

GRACE CHURCH

IN PROVIDENCE

*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God,
a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel
through worship, proclamation, and service to each other,
to downtown Providence, and beyond.*



THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION (TRANSFERRED)

~ FESTAL CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST ~
RITE II

MAY 16TH, 2021
LIVE-STREAMED AT 10:00 AM

WELCOME ‘VIRTUALLY’ TO GRACE CHURCH!

Welcome ‘virtually’ to Grace Church! This is, of course, far from a normal post-Easter season. For the second year in a row (and hopefully the last) it comes in the midst of a pandemic, and our worship today reflects that reality. We are live-streaming these services and the prayers and praises we offer to God in this most joyous season of the Church year. We hope that today’s service will connect you with Grace, and, even more importantly, with the Lord, whose rising to new life we celebrate during these weeks. Most of all, we pray that the joy of his ascension will lift your hearts as we look to a new birth for our world that awaits deliverance with hope and expectation.

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+
Rector

A NOTE ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE:

This morning we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which officially occurs 40 days after Christ’s resurrection (this year Ascension Day was on Thursday, May 13). A church’s “feast of title” can be transferred to the nearest Sunday. Churches named “Grace” don’t technically have a “feast of title” but historically have adopted Ascension Day. There is precedent at Grace Church for this, dating to May 1, 1913, the first Ascension Day with the newly added Chancel. From *A History of Grace Church*: “Ascension Day, May 1, saw the active operation of a plan dear to [the rector] Dr. Crowder’s heart, namely the observance of that festival as “Grace Church Day,” comparable to Trinity Sunday or the appropriate Saints’ Day for a Church bearing the name of the Trinity or of some saint.” This is all the more appropriate as the great Triptych above the High Altar is, indeed, a depiction of the Ascension of Christ. And as the front of this leaflet shows, the great Chancel Window includes a traditional Ascension image: the feet of Christ just disappearing into the sky above. Happy Feast of the Ascension!



VOLUNTARY

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père *from* l’Ascension

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Celebrant and Choir sing,

God has gone up with a shout : *And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.*

Let us go forth in peace : *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 214

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 *3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 Music: Llanfair, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

Celebrant

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. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO,
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high
And in earth peace, goodwill towards all,
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee,
for thy great glory
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

Setting: Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, Hob. XXII: 7, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47

Omnes gentes, plaudite

Sung by the Choir

Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
²For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
³He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
⁴He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
⁵God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
⁷For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
⁸God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
¹⁰The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

Anglican Chant by T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

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.**

Please join in singing the plainsong Alleluia, which heralds the Gospel.

AT THE SEQUENCE, ALLELUIA



Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Choir God is gone up with a merry noise: and the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.

People **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 22:44-53

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.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hartwell Hylton, *Deacon*

We stand and say together

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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Let us offer our petitions through the Lord Jesus, who was taken up to heaven and intercedes for us at the right hand of God.

We pray for all who share one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Adorned with a rich variety of gifts, may the church bear witness to the ends of the earth.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all races and nations: May the children of the one God and Father of all make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for prisoners of conscience and others held captive: By the gift of grace, may they persevere in humility and patience.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers in this community and throughout the church: May their work of ministry build up the body of Christ in unity of faith.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community's mission to go forth and proclaim the good news: May we sense the lord working with us and confirming the message.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for *Denise, Richard, Patsy, Whitney Reeve, Hope Brothers, Eric Horsmann, Carol Violet, Whitney Reeve, Fr. Benjamin Straley, the family of Jan Nesbat, the Scanlan family, and the Messier family.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those suffering from the coronavirus, either through illness, loneliness, unemployment, or anxiety, for all those caring for the sick, those seeking treatments and vaccines for the virus, and all those whose work places them in harm's way. May this pandemic depart from the face of the earth, and may those who suffer in its wake be healed.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those taken from our sight by death: May they be with Christian glory at the right hand of God.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those we name now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.



