

The Ascension of our Lord

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Opening Hymn

*Draw Us to Thee*

LSB 701

Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy steps forever And hasten on  
Where Thou art gone To be with Thee, dear Savior.

Draw us to Thee, Lord, lovingly; Let us depart with gladness That we may be  
Forever free From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the road to heaven!  
Direct our way Lest we should stray And from Thy paths be driven.

Draw us to Thee That also we Thy heav'nly bliss inherit And ever dwell  
Where sin and hell No more can vex our spirit.

Draw us to Thee Unceasingly, Into Thy kingdom take us; Let us fore'er  
Thy glory share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and  
praise..., and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to  
everlasting life. Amen.

**P** (Pronounces absolution) **C** Amen.

Introit

Kyrie

LSB 204

**C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

**C** To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in  
heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your  
holy name we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our  
heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

First Reading

*Acts 1:1–11*

Psalm (Insert)

Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

- ☐ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:44–53*

Nicene Creed

*LSB 206*

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.

Hymn of the Day

*Up through Endless Ranks of Angels*

*LSB 491*

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.

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!

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.

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!

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering (Baskets located in the rear of Church)

## Preface

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with  
full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the  
highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the  
name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

*LSB 209*

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

*LSB 209*

Agnus Dei

*LSB 210*

**C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 211*

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,

The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

## Closing Liturgy

Closing Hymn      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*      LSB 525

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the  
heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of  
Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson  
trophies won Which now His brow adorn: Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that  
rose the stem, The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet  
visible above, In beauty glorified. No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their burning eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious  
in the strife For those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and  
rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings,  
with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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