

Feast of the Ascension—Cycle B—May 16, 2021

GATHERING HYMN: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise Tune: LLANFAIR



1. Hail the day that sees him rise
 2. There for him high tri-umph waits:
 3. High - est heav'n its Lord re - ceives; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. See! he lifts his hands a - bove.
 5. Lord, though part - ed from our sight
 6. There with you we shall re - main,



1. To his throne be - yond the skies,
 2. Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates;
 3. Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. See! he shows the wounds of love.
 5. Far be - yond the star - ry height,
 6. Share the glo - ry of your reign,



1. Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n,
 2. He has con- quered death and sin;
 3. Though re - turn - ing to his throne,
 4. Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. Lift our hearts that we may rise
 6. There your face un - cloud - ed view,



1. En - ters now the high - est heav'n!
 2. Take the King of glo - ry in.
 3. Still he calls the world his own.
 4. Bless-ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. One with you be - yond the skies:
 6. Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! We will rise, lift-ed high;



on the wings of the ea-gle we shall fly. with you.

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SPRINKLING: Come To The Water

Stephen Lay

GLORIA: Mass of Renewal

Gokelman & Kaufman

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

PSALM 47: God Mounts His Throne

Paul Tate



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a



blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

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Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of him.
May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,
what are the riches of glory
in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might,
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,
and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.
And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

GOSPEL: Mk 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel to every creature.
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;
whoever does not believe will be condemned.
These signs will accompany those who believe:
in my name they will drive out demons,
they will speak new languages.
They will pick up serpents with their hands,
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.
They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the right hand of God.
But they went forth and preached everywhere,
while the Lord worked with them
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Festival Alleluia

James Chepponis

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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PRESENTATION: Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford

Verse 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

COMMUNION 1: I Will Be With You

James Moore

Refrain

"I will be with you!" That is my prom-ise. "I will be with you for ev-er-more." Trust in my love. Bring me all your cares, for I will be with you for ev-er-more.

Verses

1. You are my peo-ple, and I am your
2. You have re-ceived me, now go and spread my
God. I made you a prom-ise, to be with you al-
word. % You are with-in me and I am in
ways, be-cause I real-ly love you. I real-ly
love you, and I will be with you for ev-er-more.

COMMUNION 1I: One Bread One Body

John Foley

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And
we, though man-y, through-out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,
wom - an or man no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

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COMMUNION 3: How Beautiful

Twila Paris

How beautiful, the hands that served, the wine and the bread
and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked,
the long dusty roads, and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the Body of Christ.

How beautiful, the heart that bled, that took all my sin,
and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes,
that choose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the Body of Christ.

Bridge: And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as he died: willing to pay the price,
Willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant bride, who waits for her groom,
with his light in her eyes. How beautiful when humble hearts,
give the fruit of pure lives, so that others may live.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the Body of Christ.

How beautiful the feet that bring, the sound of good news,
and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve,
the wine and the bread, and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the Body of Christ.

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CLOSING HYMN: I Send You Out

John Angotti

I send you out — on a
mis-sion of love. I send you out — on a
mis-sion of love. I send you out — on a
mis-sion of love, and know that I am with —
— you al - ways un-til the end of the world.

John Angotti
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