

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

May 12, 2024 at 10 am

Ascension Day



Opening Hymn

Hymn 460

Alleluia, Sing To Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Opening Acclamation

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: Christ in risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: Thanks be to God

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work 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 age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

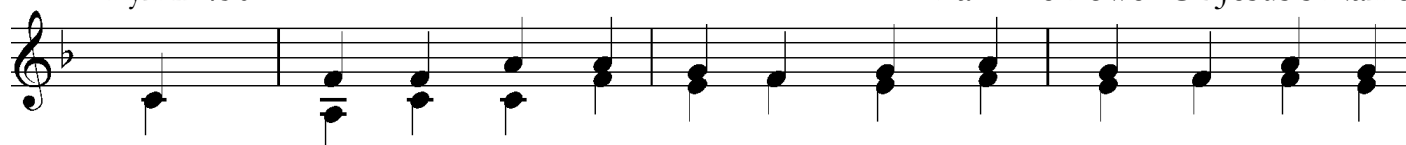
Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: **Thanks be to God**

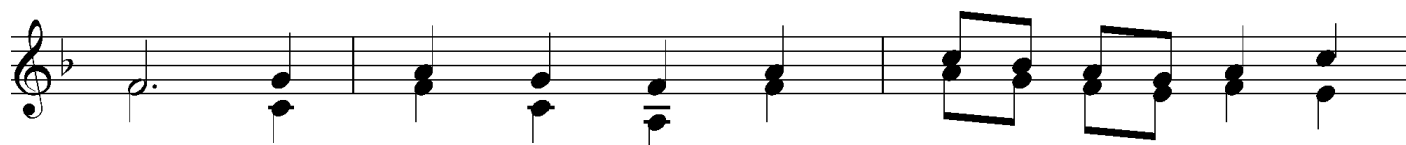
Sequence Hymn (verse 1 before Gospel, verse 2 after)

Hymn 450

All Hail The Power Of Jesus's Name



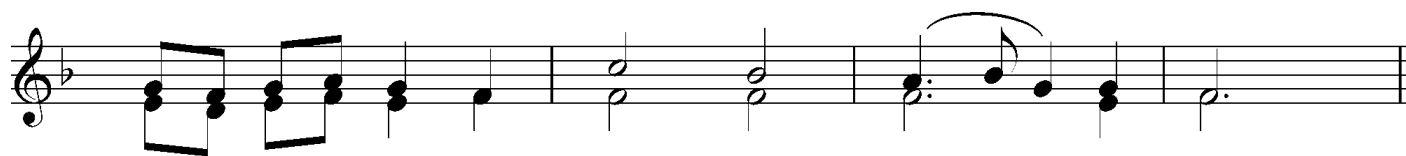
1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar



1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and



1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of



1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said to his disciples, "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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from

Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Todd Bryant

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(English Language Liturgical Consultation)

Prayers of the People

Priest: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Intercessor: Risen One

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Intercessor: Risen One

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Intercessor: Risen One

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Intercessor: Risen One

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. You may name those needing prayer.

Silence

Intercessor: Risen One

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. You may name those needing prayer.

Silence

Intercessor: Risen One

People: Hear our prayer.

