



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**

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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 6:30 PM**

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**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD  
(Series A)**

## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

As we gather to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, we discover that this day is not about Christ's absence but His reign, not about His departure but His promise fulfilled. The risen Jesus has ascended to the Father's right hand, not to leave us behind, but to fill all things for our good and to be present with His Church in a way even richer than when He walked the earth. In Ephesians 1, Paul prays that the "eyes of our hearts" would be enlightened to see the hope, the inheritance, and the immeasurable power that belong to us because Christ now rules over all things for His people. Today we rejoice that the ascended Lord is not far away—He is with us in His Word, in His Sacraments, and in every moment of our lives. Because Christ has ascended, we are never alone.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

"...as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight." **Acts 1:9b**

## **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

# 491 UP THROUGH ENDLESS RANKS OF ANGELS



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph  
 2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual  
 3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,  
 △ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,  
 to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
 prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
 Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -  
 As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our  
 With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as  
 Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.  
 world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
 You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

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*Please Remain Standing*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9; Matthew 28:6; Psalm 47:5-6; Ephesians 1:18-23; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen and ascended!

**C** **He is risen indeed and reigns forever! Alleluia!**

**P** God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**C** **Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

**P** The eyes of our hearts are enlightened to know the hope to which He has called us.

**C** **The riches of His glorious inheritance and the immeasurable greatness of His power.**

**P** Christ is seated at the Father's right hand, far above all rule and authority.

**C** **And He fills all things for the good of His Church.**

**P** Behold, I am with you always," says the Lord.

**C** **Never alone—Christ is with us now and forever. Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

**P** The ascended Christ fills all things, rules over all things, and remains present with His Church. Yet we confess that our hearts are slow to trust His reign and quick to cling to our own strength. Let us come before our Lord, acknowledging our sin and seeking His mercy.

Risen and ascended Lord, You reign at the Father's right hand and rule all things for the good of Your Church. And yet we live as though our lives were governed by fear, chance, or our own strength.

**C** **Ascended Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

**P** Risen and ascended Lord, You promise, “I am with you always,” and You fill all things with Your presence. And yet we doubt Your nearness, neglect Your Word, and seek comfort in lesser things.

**C** **Ascended Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

**P** Risen and ascended Lord, You open the eyes of our hearts to know the hope, the riches, and the power that are ours in You. And yet we cling to old sins, old fears, and old ways, living as though Your victory had not been given to us.

**C** **Ascended Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

**P** Let us confess our sins together.

**C** **Ascended Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us. Lift our eyes to Your throne. Enlighten our hearts by Your Spirit. Restore our hope, renew our faith, and anchor our lives in Your reigning presence. Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection)*

**P** Hear the good news of the Ascension: The same mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at the Father’s right hand is the power by which He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen. The ascended Christ is with us always. Alleluia.**

**✠ Word ✠**

# INTROIT

*Tune: LSB 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*(The following hymn is based on the appointed Introit of the Day Psalm 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5.)*

## GOD HAS GONE UP WITH A SHOUT



God has gone up with a shout, The Lord with trum - pet sound.



The Lord has said un - to my Lord, "In vic - to - ry a - bound!"



The Lord has said to all, "What I say shall re - main:



A priest for - ev - er You shall be; In pow - er shall You reign"

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# HYMN OF PRAISE

*(Congregation sings the refrain. Max Peterson will sing the verses.)*

## 489 HAIL THEE, FESTIVAL DAY

*Refrain*  
All

*Ascension* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;

Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign. reign.

- 1 He who was nailed to the cross  
Is ruler and Lord of all people.  
All things created on earth  
Sing to the glory of God

### **Refrain – Congregation Sings**

*Refrain*  
All

*Ascension* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;

Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign.

2 Daily the loveliness grows,  
Adorned with the glory of blossom;  
Heaven her gateway unbars,  
Flinging her increase of light

**Refrain – Congregation Sings**

*Refrain*  
All



*Ascension* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;  
Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign.

3 God the Almighty, the Lord,  
The ruler of earth and the heavens,  
Guard us from harm without;  
Cleanse us from evil within

**Refrain – Congregation Sings**

*Refrain*  
All



*Ascension* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;  
Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign.

4 Jesus, the health of the world,  
Creator of all and redeemer,  
Son of the Father supreme,  
Only-begotten of God

**Refrain – Congregation Sings**

*Refrain*  
All



*Ascension* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;  
Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign.

5 Spirit of life and of pow'r,  
Now flow in us, fount of our being,  
Light that enlightens us all,  
Life that in all may abide

**Refrain – Congregation Sings**

*Refrain*  
All



*Ascension* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;  
Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign.

