

The Ascension of Our Lord

May 13, 2021 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Focus on the Season: The Ascension of Our Lord

Today the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we, too, find Christ's presence among us as we proclaim the Word and share the Easter joy with all God's children. *Keep this document open on the screen, to aid in your worship today. The link is embedded in this pdf, so you don't have to return to the email. You can also print these pages and use the link in the email.*



Centering and Gathering

Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: "Joie et Clarté des Corps Glorieux" from *Les Corp Glorieux* Olivier Messaien
Recorded by Cantor Cherwien at Mount Olive on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

HYMN: ELW 393, "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

Introduction from the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, May 25, 2017; stanzas from the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, May 10, 2018.

EASTER GREETING

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☞ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11; reader – Adam Krueger, lector

PSALMODY: Psalm 47 ELW tone 10 Antiphon by Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

¹Clap your hands, ¹ all you peoples; * shout to God with a ¹ joyful sound.

²For the LORD Most High is ¹ to be feared: * a great king over ¹ all the earth,

³who subdues the ¹ peoples under us, * and the nations un- ¹ der our feet;

⁴who chooses our inheri- ¹ tance for us, * the pride of Jacob, ¹ whom God loves.

⁵God has gone up ^l with a shout, * the LORD with the sound ^l of the ram's horn.

⁶Sing praises to ^l God, sing praises; * sing praises to our ^l king, sing praises.

⁷For God is king of ^l all the earth; * sing praises ^l with a song.

⁸God reigns o- ^l ver the nations; * God is en- ^l throned on high.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the ^l God of Abraham. * The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- ^l ly exalted.

Sung at Mount Olive on the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, May 10, 2018.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23; reader – Kathy Thurston, assisting minister

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 388, “Be Not Afraid” – *sung before and after the Gospel*

Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, year C, April 17, 2016.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

Look Around

Pastor Joseph Crippen

Silence for reflection.

HYMN: ELW 389, “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Sung at Mount Olive on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, year C, April 24, 2016.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Kathy Thurston, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

LORD'S PRAYER *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

Sending

BLESSING *Response: **Amen***

SENDING HYMN: ELW 475, “Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

Sung at Mount Olive on the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 18 B, August 2, 2015.

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

☒ Alleluia! Christ is risen! ☑ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

☒ Go in peace. Share the Good News. ☑ **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Improvisation (“The Ascension”)

Recorded on the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, May 25, 2017.