Clergy Prayer

The Peace

Priest: The Peace of Christ be always with you

People: And also with you

Greetings, Milestones and Announcements

Mother's Day Prayer

Offertory

We Will Be A Shelter For Each Other

Words by Tom Long, Music by Allen Pote

Offertory Sentence

Great Thanksgiving

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

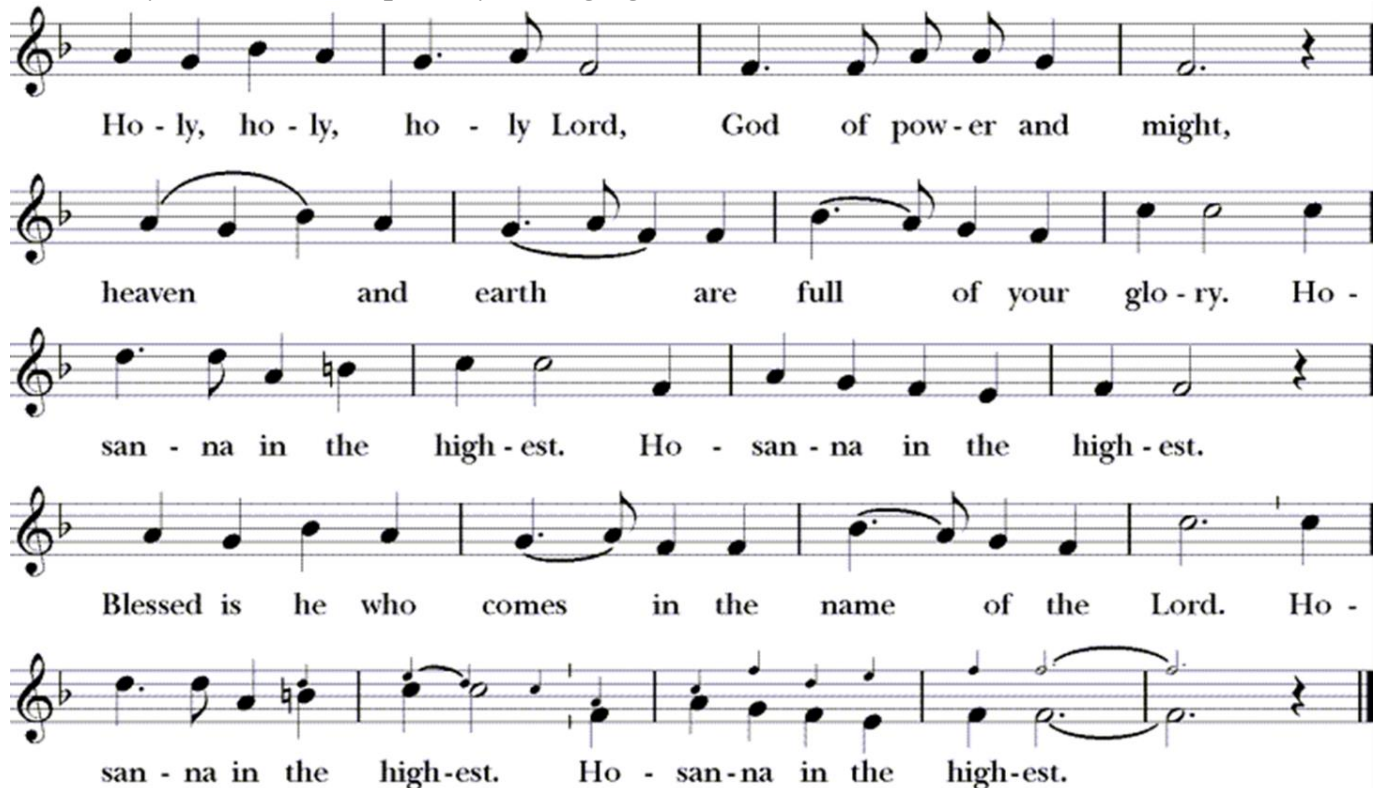
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you for your creation. We praise you for creatures great and small. We delight in the galaxies and grains of sand that come from you. Thank you for being the creator of all.

Jesus, we praise you. All that ever was, or will be, finds its life in you. You came into the chaos of ancient Palestine, and you have entered the chaos of our own day. Help us be the mirror of your grace and life. Thank you for being love embodied.

Holy Spirit, we praise you. You are the life force of creation. You spoke to us through prophet's voices, you filled Mary's child with power, and you are making us a sanctuary of love. At this table we share bread, wine, and dreams. Because of you we are turning from darkness to light. Thank you for being our never-failing breath. For all that you are; all the gifts you given; all the saints' past, present and yet to come, we praise you singing:



The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second staff contains: "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff contains: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff contains: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fifth staff contains: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.".

Holy God, your endless creation is beyond our imagination. Yet you chose to dwell in Jesus, and your Spirit's breath sustains us today. You are The Creator, The Word and The Spirit and we praise you for the privilege of witnessing your love in every generation.