6 Praise to the giver of good!  
O Lover and Author of concord,  
Pour out Your balm on our days;  
Order our ways in Your peace

**Refrain – Congregation Sings**

*Refrain*  
*All*

*Ascension* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;  
Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You ascended in triumph and now fill all things. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts to know the hope, the inheritance, and the power that are ours in You. As You reign at the Father's right hand, keep us steadfast in the promise that we are never alone. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

*Acts 1:1-11*

*(As He ascends to heaven, Jesus instructs the disciples to anticipate the coming Holy Spirit.)*

**L** 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. To them He presented Himself alive 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,

**P** *“you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

**L** So when they had come together, they asked Him,

**C** “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

**L** He said to them,

**P** *“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.”*

**L** 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.

*The Paschal Candle may be extinguished.*

**L** And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said,

**C** “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.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** **[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** **he has put all things under his feet.**

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

*(Paul rejoices in those who have been embraced within the story of the risen, ascended, and reigning Christ.)*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b*

*Tune: LSB 803 – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Alleluia! Christ, once risen,  
Dies no more; He lives to reign.  
Death no longer is His master,  
Sin and grave cannot restrain.

Alleluia! “I am with you  
Always, to the end of days;  
I will never leave nor fail you,”  
Christ assures us—hearts upraised!

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

*(Christ illumines His disciples' minds that all Scripture points to His work of redemption.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] 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.”* <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, *“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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.”*

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ**

*Sit*

## THE RECESSION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*Paschal Candle is moved from the chancel to the baptismal font.*

**P** At the Festival of the Ascension, the Paschal Candle is carried from the chancel to the baptismal font. This movement recalls that our risen Lord, who appeared to His disciples for forty days, has now ascended to the Father's right hand and is no longer present with His Church in the same visible, bodily way.

This action does **not** suggest that Christ has departed from His people. He remains truly present with His Church as He has promised: *"I am with you always, to the end of the age"* (Matthew 28:20). Christ is present where He has pledged to be — in His **Word**, in **Holy Baptism**, in **Holy Absolution**, and in His **body and blood** in the Sacrament of the Altar.

The Paschal Candle's place at the font reminds us that the ascended Lord continues His saving work among us through the means He has appointed. From the font, the Gospel goes forth as Christ makes disciples through Baptism and teaching. As His witnesses, we carry His light into the world, confident in His power and His abiding presence.

## 492 ON CHRIST'S ASCENSION I NOW BUILD



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and  
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er  
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I  
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There  
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.  
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

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## SERMON

### VOTUM

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## **NICENE CREED**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Ascended Lord Jesus Christ, You reign at the Father's right hand and fill all things for the good of Your Church. Strengthen Your people throughout the world. Give pastors wisdom and faithfulness to proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Open the ears and enlighten the hearts of all who hear, that Your Church may rejoice to be the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Ascended Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father of glory, You have made us members of Your household through the death, resurrection, and ascension of Your Son. Bless the homes of Your people. Strengthen husbands and wives, sustain parents and children, and be the companion and consolation of those who live alone. Let every household be anchored in the hope to which You have called us. Ascended Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You have seated Christ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion. Grant wisdom, integrity, and humility to all who govern. Preserve peace, restrain evil, and uphold justice according to Your good and gracious will. Ascended Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, Your Son reigns over all things and intercedes for us at Your right hand. Give patience, endurance, and healing to all who suffer in body or spirit. Comfort those who mourn with the promise that Christ has opened heaven to all who believe. Ascended Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of the Church, You have ascended yet remain truly present in Your Holy Supper. Prepare our hearts to receive the body and blood of Christ with faith and thanksgiving, that we may be strengthened in forgiveness, life, and salvation. Ascended Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we give thanks for the sufferings, death, resurrection, and ascension of Your dear Son, who now stands before You as our great High Priest. Keep us steadfast in faith until that day when You gather all Your saints from the ends of the earth to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **OFFERING**

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Acts 1:11 – “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.”** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This knowledge makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.

