

THE DIVINE SERVICE

ASCENSION SUNDAY
MAY 13, 2018 – 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Psalm 84:1-2

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

INTROIT

SALUTATION MATTHEW 28:19

MINISTER: We are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 68

MINISTER: Sing to God, sing praises to his name,
Extol him who rides on the clouds,
And rejoice before him.

PEOPLE: **To him who rides**

On the heaven of heavens which were of old!
Indeed, he sends out his voice, a mighty voice.

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth;
O, sing praises to the Lord!

God sets the solitary in families;
He brings out those
Who are bound into prosperity.

Ascribe strength to God; His excellence is over Israel,
And his strength is in the clouds.

O God,
You are more awesome than your holy places.

O come; bless the God of our salvation
And our redeemer!

* HYMN OF APPROACH No. 316

The Mighty God, the Lord

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

* Congregation Stands

GOD DIRECTS US TO HIS TRUTH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism

MINISTER: How was Christ exalted in his ascension? Q53

PEOPLE: **Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that forty days after his resurrection, he, in our human nature and as our head, and triumphing over his and our enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens. There he received gifts for men, and is preparing a place for us. Our affections are now raised upwards to heaven where He shall remain until his second coming at the end of the world.**

MINISTER: How does Christ make intercession for us? Q55

PEOPLE: **Christ in his humanity intercedes continually before the Father in heaven for us, through the merit of his obedience and sacrifice on earth. He petitions for his will to be applied to all believers. He answers all accusations against us, procuring for us peace of conscience, (and this despite our daily failings), grants us access with boldness to the throne of grace, and merits GOD's acceptance of us and our acts of obedience.**

* GLORIA PATRI

No. 735

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, Amen.

* SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 24:44-50

ELDER: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

PEOPLE: AMEN!

GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST

CONFESSION OF SIN

EXODUS 20:3-17

MINISTER: Romans 3:20 teaches, *“Through the law comes the knowledge of sin.”* And the Apostle Paul also testifies, *“I would not have come to know sin except through the law”¹.* Thus the law shows us our sin and consequently our need of Christ. Let us then read the Ten Commandments so that we might see our sin, and thereby our need of Christ for salvation. ¹Rom. 7:7

PEOPLE: **You shall have no other gods before me.**

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet.

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus who said, *“You shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

(SILENT CONFESSION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MINISTER: Now hear the good news of the gospel, *“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.”* ¹ Peter 2:24

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING No. 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

PEOPLE: AMEN!

GOD INVITES US TO JOYFUL SACRIFICE

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY No. 731
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13
Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

* SONG OF ILLUMINATION See Insert
Speak, O Lord

* THE SERMON TEXT ACTS 1:1-12
MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: AMEN!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE ASCENSION



GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE

* PSALM OF PREPARATION Trinity Psalter
Psalms 16
PEOPLE: AMEN!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 342
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
PEOPLE: AMEN!

* BENEDICTION NUMBERS 6:24-26

* CONGREGATIONAL THREEFOLD AMEN No. 740

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CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

* RESPONSIVE READING PAGE 831

PSALM 123

* PSALM 54 Trinity Psalter

EVENING PRAYER

* SERMON TEXT PSALM 66

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SHOUT FOR JOY!

BENEDICTION 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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