

**May 16, 2021
Ascension Sunday**

Participants:

Message: Mark

Prayer: Chong

Liturgist: Evelyn

Song Leader: Janie

Instrumentalist: Janie

Vocalists: Gera, Judi, Irene, Bernadette

Prelude – Slides and MP3

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Welcome- Mark

God's Greeting- Mark

Call to Worship

Clap your hands and shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For God has ascended with shouts of triumph!

Our God is exalted on high,

Sovereign over all the nations, and Lord of our lives.

Let's worship together.

OPENING SONG: *Crown Him with Many Crowns #223* (Organ/piano + Judi, Gera and Janie)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
who rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and reigns on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky

can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Confession (All):

Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: **He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.**

GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION AND FORGIVES OUR SINS

Prayer of Confession

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God.

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or always acknowledged his right to rule in our lives. We have turned our eyes off him and failed to give him glory. Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism. Too often, Lord God, we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources; relying on our perceived skills and modest insights. Too often, Lord God, we are hesitant in our proclamation seeking safe opportunities to speak of our faith. Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith and open wide our hearts and minds to the immanent presence of our Risen, Living and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ. In his name we pray together. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel:

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

In Christ, by God's grace, we are saved. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
(based on Ephesians 2:4-7, NRSV)

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE: *Mighty to Save* (add Irene)

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King - Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

Welcome to My Table – Janie

Scripture: 1 Cor 11:26; John 6:35,53-63

1 Corinthians 11:26, New Revised Standard Version

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

John 6:35, 53-63, New Revised Standard Version

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **54** Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; **55** for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. **56** Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. **57** Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. **58** This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." **59** He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"
61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? **62** Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? **63** It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

Message: "Proclamation: Until He Comes"

GOD INVITES OUR RESPONSE

CELEBRATION OF LORD'S SUPPER

RESPONSE SONG: *He is Lord #227*

He is Lord, He is Lord
He is risen from the dead
and He is Lord
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord

He is King, he is King!
He will draw all nations to him, he is King;
and the time shall be when the world shall sing
that Jesus Christ is King!

He is Life, he is Life!
He has died to set us free and he is Life;
and he calls us all to live evermore,
for Jesus Christ is Life!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

Offering
God Blesses Us