



May 16, 2021

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord (transferred)

Morning Prayer on Zoom 9 am

Holy Eucharist Outdoors 10:30 am

Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

9 am Our Gardeners: Mary Frances Best, Dave Clinkman, Mary Johnson, Elizabeth Klisiewicz, Cathy Poch, Millie Williams

Musicians: Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas, Cathy Poch

10:30am: James Jones

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. — Proverbs 3:5-6

Opening Hymn

God of Grace

Hymnal #594

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;

Crown thine ancient Church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.

Serving thee whom we adore.

Mother Judith Opening Prayer

God of words and wisdom, God of beginnings and endings, God of truth and hope, you lead us into each bright, new morning, inviting us to listen as the birds announce the coming of the dawn. You call us to delight in your presence, to be like trees planted by streams of water, giving shade to all who pass by, and yielding fruit in due season. As we sing and pray and share the stories of our life in you, help us to remember that you are always with us and around us and among us, and that Christ is always risen. **Amen.**

Mother Judith The Invitatory and Psalter

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Mary Johnson Venite [Psalm 95:1-7]

Come, let us sing to the Lord; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Cathy Poch & Millie Williams Psalm 47

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

Dave Clinkman The First Lesson: A Reading from The Book of 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."

Mary Frances Best **A Song of Our Adoption [Ephesians 1:3-10]**

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *

for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *

that we should be holy and blameless before you.

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, *

according to the good pleasure of your will,

To the praise of your glorious grace, *

that you have freely given us in the Beloved.

In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of our sins,

According to the riches of your grace *

which you have lavished upon us.

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, * the mystery of your will,

According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *

as a plan for the fullness of time,

To gather together all things in Christ, * things in heaven and things on earth

Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker



Mary Johnson **The Second Lesson: The Gospel of Luke [24:44-53]**

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.

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Homily

Elizabeth Klisiewicz A Song of Faith 1 Peter [1:3-4,18-21]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
The ransom that was paid to free us * was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ, * the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

Musical Meditation *Hail thee Festival Day!*

Hymnal #216
Cathy Poch, soloist

Mother Judith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Mother Judith & Dave Clinkman The Prayers

Show us your mercy, O Lord; and grant us your salvation.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness; let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **for only in you can we live in safety.**
Lord, keep this nation under your care; **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Let your way be known upon earth; **your saving health among all nations.**
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Create in us clean hearts, O God; **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Lord's Prayer

Dave Clinkman Collect of the Day

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.**

Mary Frances Best & Elizabeth Klisiewicz The Prayers of the People

In thanksgiving and praise for the beauty and abundance of our universe, let us pray to our gracious God, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice is heard in the wind, let us pray to our Creator in Christ our Risen Savior.

With thanksgiving for the gift of new life, and in hope that our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of the Good News, and in hope that the church may find new life in the joyful mystery of the resurrection, especially through the leadership of our Presiding Bishop Michael and our Bishop Douglas, and all bishops, priests and deacons. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of this community and in trust that God will guide us in calling a new Rector and in preparing for new ministry. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the abundance we enjoy with our families and friends, and in hope that he may show us how to provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter. *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for our freedom and in hope that by his power, war and famine may cease through all the world, *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for our health and in hope that he may reveal the light of his presence to comfort and strengthen those who are weak in body and soul, especially to those we name silently or aloud *Pause* Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life, and in hope that he may hold in his joyful presence those who have died, especially those we name silently or aloud, *Pause* Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of faith, and in hope that God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, *Pause* Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the Wisdom that has directed and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. **Amen.**

Musical Meditation

Jeff Lukas

Cathy Poch A Prayer to Be a Garden

by Abby Kyle

Holy Spirit, make our hearts into Your garden. Dig deeply, dig boldly, and dig freely. We resolve to put nothing in the way of Your cultivation.

Cultivate love. Cultivate joy. Cultivate peace. Cultivate patience. Cultivate kindness. Cultivate goodness. Cultivate faithfulness. Cultivate gentleness.

Root out what does not belong in the garden of our hearts:
Root out the weeds of selfishness, that tempt us to keep my fruit for ourselves.
Root out the weeds of vanity, that desperately seek the light of the world, only to wither.
Root out the weeds of fear, that keep us from even planting ourselves in Your soil.
Root out the weeds of worldly cares, which choke Your fruitfulness in us.

Prune our commitments and give clarity as to where You desire for our to serve.
Prune our words, that our mouths may be used only to build up Your Kingdom.
Prune our whole lives, that by abiding in You and bearing fruit, we may prove to be Your disciples. **Amen.**

Millie Williams A Prayer for Discernment

Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Jesus, our way, our truth, and our life: As the gift of this new day unfolds, open our hearts and minds to you, that we may see you clearly and follow where you lead; to you, risen Savior, we offer praise, now and always **Amen.**

Mary Frances Best A Prayer for Wisdom

Holy and Loving God, by water and the Holy Spirit we have been buried with Christ and raised to the new life of grace: Give us inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Elizabeth Klisiewicz A Prayer in Time of Transition

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen.**

Mary Johnson A Prayer for Facing the Coronavirus

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of over 575,000 loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear and impatience. We ask all this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Mother Judith A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Mother Judith Blessing

Mother Judith Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

God of Grace and God of glory

Paul Manz [1903-1965]