THE PEACE

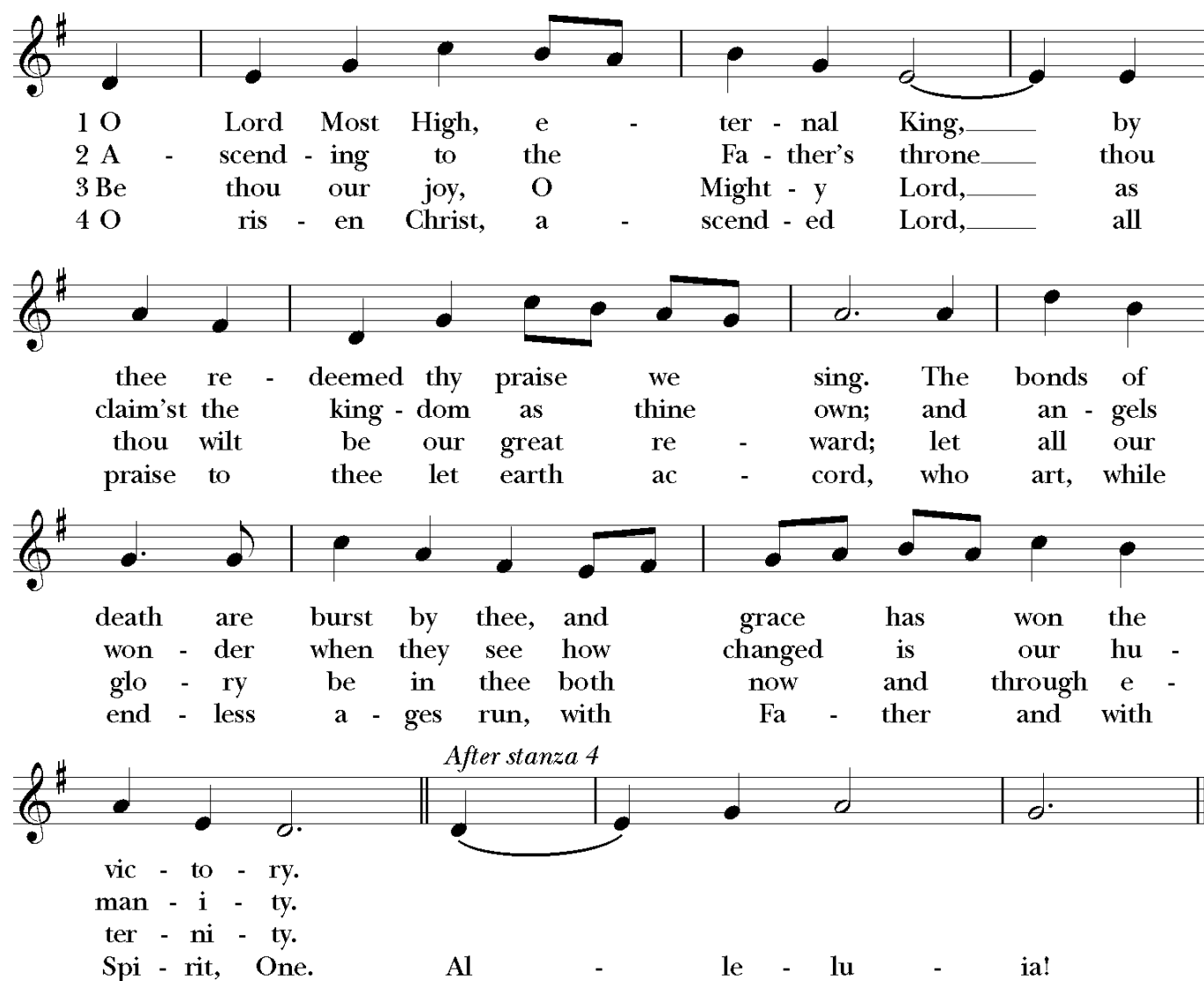
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please join in singing.

AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 221



1 O Lord Most High, e - ter - nal King, _____ by
2 A - scend - ing to the Fa - ther's throne _____ thou
3 Be thou our joy, O Might - y Lord, _____ as
4 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, _____ all

thee re - deemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of
claim'st the king - dom as thine own; and an - gels
thou wilt be our great re - ward; let all our
praise to thee let earth ac - cord, who art, while

death are burst by thee, and grace has won the
won - der when they see how changed is our hu -
glo - ry be in thee both now and through e -
end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with

After stanza 4

vic - to - ry.
man - i - ty.
ter - ni - ty.
Spi - rit, One. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Medieval Latin; sts. 1-3, tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); st. 4, tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)

Music: Gonfalon Royal, Percy Carter Buck (1872-1947)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And also 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 God 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

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, SANCTUS, SANCTUS
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.*

Setting: Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, F. J. Haydn & Plainsong

Celebrant

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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant

WE CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL OF OUR REDEMPTION, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant receives the consecrated wine first, after which, the Choir and Clergy receive the consecrated bread. If you are joining the service 'virtually' and would still like to participate in the sacrament, we invite you to pray the prayer on the following page during communion.

I BELIEVE THAT YOU, O Christ, are present
in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you, and I unite myself to you as if you were already there.
Never permit me to be separated from you!
O Lord Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of your love absorb my whole soul,
that I may die for the love of you, who was pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS DEI, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us Thy peace.*

Setting: Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, F. J. Haydn

AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

GOD IS GONE UP WITH A MERRY NOISE:
and the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God:
O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises with understanding.

Words: Psalm 47: 5-7

Music: William Croft (1678-1727)

We say together

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER


ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.

A BLESSING FOR ASCENSIONTIDE

May the risen Christ, who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power from on high. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please join in singing,

THE CLOSING HYMN 215



1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in
2 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the
3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to

roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his
grave a - rose, he has van - quished sin and
God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly

char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!
Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.
plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.

Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful
While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is
Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with

al - le - lu - ias sing, and the por - tals
part - ed from his friends; while their ea - ger
God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in

high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.
eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.
thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.; Music: Llanfair, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*The flowers on the altar today are given
to the Glory of God and in memory of Robert Nelson,
given by long-time friends
Dr. Robert Drake, Dorothy & Stephen Haskell,
and the Scanlan Family.*



~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Deacon & Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton
Crucifer: Cindy Stephanopoulos
Lectors: David Olsen and Len Flood
Gospeller: The Reverend Jennifer West
Intercessor: Luci Scanlan
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Ushers: Michael D'Alesandre, Diane Stamp

*Cover art: Panel depicting The Ascension in the East Window above the High Altar at Grace Church.
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A PRAYER FOR ASCENSIONTIDE

O God of earth and sky,
as Jesus came among us in Bethlehem to raise us up to heaven,
so today we recall his departing from us at Jerusalem to be in all places.
Though he is hidden from our sight,
enable us to abide in him by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit,
until his mercy and grace fill your whole creation.
Amen.



(The Daily Office: A Book of Hours for Daily Prayer, Vol. 3: The Great Fifty Days)

~ CHRIST ASCENDING INTO HEAVEN ~



“Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye here looking up into heaven?”
(Acts 1:11)

The central panel of the Triptych above the High Altar at Grace Church.



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