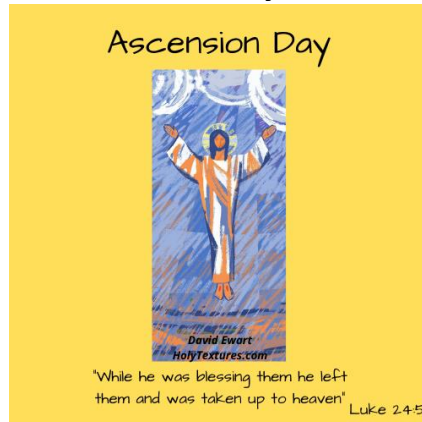


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Welcome

A Litany in Memorial

Opening Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill WOV 738

(refrain) Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.
You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. (refrain)
In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. (refrain)
Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. (refrain)
You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. (refrain)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world. Just as Jesus rose from the dead and then rose into heaven let us rise up for justice, love and mercy in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading Acts 1:1-8

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴While 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; 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Psalm 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

²How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
6 I will sing to the LORD because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray 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, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, 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 age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

(refrain) My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy
will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be, your very name
puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show
our might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne. The
hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are
tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast; God's
mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that
our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod
can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (refrain)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, **our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Use them for your glory and strengthen us in the risen Christ. Amen.**

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, generous God, **for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Benediction

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus LBW 439

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer.

Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior still our refuge take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you. You will find a solace there.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**