

THE FESTIVAL OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Greeting

HYMN A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing *CW 171*
(Choir sings stanzas 3, 4)

A DIALOGUE FOR THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

P: Christ is arisen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: God has ascended amid shouts of joy!

C: **Let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

P: Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

C: **We believe and are sure that he is the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

P: God raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.

C: **At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

P: Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

C: **Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Since we have been raised with Christ, it is right that we set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Therefore let us draw near and with a true heart confess our sins, asking God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!** *(Spoken)*

P: When Christ, who is your life, appears, you also will appear with him in glory.

C: **Never again will we hunger; never again will we thirst. The sun will not beat upon us, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. So shall it be. Amen!**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR — Christ, Ascended to the Father

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

CHOIR — Melodic Gloria

FIRST LESSON Exodus 14:21-31

HYMN OF PRAISE Alleluia! Sing to Jesus *CW 169 s. 1*

SECOND LESSON Revelation 19:11-16

HYMN OF PRAISE Oh, Worship the King *CW 243 s. 1*

GOSPEL OF THE DAY Luke 24:44-53

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN On Christ's Ascension I Now Build *CW 173*

SERMON

HYMN Crown Him With Many Crowns *CW 341*



Mount Olive Lutheran Church



St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church

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OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: **We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.**

M: O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world.

C: **Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.**

M: O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

C: **Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.**

M: O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.

C: **You are our Lord, Master, and King.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

C: **Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.**

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LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: (sing) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

CW 579