough and Ken Martin, *percussionists*; **Ushers:** Hank Dougan and Court Wold; **Livestream Assistant:** Walt Smith

Altar Guild: Joann Cole, Seth Wiggins, and Molly Williams

THE PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, remembering especially Diane Anderson, Natalie Blumenthal, *Reiniertje Boule*, Jean Brown, Julia Brown, Agostino Burzio, Lynne Chmelar, Michael Curry, Elinor Davis, Courtney Echerd, RJ Graham, Helen Gscheidle, Barry Hansen, David Johnson, John Klockentager, Nancy Lamont, Gregory Lemos, Celeste Lythgoe, Jim Macdonald, Jim Menne, Lisa Mikolajchak, Don Morrison, Helen Morrison, Mark Nachtigal, *Mark Nealon*, Foster Nichols, Meg Nichols, Jamie Ross, Buzz Schaumberg, James Sullivan, James Terrell, Bow Urbana, Michel Vallée, Betsy Wahlberg, Maura Walsh, Brian Ward, George Weaver, Peter Westwood, Bert, Juan, Nancy, and the victims of the turmoil in Haiti and the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine. We pray for those who are expecting children, remembering especially Kelly and Charlie Blanchard, Kirsten and Misha Calkins, Carey Leigh and Dutch Crews, Morgan and Monet Duval, Amy and Mike Gentile, Catherine and Schuyler Grey, and Georgia and Paul Troy. We pray for those who have died, remembering especially *Paula Christopoulos* and Bill Dorn. In the Parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those celebrating birthdays in May, remembering especially Henrietta Thompson and Stephanie Stapleton (May 1); Mia Melano (May 2); Jamie Fitzgerald, Heather MacKinnon, Kelly Monroe, and Tyler Ray (May 4); Peter Howard (May 5); Kellie Shopneck (May 6); Anna Scott Arnold, Ella Kundts, and Ann Wilschke (May 7); Scarlett Banks and Scarlett Wiedenmayor (May 9); Joe Elliott (May 11); Cynthia Shannon (May 13); Fisher Cox and Dusty Healey (May 15); Eliza Perkins (May 16); Ellie Caulkins (May 17); Scottie Fitzgerald (May 18); Kenna Healey, Kate Horle, Hugh Treadway and Louise Treadway (May 22); Lily Freeman (May 23); Suzy Whittemore (May 24); Henry Caulkins (May 26); Tom Mahoney (May 27); Kane Turner (May 28); Julia Brown and Mary Ruth Schaumberg (May 29); Patrick Cowan, Jim Macdonald, and Emily Sims (May 31); *for our children's and youth ministries and Associate for Children, Youth, and Families, Mary Margaret Murdock; and for all who work to end homelessness in Denver, especially for the work of our mission partners St. Francis Center and Women's Homelessness Initiative.* In the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer, we pray for *The Anglican Church of Burundi; All Saints', Loveland; St. Philip-in-the-Field, Sedalia; St. Stephen the Martyr, Monte Vista; The Church of the Holy Redeemer, Denver; and All those in the Ordination Process. Names in italics are new to the prayer list this week. Names which have appeared on the prayer list for three months will be removed unless otherwise requested. You are most welcome and encouraged to contact the Parish Office to request new prayers and earlier removal or extension of existing prayers.*



*Where faith and real life intersect
and from where we are called to share God's love in the church and in the world*

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