



May 21, 2023  
The Sunday After the Ascension  
9:00am

**Prelude** *Prelude Theme from "Jupiter" - the Planets* Gustav Holst

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** *Hail the day that sees him rise* Hymnal 214

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!

See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!  
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

*Clergy* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Gloria** David Hurd

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to His peo - - ple on earth.

Lord, God heav - en - ly King al - mighty God and Fa - ther.

We wor - ship You. We give You thanks. We praise You for Your

glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther Lord God Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us. You are  
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. Re - ceive our prayer.  
 For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One... You a - lone are the Lord.  
 You a - lone are the Most High... Je - - - - - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God. the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Collect of the Day

*Clergy*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*           **And also with you.**  
*Clergy*           Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior 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 abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### Reading

Acts 1: 1-11

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."

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

*See the conqueror mounts in triumph*

Hymn 215

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph;  
see the King in royal state,  
riding on the clouds, his chariot,  
to his heavenly palace gate!  
Hark! the choirs of angel voices  
joyful alleluias sing,  
and the portals high are lifted  
to receive their heavenly King.  
He who on the cross did suffer,  
he who from the grave arose,  
he has vanquished sin and Satan;  
he by death has spoiled his foes.

While he lifts his hands in blessing,  
he is parted from his friends;  
while their eager eyes behold him,  
he upon the clouds ascends.

Thou hast raised our human nature  
on the clouds to God's right hand:  
there we sit in heavenly places,  
there with thee in glory stand.  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;  
Man with God is on the throne;  
mighty Lord, in thine ascension,  
we by faith behold our own.

## Holy Gospel

**Luke 24:44-53**

*Clergy* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **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.

*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Dialogue Sermon

Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper & John Buterbaugh of YASC

## Prayers of the People

*Leader*

Given new life by the risen Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope, and life.

*A brief silence.*

In this diocese, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; and the people of Christ Episcopal Church in Willard and their priest, the Rev. Lesley Adams, and the people of Grace Episcopal Church in Willowdale and their priest, the Rev. Ed Murphy. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of Idaho and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church in the Province of the West Indies and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Howard Gregory. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For the whole world, that the crucified and risen Christ will mend what is broken and fill all corners of the earth with justice and peace. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For Creation, that we may have wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature responsibly that generations to come may continue to praise you for your bounty. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are worshipping today. We acknowledge and express our gratitude that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region. God of new life; **hear our prayer.**

For all who are overshadowed by illness of body, mind, and spirit, especially those we now name\_\_\_\_. That the Holy Spirit's healing and life-giving presence will touch their lives. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That all who await new life, those about to be born and those about to die, will know Christ's presence with them. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That with all the faithful who have died, especially those we now name\_\_\_\_, we will join in songs of praise at the victory feast of God who triumphs over death and gives eternal life. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader*

Gracious God, we give you thanks. Hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen one, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Clergy*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Anniversary & Birthday Blessings**

**May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.** *Adapted from St. Patrick, c.389*

### **Offertory**

*Glorious is the Lord Almighty*

Franz J. Haydn

### **Doxology**

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Priest*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*           **And also with you.**  
*Priest*           Lift up your hearts.  
*People*           **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Priest*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*           **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*A seasonal prayer is said here*

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

Joel Martinson

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might  
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. 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 ho - san - - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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."

After supper he 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.**

### Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### Fraction Anthem

Hymn 417

This is the feast of victory for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### The Communion

**Music at Communion**

*When Christ was lifted from the earth*

Hymn 603

### The Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Blessing

May we who have received the gift of God's reconciling love, be his body for the world, his hands to bring blessing, and his joy in the promise of creation restored. And may Almighty God bless you, renew the risen life of Christ within you, and bring forth in you the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Closing Hymn

*The head that once was crowned with thorns*  
(vs. 1,2,5,and 6 sung by all, vs. 3 women, vs. 4 men)

Hymn 432

The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.

To them the cross with all its shame,  
with all its grace is given;  
their name, an everlasting name;  
their joy, the joy of heaven.

The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal Light;

They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

the joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love  
and grants his name to know.

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.

### Dismissal

*Clergy*  
*People*

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Postlude

*St. Magnus*

Healey Willan

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