

The Ascension of the Lord  
**May 16, 2021**



***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: TE DEUM

*Refrain:*

*You are God: we praise you; You are Lord: we acclaim you.  
To You, Creator holy, all creation offers praise! (repeat)*

**Verses:**

**Solo: With the angels in heaven:**

*ALL: We praise you, we praise you!*

**Solo: With the cherubim and seraphim:**

*ALL: We praise you, we praise you!*

**Solo: With apostles and prophets:**

*ALL: We praise you, we praise you!*

**Solo: With the martyrs and your holy church:**

*ALL: We sing in endless praise! (Refrain)*

**Solo: Creator of All Things:**

*ALL: We praise you, we praise you!*

**Solo: O, Jesus Christ, Redeemer:**

*ALL: We praise you, we praise you!*

**Solo: O Spirit, most Holy:**

*ALL: We praise you, we praise you!*

**Solo: To the Trinity most blessed:**

*ALL: We sing in endless praise! (Refrain)*

**Solo: O Christ, King of glory:**

*ALL: We praise you, we praise you!*

**Solo: You became like us to set us free:**

*ALL: We praise you, we praise you!*

**Solo: You have risen to free us:**

*ALL: We praise you, we praise you!*

**Solo: You have hallowed our humanity:**

*ALL: We sing in endless praise (Refrain)*

**Greeting**                      **Penitential Rite ( Lord Have Mercy)**  
**Opening Prayer**

*Priest sings: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**ALL: AMEN.**

*Priest: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**Gloria**

**Glory to God**

***Refrain: Glory to God in the highest!***

***Peace to all people on earth.***

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God on High!***

**1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we  
worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
glory. (Refrain)**

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer. (Refrain)**

**3. For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.  
(Refrain)**

**Opening Prayer**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11**

**Psalm Response:**

**" God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord."**

**Second Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians  
(1:17-23)**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

**The Gospel Reading**

*Deacon/ Priest:*

**A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (16:15-20)**

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

*The gospel is read. When the reading is over:*

*Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**ALL SING:**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

**Homily**

## ***Profession of Faith***

***Women: Do you believe in God the Father, Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and of the earth?***

***ALL: AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO  
BELIEVE.***

***Men: Do you believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son,  
our Lord, who was born of Mary,  
was crucified and died, and was buried? –***

***ALL: YET HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND IS SEATED AT  
THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.***

***ALL: AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.***

***ALL: DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE  
COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,  
RESURRECTION, AND LIFE EVERLASTING? AMEN! AMEN!  
AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.***

***Prayer of the Faithful      The Sign of Peace***

## **LITANY FOR THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Presider:** Source of our life, your Spirit fills the world, embraces all things, and knows all human hearts. Send us your Spirit, to dwell within our hearts.

**All:** And you shall renew the face of the earth.

**Lector 1:** From the darkness you brought forth light.

**All:** Come, Spirit of Light!

**Lector 2:** In the sleeping universe you awakened life.

**All:** Come, Spirit of Life!

**Lector 3:** You nourished Your people in the desert and created a holy nation.

**All:** Come, Spirit of Unity!

**Lector 4:** Through the Prophets of all ages You proclaimed justice.

**All:** Come, Spirit of Truth!

**Lector 5:** From Mother Mary you joyfully brought forth Christ.

**All:** Come, Spirit of Joy!

**Lector 6:** From the disciples of Jesus you created Your People, the Church.

**All:** Come, Spirit of Faith!

**Lector 7:** By the outpouring of your presence you empowered your people to proclaim the Gospel.

**All:** Come, Spirit of Power!

**Lector 8:** You distribute your gifts and ministries throughout the Body of Christ.

**All:** Come, Spirit of Grace!

**Lector 9:** In every age you enlighten the minds of your people.

**All:** Come, Spirit of Wisdom!

**Lector 10:** In your mercy you heal the broken-hearted

**All:** Come, Spirit of Compassion!

**Lector 11:** From the bondage of death you set your people free.

**All:** Come, Spirit of Liberty!

**Lector 12:** You gather your people in reconciliation and understanding.

**All:** Come Spirit of Peace!

**Presider:** Come Holy Spirit, enlighten us that we may see beyond our differences to the deeper bond that we share. Give us the mind of Christ that we may understand our needs, heal our wounds, develop our skills, reconcile our differences, and bring peace to those around us and to the whole earth. You are our hope and our strength. Call us again to the path of service,  
and unite us in the love of Christ.

**All:** Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### *The Giving of our Gifts*

#### *Song at the Offertory: Look Beyond*

*Look beyond the bread you eat;  
See your Savior and your Lord.  
Look beyond the cup you drink;  
See his love poured out as blood.*

*Give us a sign, that we might believe in you.  
Our fathers brought us manna from the sky.*

#### *Refrain*

*I am the bread, which from the heavens came;  
He who eats this bread will never die.*

#### *Refrain*

*The bread I give you, will be my very flesh;  
My blood will truly be your drink.*

#### *Refrain*

*This man speaks harshly;  
who can listen to his word?  
We shall no longer follow him.*

#### *Refrain*

*You my disciples, will you also leave?  
Lord, to whom can we go?*

#### *Refrain*

### *Eucharistic Prayer*

#### *Prayer Over the Gifts*

*Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....*

*ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS,  
FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF HIS NAME, FOR OUR GOOD  
AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS CHURCH.*



*Eucharistic Prayer*                      *Introductory Dialogue*                      *Preface*

**Presider: The Lord be with you.**

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**Presider: Lift up your hearts.**

**ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

**Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.**

**ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**The Holy**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna on High!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name,**

**who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna on High!**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues.....*

*Words of Consecration:*

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT. THIS IS MY BODY WHICH  
WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."**

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.  
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND  
EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR  
ALL SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

**The Memorial Acclamation**

**Christ has died, but He is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Doxology**

**Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,**

**Almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**COMMUNION RITE**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

### **Lamb of God**

***Oh Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.***

***Oh Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.***

***Oh Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.***

## ***Communion***

*Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

*Happy are they to be called to this supper. ALL: LORD, I AM NOT  
WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND I  
SHALL BE HEALED. Celebrant: May the body and blood.....ALL:  
AMEN.*

## **Communion Song: : ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

### **Refrain**

**One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**1. Gentile or Jew,  
servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.**

2. Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

3. Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

### CONCLUDING RITE

*Prayer after Communion*

*Dismissal*

**Closing Song: GO OUT, GO OUT**

#### *Refrain*

*Go out, go out to all the world  
and tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News!*

*Go out, go out to all the world  
and tell the Good News, tell the Good, Good News.*

1. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, all you nations;  
Glorify Him, glorify Him, you peoples

#### *Refrain*