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**May 12, 2024**

**Ascension of Our Lord**

**9:30 a.m.**

*In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.*

**Gathering Hymn**

***"Bind Us Together Lord"***

**CHORUS** Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together  
 With cords that cannot be broken  
 Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together Bind us together in Love

**VERSE 1** There is only one God, There is only one King  
 There is only one Body, That is why we sing. **REPEAT CHORUS**

**VERSE 2** Fit for the glory of God, Purchased by His precious Blood  
 Born with the right to be free, Jesus the victory has won. **REPEAT CHORUS**

**VERSE 3** We are the family of God, We are the promise divine  
 We are God's chosen desire, We are the glorious new wine. **REPEAT CHORUS**

**Welcome** You are invited to text your celebrations and prayer concerns to  
 262-696-9157 to be lifted up later in the service.

**Opening Hymn**

***"God Is Here!"***

ELW #526

**Litany for Ascension**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
 a new world has broken into ours—  
**a world in which justice does come for the poor,  
 freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing comes for the sick.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
 a new community has been formed—  
**a community that loves and cares for all,  
 a family that welcomes the abandoned and rejected,  
 a place where all find a sense of belonging.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new creation has begun—  
**all that was distorted is being restored,  
all that is corrupted is being renewed,  
all that was broken is being made whole.**

**Hymn of Praise**

ELW page 138

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, **your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Children's Blessing/Noisy Offering**

Pastor Kim

**Children's Sending Song**

*"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"*

see screen

**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."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**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.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord.

**I am coming to you. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel****Luke 24:44-53**

(Before the reading) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he said to them, "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.

(After the reading) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Kimberly Jordan

**Hymn of the Day/Offering***"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*

ELW #392

**Apostles' Creed**

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**Prayers of the Faithful**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**Peace**      *Please extend the peace of Christ to your neighbor in a safe way.*

**Great Thanksgiving**      ELW page 144  
    *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*      ELW page 144

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**      see screen

**Invitation to Communion**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

**Distribution**

*The ushers will direct you. Please take an empty cup from the tray.  
Filled cups contain juice. Place your used cup in the basket near the altar.  
Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

*"Lamb of God"*      ELW page 146

**Distribution Hymns**      *"Blest Are They"*      ELW #728  
    *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*      ELW #674

**Communion Blessing and Prayer**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

**Benediction**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Sunday School Anthem**      *"This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made"*

**Sending Hymn**      *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*      ELW #855

**Dismissal**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord—On the ROAD with Jesus!

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