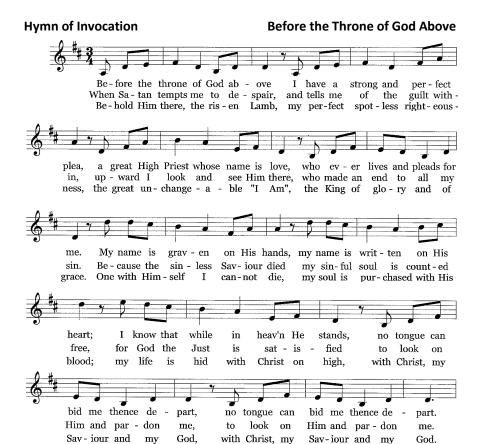
The Ascension of Our Lord

May 22, 2022



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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen.

Kyrie

- P Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Confession of Sins

- P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the

 → Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 15:20, 54-57

- P Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?
- P The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
- But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Service of the Word

Psalm Psalm 47

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

Gloria

To the tune Mendelssohn ("Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")

Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause, God the source of nature's laws,
God of wisdom, pow'r, and love, God of gods, all gods above.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

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God who saw your creatures fall, loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave your only Son to prove what is mercy, what is love;
And the Spirit, given free, recreates your family.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

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Acts Reading Acts 1:1–11

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."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Ephesians 1:15–23

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

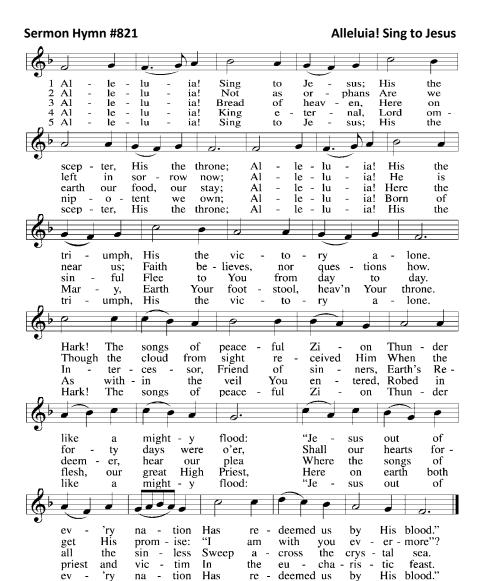
seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

Rite of Confirmation

Rite of Holy Baptism



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Holy Gospel Luke 24:44–53

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] 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.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

CredoTo the tune St Denio ("Immortal, Invisible")

Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive Their being and blessing, in you we believe. Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true, Provider and Father, our trust is in you.

And you, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord, True son of the Father, by angels adored; Redeemer incarnate, you paid for our sins, And, joined in your rising, our new life begins.

Free Spirit of wisdom and power and love, On us, as on Christ, you descend from above; You call us, you cleanse us, you open our eyes, You keep us in peace, you restore paradise.

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Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying...

Sanctus

To the tune Nicaea ("Holy, Holy, Holy")

"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory
Fill your temple with their song around your golden throne;
"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore Thee;
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.

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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 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.

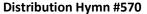
The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

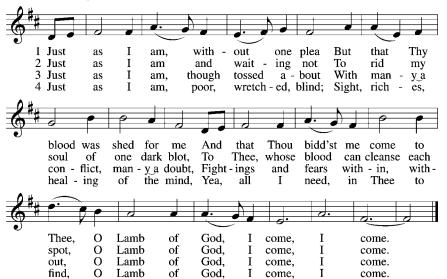
To the tune Olivet ("My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

Meek, slaughtered lamb of God, Bearing the sinners' load To buy our peace: Now risen and enthroned, With life and glory crowned, To all the lost and found Please grant your peace.

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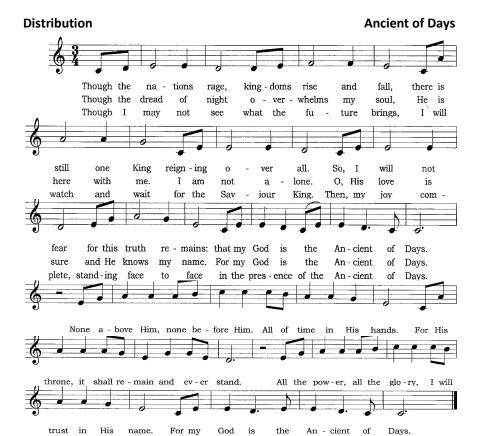


Just as I Am, without One Plea

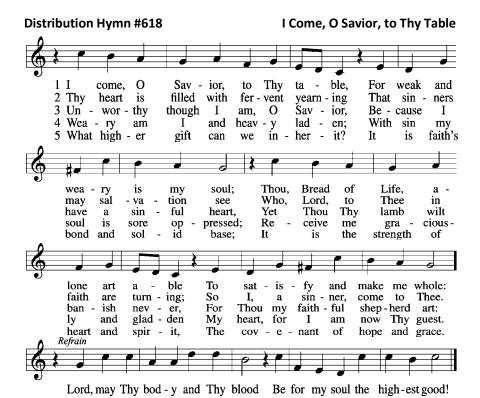


- Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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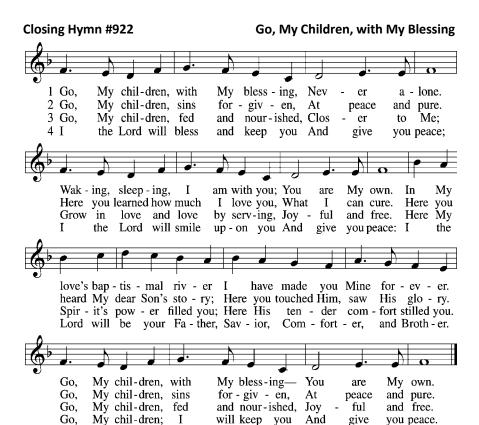


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The Dismissal



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Benediction

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
 - C Amen

Announcements

Today

- Confirmation Celebration and Senior Recognition 10:30 AM Downstairs
- Early Education & Preschool Sunday School 10:30 AM Downstairs
- Sunday Evening Prayer 5:30 PM
- New Member Class 6:00 PM

Tuesday

- Men's Bible Study 6:30 7:30 AM
- Youth Group 6:30 8:00 PM

Wednesday

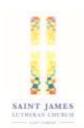
• Zoom Group Study "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis - 7:00 PM

Saturday

• Women of Faith Bible Study 9:00 AM

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Ministry Fair – Today Immediately following Bible Study. We are growing and so are our ministry opportunities! Please join us in fellowship hall for lunch and to learn about how you can be involved in our community – connecting-growing-serving one another. If you are unable to attend but would like more information regarding our ministries, please call the church office 618-288-6120. We'd love to talk to you!



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