



GARROWBYBENEFICE

Ascension Day

The service begins with a peel of bells.

The Call to worship

Jesus has ascended amid shouts of joy and the sounding of trumpets

All Sing praises to our King, sing praises

For God is the King of all the earth, sing to him a psalm of praise

All God reigns over the nations, God is seated on His holy throne

Hymn: El Shaddai - Michael Card

God's greeting

Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

All Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth

Grace mercy and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

All Thanks be to God

Confession and Absolution

Almighty God, we confess that we have our eyes set in the clouds instead of on the earth you have given us

All We desire heavenly treasure but we keep believing that earthly means will help us to attain it

Forgive us for our short-sightedness. Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power and measures of success

All Call us to the down to earth message of your love to care for the needs of those around us

You have called us through scripture to care for the widows and orphans and all who are vulnerable

All Help us to see all those who are left out by society and are in need

Help us to break down the dividing wall we have placed so that we may truly be one as you and Christ are one

All It is in Christ's name we pray

We were made by God and brought forth from the earth, the earth that was called good when God created it. Your very being is good, you are blessed and called forth to care for the earth and all who dwell in it. Go therefore, know that you are forgiven and loved by the God who made the earth and made you, and share the good news

All Amen

Song: I see the Lord by Chris Falson

Collect

Risen Christ you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and forever.

All Amen

New Testament lesson Acts 1 v4-11

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.'

The Ascension of Jesus

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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

Gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia, go and make disciples of all the nations, says the Lord.
Remember I am with you always to the end of the age

All Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24 v44-end

All Glory to you O Lord You're the Witnesses

Then he said, "Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this: All the things written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms have to be fulfilled."

He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. He said, “You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! You’re the first to hear and see it. You’re the witnesses. What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Father promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you’re equipped with power from on high.”

He then led them out of the city over to Bethany. Raising his hands he blessed them, and while blessing them, took his leave, being carried up to heaven.

And they were on their knees, worshiping him. They returned to Jerusalem bursting with joy. They spent all their time in the Temple praising God. Yes.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Song: How can I keep from singing by Audrey Assad

Creed based on the Heidelberg Catechism

What do we mean when we say “He ascended into heaven”?

All That Christ, while his disciples watched, was lifted up from the earth to heaven and will be there for our good until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

How does Christ’s ascension into heaven help us?

All He pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of His Father. Christ transforms our human flesh and takes it to heaven as a guarantee that He will take us to Himself. He will send the Holy Spirit so that we make the goal of our lives not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is sitting at God’s right hand. Amen

Intercessions

The response to “let us pray to the Lord” is the Taize chant

**All O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, come and listen to me.**

The Dismissal: waiting for Pentecost

A reading from Acts 1

“Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the Mount called Olivet a Sabbath’s journey away. When they entered the city they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer”

They waited for the Holy Spirit. As we wait in silence

All Make us ready for your coming Spirit

As we listen to your word

All Make us ready for your coming Spirit

As we worship you in majesty

All Make us ready for your coming Spirit

As we long for your refreshing

All Make us ready for your coming Spirit

As we long for your renewing

All Make us ready for your coming Spirit

As we long for your equipping

All Make us ready for your coming Spirit

As we long for your empowering

All Make us ready for your coming Spirit

Blessing

Dismissal

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ

All Thanks be to God

Song: Man of Sorrows