

Officiant: The Rev'd Stuart Hallam

Ascension Sunday

Opening Music – 619 Fairest Lord Jesus (Crusaders' Hymn)

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ΑII Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you. Celebrant

May he fill our hearts with joy. All Celebrant There is one body and one Spirit,

All There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One God, one faith, one baptism,

One God and Creator of all. All

Gloria



Verse 1: Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to the Father! Refrain Verse 2: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus! Refrain Verse 3: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit! Refrain

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant

God unheld by word or wall: lift us from dullness and cynical contempt; make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power; and turn our hearts to the mending of the world, through Jesus Christ, the name above all names. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

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 over the course of 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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel Luke 24: 44-53

Reader The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader

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 worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Rev'd Stuart Hallam

Music for Reflection – 'One Art' by Elisabeth Bishop

Intercessions Led by Conrad Guelke

The response to "Risen Lord" is, 'Hear our Prayer'.

Confession

Celebrant Dear Friends ... Most merciful God,

All We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word

and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and

walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us

until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer # 2 (Diocesan)

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CelebrantThe Lord be with youPeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

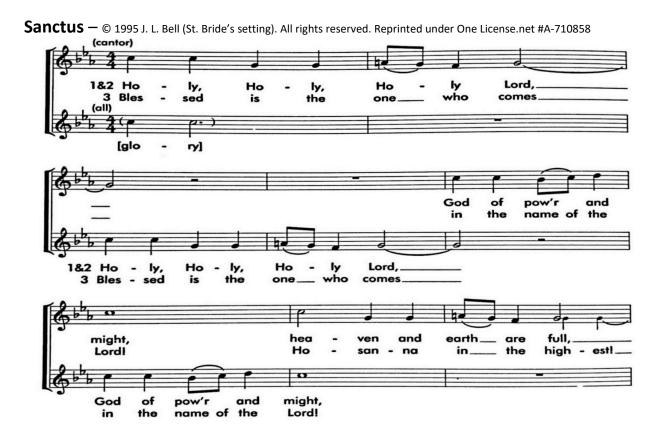
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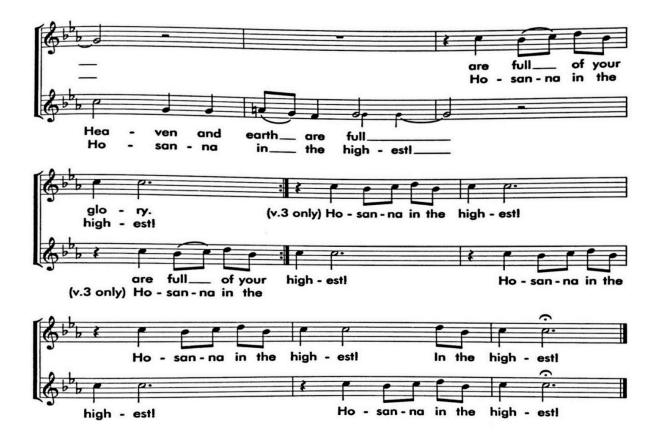
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon and stars; earth, winds and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, male and female, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you call us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:





Celebrant

Glory and honour and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favour upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to

them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Philip and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory and praise, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Jesus, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Music – Agnus Dei – O. Alstott

Post Communion Prayer

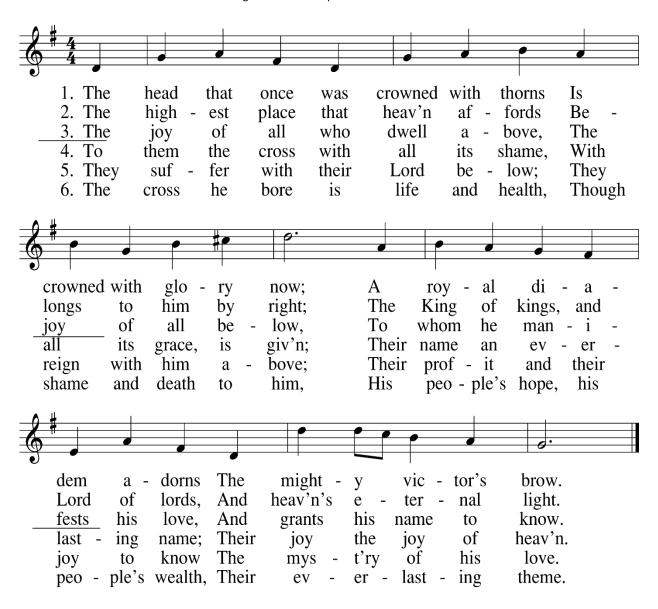
Celebrant Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us

in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Announcements

Hymn – 491 The Head That Once Was Crowned (St. Magnus)

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Text: Hebrews 2:9-10; Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855 Tune: ST. MAGNUS, CM; Jeremiah Clarke, 1670-1707 **Doxology**

Celebrant Glory to God

All Whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can

ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in

the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant The Peace of God, which passes all understanding...

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude – O Lord Most High, Eternal King – Percy Carter Buck

Join us at 11:00 am PST on Sunday, May 24, 2020 for our Virtual Coffee Time on Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/454815164