*Stand*

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. After His resurrection, He appeared to His disciples and was taken up into heaven, that He might fill all things and reign at Your right hand far above all rule and authority. By His ascension, He opens the way for us to follow Him in faith and enlightens the eyes of our hearts to know the hope and power that are ours in Him. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

*Tune – LSB 491 – Up through Endless Ranks of Angels (87.87.87)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God,  
God of hosts, all praise is yours;  
Heav'n and earth are filled with glory,  
We acclaim you: Hosanna.  
Blest is He who comes to save us,  
Hosanna in highest heav'n.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** In gratefulness, we bless You, all-glorious Father, for the sake of Your ascended Son, for You have given Him authority over all flesh, and yet in this Meal, He condescends to offer His flesh as true food and His blood as true drink for those who confess His name. As those claimed by His sacrifice, redeemed from evil and everlasting death, give us hearts that gather at Your Table to recognize our redemption, grow in our faith, and declare the glories of Your mercy until Christ comes again, for He rules and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 162*

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be 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.

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI**

*Tune – LSB 491 – Up through Endless Ranks of Angels (87.87.87)*

Lamb of God, for us You suffered;  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we cry;  
Lamb of God, who takes the world's sin,  
Have mercy, Lord, hear our plea;  
Lamb of God, who gives us Your peace,  
Grant us peace eternally.

*Sit*

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.*

*Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### 494 SEE, THE LORD ASCENDS IN TRIUMPH



1 See, the Lord as - cends in tri - umph; Con - qu'ring King in  
 2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the trump of  
 3 While He lifts His hands in bless - ing, He is part - ed  
 4 Now our heav'n - ly Aar - on en - ters With His blood with -  
 5 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the clouds to



roy - al state, Rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, To His  
 ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, He has  
 from His friends; While their ea - ger eyes be - hold Him, He up -  
 in the veil; Josh - ua now is come to Ca - naan, And the  
 God's right hand; There we sit in heav'n - ly plac - es, There with



heav'n - ly pal - ace gate. Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es  
 gained the vic - to - ry. He who on the cross did suf - fer,  
 on the clouds as - cends. He who walked with God and pleased Him,  
 kings be - fore Him quail. Now He plants the tribes of Is - rael  
 Him in glo - ry stand. Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels;



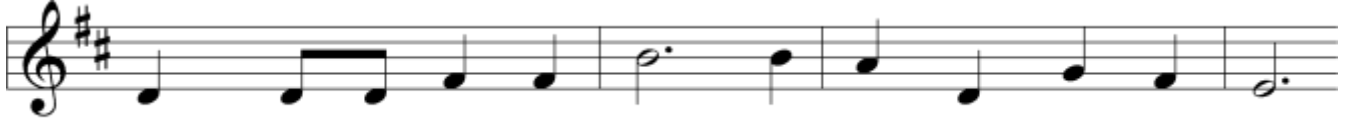
Joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals  
 He who from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished  
 Preach - ing truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch,  
 In their prom - ised rest - ing place; Now our great E -  
 Man with God is on the throne. By our might - y



high are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.  
 sin and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed His foes.  
 is trans - lat - ed To His ev - er - last - ing home.  
 li - jah of - fers Dou - ble por - tion of His grace.  
 Lord's as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

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## 525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Text (sts. 1–3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903  
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## 532 THE HEAD THAT ONCE WAS CROWNED WITH THORNS



1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is  
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is  
 3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The  
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With



crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -  
 His, is His by right, The King of kings and  
 Joy of all be - low To whom He man - i -  
 all its grace, is giv'n; Their name an ev - er -



dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.  
 Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;  
 feasts His love And grants His name to know.  
 last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,  
 They reign with Him above,  
 Their profit and their joy to know  
 The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,  
 Though shame and death to Him:  
 His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
 Their everlasting theme.

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*Stand*

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – NUNC DIMITTIS

*Tune: LSB 491 – Up Through endless Ranks of Anges - (87.87.87)*

Lord, now let Your servant go forth,  
Your Word kept, and Your promise true;  
For my eyes have seen the Promise,  
Prepared for the world to see;  
Light to shine upon the nations,  
And glory for Israel.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that in this Holy Supper You have fed us with Your very body and blood. Strengthen us through this gift to know the hope, the inheritance, and the power that are ours in You. As You reign at the Father's right hand and fill all things, keep us steadfast in faith and constant in love, that we may serve one another in Your name until the day You come again in glory; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Ephesians 4:10; Acts 1:11*

**P** He ascended far above all the heavens,

**C** that He might fill all things.

**P** This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,

**C** will come again.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Christ is ascended.

**C** He is ascended indeed. Alleluia.

# GREET ONE ANOTHER

*Please Greet One Another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you", or "The peace of the Lord be with you" or, "The Lord be with you".*

## 493 A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
 4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
 to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
 al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph  
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
 And be our future great reward.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Then, throned with You forever, we  
 Shall praise Your name eternally.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
 All praise to You let earth accord:  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 You are, while endless ages run,  
 With Father and with Spirit one.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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