

VII EASTER
ASCENSION DAY OBSERVED
May 29, 2022

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
The service begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer

Processional Hymn 214 *Hail the day that sees him rise*

Celebrant: Alleluia Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria (Hymnal S 278) Mathias

Collect of the Day Insert

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson ACTS 1:1-11 Insert

Psalm 93 Insert



The Second Lesson EPHESIANS 1:15-23 Insert

Gradual Hymn 460 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

The Holy Gospel LUKE 24:44-53 Insert

Before: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

After: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon The Rev. J. Gregory Morgan

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

It is customary to make the sign of the cross at the words "we look for the resurrection of the dead."

The Prayers of the People (Form I) BCP p. 383

Confession and Absolution BCP p. 360

The Peace Response: **And also with you**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 328

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Doxology (Hymn 380, vs. 3)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) BCP p. 361

Sanctus & Benedictus (Hymnal S 128) Mathias

At the end of Eucharistic Prayer—People join with Priest and say together:

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace: and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

It is customary to make the sign of the cross upon praying this petition.

The Lord's Prayer (S 119) Plainsong

The Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

Agnus Dei (Hymnal S 165) Mathias

The Communion*

Please form a single-file line in the center aisle, observing safe distancing, and receive your Communion. We offer the cup but not intinction (for health reasons), so simply refrain from taking the wine unless you plan to drink directly from the cup which is cleaned with a purificator after each partaker. To commune in one kind only (bread) is perfectly acceptable.

Communion Hymn 542

Christ is the world's true Light

Prayer After Communion BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Processional Hymn 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name

Dismissal BCP p. 366

Response: **Thanks be to God**

**In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are invited to take communion regardless of denominational affiliation. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come to the railing and cross your arms over your chest as a signal to the priest.*

The Collect

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. -*Amen.*

The First Lesson

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."

Psalm 93

- 1 The LORD is King;
he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.

The Second Lesson

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.

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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.