

Ascension Sunday

May 24, 2020 10:30 a.m.



***He is risen,
so we shall arise!***

Watch our Chapel Service on Channel 105

Order of Worship

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Great Hymns
of Faith, Vol. II*
The St. Olaf Choir

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.

Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet
And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him ye martyrs of our God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him whose ways of pain ye trod,
And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, alt.; John Rippon, alt.; **Music:** Oliver Holden arr. John Ferguson.

Greeting and Introduction

In today's readings from Acts the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Holy Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told not to gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Lord's Supper. We too long for the Holy Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

Prayer of the Day

Most gracious and merciful God,

We give thanks for your presence with us and for the Ascension of your Son, Jesus Christ, who guides and comforts us through you and the Holy Spirit. Whose breath promises us life abundant. We trust that your loving-kindness surrounds us. And we ask your blessing on your world.

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

Ascendit Deus

Easter at Ephesus
Benedictines of Mary
Queen of Apostles

God ascends in jubilation,
and the Lord with the
sound of the trumpet, Alleluia.

Psalm 47:1-7

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

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.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

New Testament Scripture

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. *This, he said, is what you have 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?* He replied, *It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, *Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.*

Proclamation

Pastor: Christ is risen, so we shall arise!

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Sermon

Pr. Kristine

Now the Green Blade Rises

*Hymns We Love To Sing
The National Lutheran Choir*

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that He would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth He came at Easter like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Prayers of the Church

Adapted from
*Prayers for a Community
in a Time of Pandemic*
The Corrymeela Community

Confession

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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Absolution

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

Taizé
Music of Unity & Peace



HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The bread and wine of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Come, eat and live! **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

The Meal

Eternal God

Sing, Ye Heavens
The Cambridge Singers

Eternal God, we give you thanks for music,
Blest gift from heaven to all your servants here on earth:
In time of joy a crown, in sorrow consolation;
Companion through our days of tears and mirth.

We give you thanks for every sound of beauty:
For sweetest harmony that echoes in our hearts,
For melodies that soar on high like birds at morning,
For voice and instrument in all their parts.

As we are blest, so may our gifts bless others:
May hearts be touched and spirits lifted up anew.
Let music draw together those who live as strangers,
Bring joy to those we love, in thankfulness true.

And when at last we come into your kingdom,
All discord over and all earthly labour done,
Then sound and silence yield before one equal music,
And with the Giver shall our souls be one.



Prayer

God, who makes us glad in this festal season of the Resurrection, mercifully grant that we who now celebrate these joyous holy days on earth may rise to eternal joys in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements & Thank You

Thank you to our:

Nursing staff for saying YES
to altering the Chapel space for
this service,

and

Maintenance staff for preparing
the Chapel for worship.

On Fridays, our Sunday bulletin is published on the NRC website:

<https://northfieldretirement.org/chapel-services>

From now on, the NRC Chapel 10:30 a.m. Sunday services most likely will be broadcast on **Channel 102**, until further notice.

Let the Whole Creation Cry

*Great Hymns
of Faith, Vol. III*
The Saint Olaf Choir

Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise him, our almighty King!"

Praise God, angel hosts above,
Ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, lift up your voice;
Night and stars, in God rejoice!

Servants fighting for the Lord,
Prophets burning with his word,
Those to whom the arts belong
Add their voices to the song.
Powers of knowledge and of law;
To the glorious circle draw;
All who work and all who wait,
Sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

Men and women, young and old,
Raise the anthem loud and bold,
And let children's happy hearts
In this worship take their parts;
From the north to southern pole
Let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One;
Glory be to God alone!"



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