

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH

Ascension of Our Lord

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“Prelude in C” Welcome

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Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

Praise the God and father of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from death!

Rejoice, then even in your distress!

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears!

God has claimed us as His own!

He has called us from darkness into his marvelous light!

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Gathering Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 807

1. Come thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise,
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee;
May I still thy goodness prove.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer:
“Hither by thy help I've come”;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee,
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you!**

Hymn of Praise



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴While 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; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 47



¹Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.

**²For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth,**

³who subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet;

**⁴who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

**⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with a song.

**⁸God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.**

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered
as the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 1.15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has

called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Gospel Acclamation Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah, Halle, halle, hallelujah, Hallelujah. Hallelujah. (*sing twice*)

Gospel: Luke 24.44-53

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to Saint Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to you O, Lord.**

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “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.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Jeff Johnson

Pastor Beatrice Michals-Brown

Pastor Kenneth Hilston Jr.

Hymn of the Day “In Christ There is No East or West” Mckee

1. In Christ there is no east or west
In him no south or north,
But one community of love
Through out the whole wide earth

2. In Christ shall true hearts evr’ywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
What-e’er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west
In him meet south and north
all Christly souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father 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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son he 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Living God, you chose us to be your witnesses in the world. We pray for the church in every place and the congregations in our community. Focus our hearts and minds on the ministry we share in your name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, all creation sings praise to you. You delight in the oceans, and the mountains are your throne. Teach us humility and respect for our home.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you rule the heavens, the earth, and time itself. Make this a time of justice, peace, and solidarity among all nations and peoples, so that oppression and violence rule no more.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Tender God, we wait with hope for your presence to heal us, bless us, restore us, and give us peace. You know all the names of those suffering for whom we pray this day (especially).

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gentle God, you guide us as we seek wisdom. We pray for teachers, professors, theologians, day care workers, and all those charged with teaching the young and old. Give them endurance and persistence in their valuable work.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Infinite God, your inheritance given to all your saints is your presence in our life and in our death. We remember with thanksgiving the faithful departed.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offering

Organ Offertory “Chant de paix (Song of Peace)” Jean Langlais

Offertory Canticle



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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,
The power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; And the blessing of God the Creator, God the Redeemer +, and God the Sustainer be with you all the days of your life. **Amen.**

The Sending Hymn “ Crown Him with Many Crowns” Diademata

1. Crown him with many crowns,
The lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but it's own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Throughout all eternity.

2. 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.

3. 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

4. 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.

5. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of times,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude *(there are accents graves in Priere and Pere the French accents that start from the top left and come down)* “Preire du Christ montant vers son Pere Oliver Messiaen (Prayer of Christ ascending towards His Father) Today's postlude is by the greatest French composer of the 20th Century, Olivier Messiaen and comes from his suite four organ pieces on the Feast of the Ascension, L'Ascension. The fourth movement is entitled "Preire du Christ montant vers son Pere (Prayer of Christ

ascending towards His Father)." The prayer Jesus prays comes from the Gospel of John: "And now Father I have manifested your name unto humankind...and now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to you." John 17: 6, 11 It is intended to be played very slowly and deliberately while beginning very softly and ending gloriously and radiantly.

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