



*The Ascension
of
Our Lord*

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor | 352

Please stand for verses 3 and 4.

352 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, Might - y
2 Though the low - liest form once veiled you As of
3 Pas - chal Lamb, your off - 'ring, fin - ished Once for
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly Man - na, Strick - en



First - born from the dead, You a - lone, our strong De -
old in Beth - le - hem, Here as there your an - gels
all when you were slain, In its full - ness un - di -
Rock with stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho -



fend - er, You lift up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -
hail you, Branch and Flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -
min - ished, Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -
san - na Wor - ship you, the Lamb who died. Al - le -



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

Je - sus, true and liv - ing Bread!
 We in wor - ship join with them;
 Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain;
 Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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Text: George H. Bourne, 1840–1925, abr., alt.
 Tune: BRYN CALFARIA (87 87 444 77) William Owen, 1813–93.

PRAYER

M: Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: We praise you for your victory over sin, death, satan, and hell.

M: O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world.

C: Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.

M: O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

C: Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.

M: O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.

C: You are our Lord, Master and King.

M: As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

C: Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

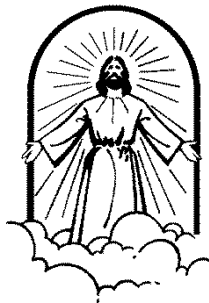
M: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

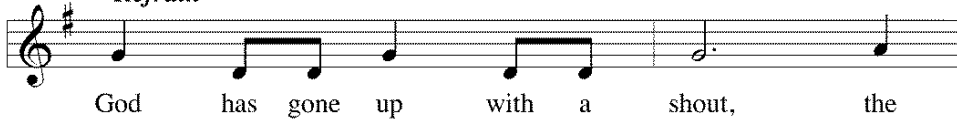
FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

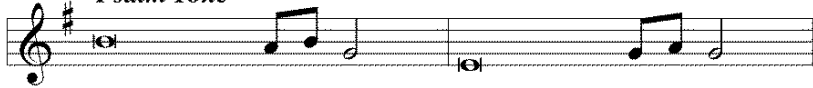


Psalm 47

Refrain



Psalm Tone



The congregation will sing all the verses and the refrain.

Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.

Refrain

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:7-16

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: You will be my witnesses...

C: To the ends of the earth. Alleluia! (Ac 1:8)

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 16:15-20

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing | 171

1) ALL

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New songs throughout the world
shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3) Grades 5-8

To them the shining angels cry,
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
“This is the Savior,” thus they say.
“This is his glorious triumph day.”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5) Senior Choir

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!

2) Grades K-4

The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with his followers they see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4) Grades K-8

“You see him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky.”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty.”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6) ALL

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!

SERMON

Mark 16:15-20
Proclaim the Good News!

Please stand.

CREED

**I believe that Jesus Christ,
true God, begotten of his Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary,
is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature,
purchased and won me
from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil,
not with gold or silver,
but with his holy precious blood and with his innocent
suffering and death.**

**All this he did that I should be his own,
and live under him in his kingdom
and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and
blessedness
just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

This is most certainly true.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The presider concludes each petition with the words, "Lord, in your mercy..."
The congregation responds each time with, "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

COMBINED SENIOR CHOIR

Easter Chorale and Alleluia

Please stand.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

232 Windsor St. Sun Prairie, WI 53590
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We love that you are here today! For your convenience, restrooms are located in the foyer by the library. There is a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.

Presider Rev. Josh Jahnke (Risen Savior, McFarland)
Sermon Rev. Luke C. Werre (Peace, Sun Prairie)
Organ Mrs. Sarah Bilitz
Senior Choir..... dir. Joan Eggert
Grade School Children dir. Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Processional Cross Ethan Gulczynski
Worship Coordinator Mrs. Kristin Huebner
Ushers Team #1 - D. Becraft (captain)

JOINT ASCENSION SERVICE

Pastor Greg Lyon from Peace served Risen Savior, McFarland, in the winter/spring of 2013. As a result of his service to Risen Savior a bond was forged between our two congregations. At that time leaders from both congregations agreed to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord together every year to maintain that special bond. Risen Savior is currently being served by Pastor Josh Janke.

THE ASENSION OF OUR LORD

40 days after He rose from the dead Christ ascended into heaven. Today is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday. We celebrate this event today.

*Please join us after the
service for a pie & ice
cream social!*