



**OUR WORSHIP TODAY, Ascension Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME**

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER – Congregation in BOLD**

Pastor: As we celebrate the day of our Lord's Ascension, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. Lord, we realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on the cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of The Word, and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Service of the Word**

**Kyrie Elision**

P In Peace let us pray to the Lord

**C Lord have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

**C Lord have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord have mercy.**

P Help. Save, and defend us precious Lord.

**C Amen**

**INTROIT:**

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

**the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,

**until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.**

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind:

**"You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."**

The Lord is at your right hand.

**He will crush kings on the day of his wrath.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

As it was in the beginning,

**is now, and ever shall be. Amen**

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**The Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Unison):

**Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God. Now and forever. Alleluia and Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 46 Crown Him with Many Crowns

**FIRST READING:** Acts 1:1-11

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

**And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."**

**PSALM - 47 (ESV)** *(Recited whole verse by whole verse, congregation in BOLD)*

God Is King over All the Earth

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah**

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

**God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

**THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23 (ESV)**

Thanksgiving and Prayer

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened;

that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far 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 one to come.

**And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.**

*(Please stand for the Alleluia)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53 (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you Oh Lord**

Then he said to 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.

And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you Oh Christ.**

**SERMON "Up, Up, and Away!" Pastor Steve Dygert + STS**

**SERMON HYMN: 195 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, vs 1,3,4**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE OFFERTORY: Wings of a Dove – Dean Carson**

**THE OFFERING:** *As we bring the offering to the altar we will sing the Doxology.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, everlasting Father, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying...

**SANCTUS: Holy, Holy, Holy – Sung**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God, Almighty.**

**Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE,** *Let us Pray: (Prayer Response) Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION; PREPARATION OF THE TABLE; THE DISTRIBUTION;  
THE COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN:** 204 Look Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorious

**THE BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL**

**Congregational Song, Let There Be Peace on Earth**

**Let peace begin with me**

**Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our father  
Brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony**

**Let this be the moment now  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me**

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God**

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**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN!** Thank you for joining us as we worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on mute** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

**WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS!** Welcome to our family today! We are so happy you chose to visit us today. If you are looking for a church home, feel free to call Pastor Steve and let us introduce ourselves to you. God Bless you and welcome to His church!

**NEW BIBLE STUDY:** We started a new Bible Study on Wednesdays on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel in the Old Testament. Join us for an interesting hour's time on Wednesday's at 10:00 AM.

**THE BURNING OF THE PLEDGES AND REEDS:** Following the Sunday of Pentecost in two weeks we will be burning our pledges hanging on the cross, along with the reeds from Palm Sunday. What better day for this than the day of fire of our Lord!

If someone has a large pot that has seen better days, would you consider donating it to the church to be used as a fire pot?

**We Serve Today:**

*Reader: Bubbles Burress*

*Offering: Bob Wilgus, Ron Tessmer*

*Communion: Bev Cisco, Sharon Tessmer, Peggie Sue Dygert*

*Greeter: Ellie Selk*

**We Serve Next Sunday:**

*Reader: Sheryl Sinico*

*Offering: Jeff Cisco, Tony Alonzo*

*Communion: Noreen Burchard, Geri McGary, Jeanne Keyser*

*Greeter: Peggie Sue Dygert*

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Worship Time: Sunday 10 A.M  
Bible Study 2: Wednesdays 10 A.M. At OSLC



### Sing a New Song

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be  
 sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song  
 un - to the Lord, sing - ing al - le - lu - ia.

Verses

1. Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -  
 2. Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior  
 3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry  
 fore the Lord. And play for God on  
 now has come. † He has turned your  
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the  
 D.C.  
 glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.  
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

Text: Psalms 96, 98; Luke 24:7-8  
 Tune: Star Children, # 290  
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