

CENTRAL
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May 24, 2020
“ASCENSION SUNDAY”
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rejoice and sing to God.
We sing of the Risen Christ.
Clap your hands and shout with joy.
We rejoice in the living God.
Celebrate this day.
We celebrate with the Spirit who calls us here.

HYMN "For All the Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confess,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, we celebrate your presence this day. For the gift of resurrection, we give you thanks and praise. For the gift of your ongoing presence in our lives, we rejoice and sing. Overwhelm us with your presence here, that we might be overwhelmed with joy. In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

REFLECTION MUSIC “If You Search With All Your Heart” - Craig Courtney

When you seek Me, you shall find Me
If you search with all your heart.
For I know the plans I have for you:
Plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you:
Plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage
To the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of bondage,
I will bring you home to me.

For I know the plans I have for you:
Plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you:
Plans of hope and a future.
When you seek Me, you shall find Me
If you search with all your heart.
I will bring you out of bondage.
I will bring you home to Me.
I will bring you home to Me, to Me

HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11
Luke 24:44-53

CHOIR RESPONSE

SERMON

“Where is Christ”

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

***THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;

One holy and universal Christian Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.

Amen.

(Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1662*)

RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN "God of Might, We Praise Thy Name" vs. 1, 3 & 4)

God of might, we praise Thy name
For Thy deeds of strength and glory,
Heaven and earth extol Thy fame,
And proclaim the blessed story,
As Thou art, Thou e'er wilt be
Unto all eternity.

All Thy Church in every land
Lifts its voice in adoration.
Unto Thee, O God of Love,
For Thy work of man's salvation,
Thou art King of Life and Love
In Thy heavenly realm above.

Look upon Thy children here
Who, their love for Thee professing,
And in Jesus' name alone,
Ask of Thee a Father's blessing,
When the course of life is o'er,
Bring us home for evermore. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Largo e spiccato – Concerto in D Minor"

- Vivaldi

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

GO FORTH IN LOVE

HYMN "Holy Spirit Truth Divine"

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine,
Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire;
Perish self in Thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Power divine,
Fill and nerve this will of mine;
By Thee may I strongly live,
Bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, Right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
Be my Law, and I shall be
Firmly bound, forever free. Amen.

BENEDICTION

WE HOLD EACH OTHER IN SPIRIT

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds,
Is like to that above.

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in C Major"

- Bach

Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God's healing touch is of special comfort.

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