



AN ORDER FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

✠ *THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD* ✠

May 24, 2020

PRELUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Lyrics within video.



INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God has gone up with a shout:

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Christ reigns over the nations:

He sits at God's right hand in the heavenly places. Amen!

PRAYER

Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you 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, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY*Psalms 47*

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1.15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked 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 one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24.44-53

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

KIDS' STORY

[Jesus Ascends](#)

THE SERMON

[Pr. Orrey McFarland](#)

HYMN

[Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending](#)

Lyrics within video.

THE OFFERING

[Online Giving](#)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the \pm resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Holy God, on the day of Ascension you vindicated your death-conquering Son and enthroned him at your right hand to intercede for us. Our hearts are filled with joy over your goodness and mercy! Help us to serve the world in his name and point people to the Good News of his resurrection and ascension.

Silence for prayer.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence for prayer.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence for prayer.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence for prayer.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord, the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you – and we lift to you all who are in need. Today we lift before you especially the employees, residents, and families of Carlin Estates; Denny Burkett; Rick; Kenneth Bradley; Dreama; Staci and Ron; Aprille; Blane; Dan; Slate; Noah; Terry; Bailey; Rich; Carol and Vince; and Robert Lahmon. We ask that you would guide physicians and nurses and all those you have called to work in healthcare, and give comfort and strength to all affected by this time of virus and isolation. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence for prayer.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence for prayer.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord almighty order our days and our deeds in his ☩ peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

[Alleluia! Sing to Jesus](#)

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, font of love and sanctity; Alleluia! Alleluia! to the triune majesty.