

# The Ascension of Our Lord

6:45 p.m., Wednesday, Ascension Eve, May 25, 2022

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*Stand and face the processional cross*

### Processional Hymn 489

“Hail Thee, Festival Day”  
(Ascension Refrain and Stanzas)

### Introit *Sung by the choir*

*Antiphon* (Acts 1:11)

Ye men of | Galilee, Alleluia! \*  
why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Alle-| luia!  
This same Jesus which is taken up from you into | heaven \*  
shall so come in like manner  
as ye have seen Him go into heaven. Alle-| luia.

*Psalm* (Ps. 47:1)

Oh, clap your hands, all ye | people; \*  
Shout unto God with the voice of | triumph.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*(Antiphon is repeated.)*

### Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:5-15

The Ascension of the Prophet Elijah

### Gradual Hymn 223

“Te Deum Laudamus”

### Second Reading Acts 1:1-11

St. Luke records the Ascension of Our Lord

### Alleluia-Verse *Sung by the choir*

Alleluia! Christ, being raised from the dead, will die no more;  
Death has no more dominion over him. Alleluia!  
Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age. Alleluia!  
*(Rom. 6:9; Matt. 28:20b)*

### Holy Gospel Luke 24:44-53

St. Luke testifies to the resurrection and ascension of Our Lord.

### Hymn of the Day 493

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”  
*St. 3 – Women; St. 4 – Men*

### Choral Offertory *following the sermon*

Alleluia! I saw One come with the clouds of heaven  
like a Son of Man, and He came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before Him.  
And to Him was given dominion and glory and kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,  
and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. Alleluia!  
*(Daniel 7:13-14)*

### Ascension Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples  
and in their sight was taken up into heaven  
that He might make us partakers of His divine nature.  
Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of  
heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name,  
evermore praising You...

### Distribution Hymns 494

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