

Feast of the Ascension



Thursday, May 14 | 7 pm

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Welcome to Christ Church Grosse Pointe

Tonight we celebrate Jesus' ascension to the right hand of God. This is the second of the three great events of the victory of Easter (resurrection, ascension, gift of the Spirit).

The reading from Acts is Luke's description of the ascension and of Jesus' final instruction to the apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Paul discusses the meaning of that event for us in today's reading from Ephesians. Not only has Jesus ascended to the Father, but by virtue of our incorporation into his life we share in his place of honor with God and all the saints.

The Gospel reading from Luke is a simple and direct account of the disciple's last meeting with Jesus. Luke will pick up this story again in his second book, the Acts of the Apostles, when the result of waiting in the city is the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

As we celebrate the Eucharist we are reminded that in this and every Eucharist the Church ascends into the presence of God to stand with Jesus at God's right hand, sharing in the joys of the Kingdom and offering through Christ the whole creation that it may be filled with grace and redemption.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

VOLUNTARY

PRIÈRE DU CHRIST MONTANT VERS SON PÈRE,
FROM *L'ASCENSION*

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN

HE WHO WAS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Salve festa dies

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for

ev - er, day when the Christ a - scends, high in the

hea - vens to reign. reign.

1 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
 3 God the Cre - a - tor, the Lord who rul - est the
 5 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre -
 earth and the hea - vens, guard us from -
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost

Repeat Refrain

a - ted on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:

2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 4 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our
 6 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her gates un -
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

Repeat Refrain

bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

GROSSE POINTE SERVICE

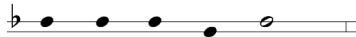
David Hurd
(b. 1950)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.



People **And al - so with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47

chant: *John Davy*

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.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work 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 age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN

WHEN CHRIST WAS LIFTED FROM THE EARTH

St. Botolph

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Maureen L. Martin

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon. The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

People 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.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Strengthen and guide those who volunteer their time to serve in the ministries of this church, that they may continue to seek your will, hear your word, and joyfully serve Christ with confidence and good cheer.

People 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.

People 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.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.

People 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.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Gospeller Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief period of silence is observed.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's Peace and then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

ANTHEM

ANTIPHON, FROM *FIVE MYSTICAL SONGS*

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King.

The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:

The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out:

But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King.

George Herbert
(1593-1633)

The people stand for the hymn and the Great Thanksgiving.

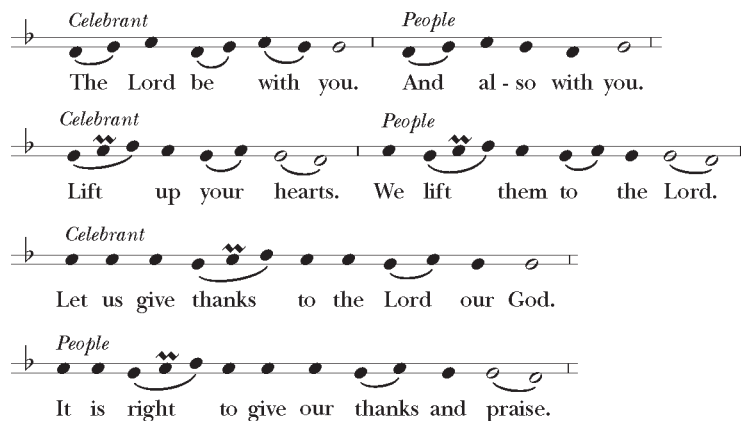


See the Con-queror mounts in tri-umph; see the King in
Thou hast raised our hu-man na-ture on the clouds to
roy-al state, rid-ing on the clouds, his
God's right hand: there we sit in heaven-ly
char-iot, to his heaven-ly pal-ace gate!
plac-es, there with thee in glo-ry stand.
Hark! the choirs of an-gel voic-es joy-ful
Je-sus reigns, a-dored by an-gels; Man with
al-le-lu-ias sing, and the por-tals
God is on the throne; might-y Lord, in
high are lift-ed to re-ceive their heaven-ly King.
thine as-cen-sion, we by faith be-hold our own.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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SANCTUS, FROM *ORBIS FACTOR*

Dobrinka Tabakova
(b. 1980)

AGNUS DEI

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D. Hurd

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son
our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

May Almighty God whose holy son ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us,
bless you richly at this holy time.

People **Amen.**

When the Lord Christ appears again as judge, may you be found a faithful servant
in his sight.

People **Amen.**

Christ has taken his place on the heavenly throne, but know that he is also present
with us until the end of time, according to his promise.

People **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Gospeller dismisses the People.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**



1 Christ, the fair glo - ry of the ho - ly an - gels,
 2 Send thine arch - an - gel Mi - chael to our suc - cor;
 3 Send thine arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el, the might - y;
 4 Send from the hea - vens Ra - phael thine arch - an - gel,
 5 May the blest mo - ther of our God and Sa - vior,
 6 Fa - ther Al - might - y, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit,



1 ma - ker of all things, ru - ler of all
 2 peace - ma - ker bless - ed, may he ban - ish
 3 her - ald of hea - ven, may he, from us
 4 health - bring - er bless - ed, aid - ing ev - ery
 5 may the ce - les - tial com - pa - ny of
 6 God ev - er bless - ed, hear our thank - ful



1 na - tions, grant of thy mer - cy un - to us thy
 2 from us striv - ing and hat - red, so that for the
 3 mor - tals, drive ev - ery e - vil, watch - ing o'er the
 4 suf - ferer, that, in thy ser - vice, he may wise - ly
 5 an - gels, may the as - sem - bly of the saints in
 6 prais - es; thine is the glo - ry which from all cre -



1 ser - vants steps up to hea - ven.
 2 peace - ful all things may pros - per.
 3 tem - ples where thou art wor - shipped.
 4 guide us, heal - ing and bless - ing.
 5 hea - ven help us to praise thee.
 6 a - tion ev - er a - scend - eth.

Pentecost



May 24 | 10 am

Wear Red!

A Strawberry Shortcake Reception Follows!



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