

The Ascension of Our Lord

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Ascension Eve, May 17, 2023

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Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Stand and face the processional cross

Processional Hymn **493**
"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Introit *Sung responsively with the choir*

Antiphon *(Acts 1:11)*

Men of | Galilee, *
why do you stand gazing up into heaven? Alle-|luia.
This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven, *
will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.
Alle-|luia.

Psalm *(Ps. 47:1-2, 5, 8)*

Oh, clap your hands, all you | peoples! *
Shout to God with the voice of | triumph!
For the Lord Most High is | awesome; *
He is a great King over | all the earth.
God has gone up | with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of a | trumpet.
God reigns over the | nations; *
God sits on His | holy throne.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be-|ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:5-15

The Ascension of the Prophet Elijah

Choral Response

Michael Praetorius

"O Jesus, Lord of Life and Breath"

O Jesus, Lord of life and breath, who, robed in flesh of mortals,
Didst overcome the sting of death by passing through its portals;
Who on the third day didst arise, whose precious blood did bathe us,
Yea, and save us; who opened Paradise, and full redemption gave us.

Lord Jesus Christ, be Thou our Guest, guard Thou our home, dear Savior;
Art Thou with us, we're richly blessed, made happy by Thy favor.
With Thee at hand, we fear no ill, we suffer all with gladness,
Fear no sadness, submit to Thy good will, surrender all that we possess.

Second Reading

Acts 1:1-11

St. Luke records the ascension of our Lord.

Alleluia Verse

sung by the choir

by Healey Willan

Alleluia. Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. Alleluia.
Therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious,
And His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

Hymn of the Day

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"See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph"

Distribution Hymns

"All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

815

"Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"

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Hymn to Depart

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"Draw Us to Thee"