You are the keeper of promises even as we turn away time and time again. Through Noah and Namaah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Zipporah, David and Michael, Jesus and the church - you choose us. You have watched us grow, die, and find new life in you. Therefore, because of your never-failing salvation:

We invite Jesus into our life.

We celebrate his life beyond death.

We look for his coming again.

At this table, we return to Jesus' last night with friends before his death. There, he offered bread as a living symbol of his commitment to dwell in our world. In God, we offer the same, remembering his words: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Likewise, we offer a cup of wine with his words: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Undimmed by time: we praise you for these gifts of creation. This bread and wine is small enough to held by hands, but contains the universe. May your Holy Spirit come down upon these elements and fill us with life. We thank you for the invitation to live into your promised love. We cherish the life you have given us. We rejoice in the earth you have placed into our care. We love the communities you have called us to serve.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

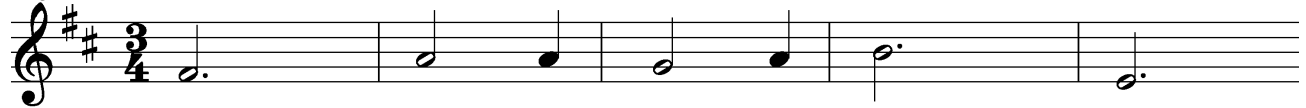
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Priest: Alleluia Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia Alleluia.**

Communion Hymn

Jesus, The Bread Of Life



Je - sus, the Bread of life, Je -



sus, the Bread of life. All who eat and



drink of Him will nev - er die,



will nev - er die.

Fine



1. I am the Bread that came down from heav - en.
2. All who come to me will not hun - ger,
3. All who love and keep my com - mand - ments



1. I will be your food.
2. nor will they ev - er thirst.
3. will be loved by my Fa - ther.



1. All who put their trust in me will
2. If you turn to me in faith I'll
3. And we shall both com - fort them and



1. nev - er die.
2. nev - er turn a - way.
3. make our home in them.

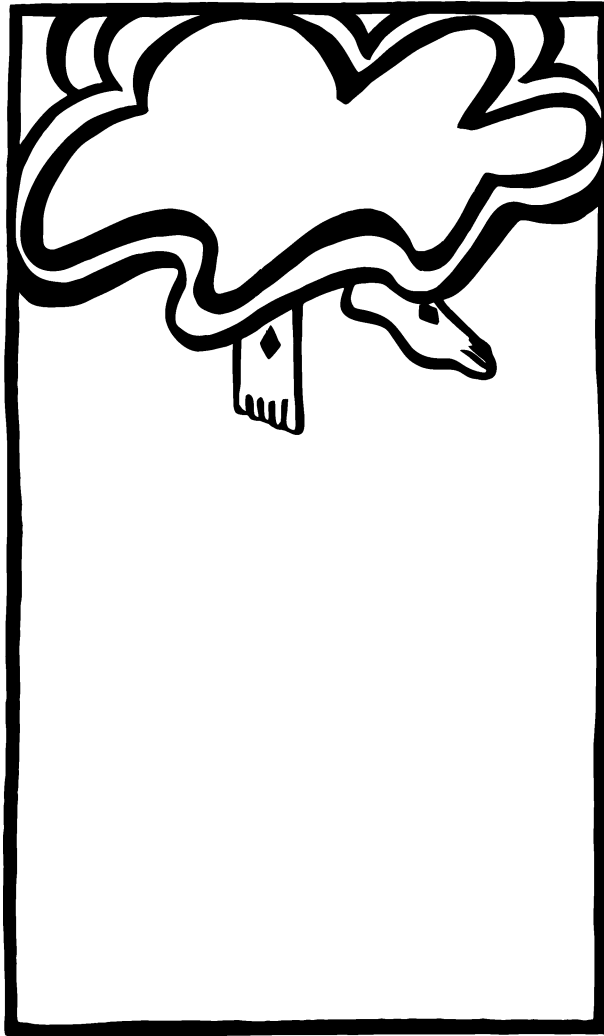
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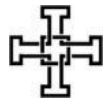
Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.

Young People's Time

Blessing





The Rev. Todd Bryant, Rector
The Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil, Associate Rector
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