

EASTER 7 24 May 2020

ASCENSION



Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for the Day

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading Acts 1.6-14

When the apostles met together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Hymn:

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

'Worthy the lamb that died,' they cry,
'To be exalted thus;'
'Worthy the lamb,' our lips reply,
'For he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine,

Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the lamb.

Gospel Reading John 17: 1 - 11: 15 - 21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked towards heaven and prayed:

"Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew

with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me – so that they may be one as we are one.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Address - The Vicar

Song

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

The Creed *(Live Service will use Nicene Creed on screen)*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Penitence

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.



Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Hymn

Our eyes have seen the glory
of our Saviour, Christ the Lord;
He is seated at His Father's side in love and full accord;
from there upon the sons of men His Spirit is out-poured,
all hail, ascended King!
*Glory, glory hallelujah, glory, glory hallelujah,
glory, glory hallelujah, all hail ascended King!*

He came to earth at Christmas
and was made a man like us;
He taught, He healed, He suffered –
and they nailed Him to the cross;
He rose again on Easter Day – our Lord victorious,
all hail, ascended King!

Glory, glory .. .

The good news of His kingdom
must be preached to every shore,
the news of peace and pardon,
and the end of strife and war;
the secret of His kingdom is to serve Him evermore,
all hail, ascended King!

Glory, glory .. .

His kingdom is a family of men of every race,
they live their lives in harmony, enabled by His grace;
they follow His example till they see Him face to face,
all hail, ascended King!

Glory, glory .. .

Notices

Blessing

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.