



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord.  
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of his peace,  
and bring the whole of creation  
to worship at his feet,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

Reader: Jane de Munnich

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach 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."

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

*Cantor first, then all sing the refrain.  
The Choir sings the verses and the Congregation sings the refrain where indicated*



- Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

All peoples, clap your hands,  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, Most High is awesome,  
the great king over all the earth.

**Refrain**

God goes up with shouts of joy.  
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God; sing praise!  
Sing praise to our king: sing praise!

**Refrain**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God reigns over the nations,  
God sits upon his holy throne.

**Refrain**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

*Reader: Jane de Munnich*

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, 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 perceive 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.

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Music: *Assurance* Phoebe P Knapp (1839-1908)  
 Text: Fanny J Crosby (1820-1915)



Bles-sed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 Per - fect sub - miss - ion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of  
 Per - fect sub - miss - ion, all is at rest; I in my  
 fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scen - ding, bring from a -  
 Sa - viour am hap - py and blessed; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -  
 God, born of the Spi - rit, washed in Christ's blood. This is my  
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.  
 sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sa - viour all the day long; this is my  
 sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sa - viour all the day long.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, “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.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of Christ.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

*All stand*

THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant*     Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All*            **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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader: Penny-Lynn Cookson*

*Leader* Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ, seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world. Lord, hear us.

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule. Lord, hear us.

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow. Lord, hear us.

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises. Lord, hear us.

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service. Lord, hear us.

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Celebrant* Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Confession and Absolution are omitted for the Great Fifty Days of Easter*



*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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.

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;

presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

*People*      **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All*              **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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
*People* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.  
*People* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*Common Praise*, no. 690

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jeremy Rawson (b. 1954)

Jesus said: "Go throughout the whole world and preach the Gospel. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved." As Jesus was blessing them, he departed from them and was taken up into heaven.

*- from Matthew 28 :16-20*

*After communion, all stand for*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son**  
**Jesus Christ.**  
**May we, who share his body,**  
**live his risen life;**  
**we, who drink his cup,**  
**bring life to others;**  
**we, whom the Spirit lights,**  
**give light to the world.**  
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**  
**So that we and all your children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*Celebrant*     May God the Father,  
                  by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
                  strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
                  and the blessing of God Almighty:  
                  the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
                  be upon you and remain with you always.

*People*         **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*     Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People*         **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**HYMN 378**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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