

The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The OFFICE of MATINS

Prayer at the Beginning of the Day

“Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned” (Large Catechism)

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious”

LSB 495

- 1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious; See the Man of Sorrows now!
From the fight returned victorious, Ev’ry knee to Him shall bow.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crowns become the victor’s brow.
Crowns become the victor’s brow.

- 2 Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
On the seat of pow'r enthrone Him While the vault of heaven rings.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown the Savior King of kings.
Crown the Savior King of kings.

- 3 Sinners in derision crowned Him, Mocking thus the Savior's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around Him, Own His title, praise His name.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Spread abroad the victor's fame.
Spread abroad the victor's fame.

- 4 Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! King of kings and Lord of lords!
King of kings and Lord of lords!

L O Lord, open my lips.
C And my mouth will declare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C 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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

PSALMODY

L The King ascends to heaven. Alleluia.
C O come, let us worship Him.

VENITE

C O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.
The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us 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.

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.

L The King ascends to heaven. Alleluia.

C O come, let us worship Him.

PSALM 47

P God has gone up with a shout

C the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

P Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

C For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

P He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

C He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

P God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

C Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

P For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

C God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

P The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

C 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

P God has gone up with a shout

C the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

OFFICE HYMN

“We Are Called to Stand Together”

LSB 828

- 1 We are called to stand together
With the saints of ages past,
With the patriarchs and prophets
In the faith they once held fast;
Promises and hopes they treasured
Now we find fulfilled at last!

- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles
Journeyed with Him side by side,
Heard His teaching, felt His power,
Saw the way He lived and died;
Then the news of resurrection
They delivered far and wide.

READING

P A reading from Acts, chapter 1

1In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” 6So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

AFTER THE READING

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“We Are Called to Stand Together”

LSB 828

- 3 Through the intervening ages
Round the world the Gospel spread:
Faithful heralds took the message,
Guided where the Spirit led;
So the body grew in stature,
Serving Christ, the living head.

- 4 Now in many tongues and cultures
 Songs of celebration ring;
 Millions who confess our Savior
 Honor Him as Lord and King
 And, for courage, grace and guidance
 Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.
- 5 To each coming generation
 Tell the truth, persuade, explain,
 Till the time when time is ended,
 Till the Savior comes again—
 Till the saints are all united
 Under Christ's eternal reign!

READING

P A reading from Ephesians, chapter 1

15For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far 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 one to come. 22And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

AFTER THE READING

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

LSB 534

- 4 Life-imparting heav'nly manna,
 Stricken rock with streaming side,
 Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
 Worship You, the Lamb who died,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 Ris'n, ascended, glorified!
 Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

READING

P A reading from Luke, chapter 24

44Then he said to them, “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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” 50Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53and were continually in the temple blessing God.

AFTER THE READING

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

L Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

C Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

L Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

C Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

SERMON

“Jesus Redirects His People”

Acts 1:1-11

CANTICLE - TE DEUM

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

LSB 940

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

- 3 Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
 Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,
 And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.
 For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary,
 First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.
- △5 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
 Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
 And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

KYRIE

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

COLLECTS

L O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

COLLECT FOR GRACE

P Shed Your Holy Spirit upon Your people, O Lord, and make ready our hearts this day to hear and keep Your holy Word that in the communion of Your congregation we may rightly sanctify Your holy day and through Your Word with all Your saints come to eternal blessedness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

HYMN

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

LSB 493

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne
of God. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 - 2 The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia, alleluia! And with His faithful foll'wers see Their Lord ascend in
majesty. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 - 5 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!
- △6 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!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE CARDS:

- An offering plate will be placed near the door as you exit
- To give online, go to stpauldbq.com/give
- You can also mail in or drop off your envelope in the mail slot next to the office entrance of the building.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER STATISTICS

Total views * on Facebook:	67
Total views on YouTube:	24
Total of DVD's Distributed:	15

*What does this mean? This is the number of devices that were playing our recorded service for one minute or longer. This does not account for families who watched together on the same screen. Glory to God!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESUMES THIS WEEK

In-person worship resumes this weekend, May 23 + 24. You should have received a separate letter by email or standard mail where this is fully explained. You can also access the explanation on our website at stpauldbq.com/covid-19.

PREPARING YOURSELF FOR WORSHIP

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

May 30 & 31 - The Day of Pentecost

Numbers 1:24-30, Acts 2:1-21, John 7:37-39

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Ascension of Our Lord (observed) Sat. May 23	5:30pm	In-person Worship Resumes, NO COMMUNION
Ascension of Our Lord (observed) Sun. May 24	9:00am	In-person Worship Resumes, NO COMMUNION
Mon. May 25	OFFICES	CLOSED
Tues. May 26		
Wed. May 27	7:30pm	“Prayers from the Parsonage” with Pastor & Katy (Facebook)
Thur. May 28		
Fri. May 29		
The Day of Pentecost Sat May 30	5:30 pm	Worship Service WITH Holy Communion
The Day of Pentecost Sun. May 31	9:00 am	Worship Service WITH Holy Communion

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