

The Sunday after the Ascension

Welcome

Opening Hymn

**"When Morning Gilds The Skies (May Jesus Christ Be Praised)"**

*Joseph Barnby, Robert Seymour Bridges*

When morning gilds the skies  
My heart awaking cries  
May Jesus Christ be praised  
Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair  
May Jesus Christ be praised

Does sadness fill my mind  
A solace here I find  
May Jesus Christ be praised  
Or fades my earthly bliss  
My comfort still is this  
May Jesus Christ be praised

Ye nations of mankind  
In this your concord find  
May Jesus Christ be praised  
Let all the earth around  
Ring joyous with the sound  
May Jesus Christ be praised

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!!!

*People* ***He is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

*People* ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

*Celebrant* Our help is in the name of the Lord:

*People* ***Who made heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant* I was glad when they said to me

*People* ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Praise the Lord.

*People* ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

*All*                    ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

*Celebrant*      Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

*People*            ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

*Celebrant*      Glory to the Father.

*People*            ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant*      Glory to the Spirit.

*People*            ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant*      Be glorified at home.

*People*            ***Be glorified in church.***

*Celebrant*      Be glorified in Texas.

*People*            ***Be glorified in the United States.***

*Celebrant*      Be glorified on earth.

*People*            ***Be glorified in heaven.***

*Celebrant*      Glory to the Father.

*People*            ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant*      Glory to the Spirit.

*People*            ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant*      Alleluia!

*People*            ***Amen.***

### **The Collect for The Sunday after The Ascension**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**The first lesson is from the Book of Exodus, chapter 28, beginning to read at verse 1.**

**28** “Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. <sup>2</sup> And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. <sup>3</sup> You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with a spirit of skill, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him for my priesthood. <sup>4</sup> These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests. <sup>9</sup> You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup> six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth. <sup>29</sup> So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the LORD. <sup>30</sup> And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the LORD. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the LORD regularly. (ESV)

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 47** *Let us read this Psalm responsively by half verse.*

- 1 O clap your hands together, all you peoples; \*  
***O cry aloud unto God with shouts of joy.***
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
***he is the great King over all the earth.***
- 3 He shall subdue the peoples under us, \*  
***and the nations under our feet.***
- 4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, \*  
***the pride of Jacob whom he loved.***
- 5 God has gone up with a shout of triumph, \*  
***the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.***
- 6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; \*  
***O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.***

7 For God is the King of all the earth; \*  
*think upon his mighty acts and praise him with a song.*

8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
*God sits on his holy throne.*

9 The princes of the peoples are gathered with the people of the God of Abraham;  
\*  
*for the mighty upon earth have become the servants of the Lord, and he is very highly exalted*

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**The Second Lesson is from the first letter of St. John, chapter 5, beginning to read at verse 6.**

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

(ESV)

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”**

*Lynn De Shazo*

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)*

*Celebrant* We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. John chapter 17 beginning to read at verse 11.

<sup>11b</sup> Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. (ESV)

*Celebrant* This is the Gospel of Christ.

*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

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*Lynn DeShazo*

***Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. O let the ancient words impart.***

**Sermon**

***The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau***

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*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 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

*Psalmist* We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

*All* ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

*Psalmist* Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

*All* ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

*Psalmist* We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

*All* ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop, Clark, our Bishop, and Chuck and Owen our priests. Fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

*All* ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

*Psalmist* We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world. That the nations may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among all peoples.

*All* ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

*Psalmist* Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

*All* ***Protect them, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; and that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ. May they be comforted by God if they or their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

*All* ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up Apostles Anglican Church in Houston, Texas. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria, and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East. **TAKE OUT 'WE PRAY TO YOU'**

*All* ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

*All* ***Protect them, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

*All* ***Lord, hear our prayers.***

*Celebrant* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Celebrant* Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. *(Luke 9:23-24)*

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All*                    **Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant*            Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. **Amen.**

*All*                    **Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

#### **Offertory Song “Shackles”**

*Erica Atkins, Trecina Atkins, Warryn Campbell,  
Franne Golde, Dennis Lambert, Duane Hitchings*

*Chorus:* Take the shackles off my feet so I can dance  
I just wanna praise You I just wanna praise You  
You broke the chains now I can lift my hands  
And I'm gonna praise You I'm gonna praise You

In the corners of my mind I just can't seem to find  
A reason to believe that I can break free  
Cause you see I have been down for so long  
Felt like all hope was gone but as I lift my hands  
I understand that I should praise You through my circumstance (to chorus)

Everything that could go wrong all went wrong at one time  
So much pressure fell on me I thought I was gonna lose my mind  
Lord I know You wanna see if I will hold on through these trials  
But I need You to lift this load cause I can't take it no more

*Bridge:* Been through the fire and the rain  
Bound in every kind of way  
But God has broken every chain  
So let me go

### **Doxology**



*All sing 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.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Celebrant* Is the Father with us?

*People He is.*

*Celebrant* Is Christ among us?

*People He is.*

*Celebrant* Is the Spirit here?

*People He is.*

*Celebrant* This is our God.

*People Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.*

*Celebrant* We are His people.

*People We are redeemed.*

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant* It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. For Abraham, a wandering nomad You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be a king; for a rebellious community, You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

**“Sanctus”**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)***

***Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...***

***Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)***

***All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***

*People remain standing*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

*People* ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

*Celebrant* In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

*People* ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

*People* ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

*Celebrant* Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

*People* ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

*Celebrant* This is the feast of victory!

*People* ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

**The Communion**

*Celebrant* *As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:*

***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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People* ***Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.***

*Celebrant* The cup of blessing which we bless,

*People* ***is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***

*Celebrant* Draw near with faith and receive.

*People* ***Christ is the host and we are His guests.***

*Celebrant* Christ is alive for ever.

*People* ***We are because He is.***

*The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

**“Behold the Lamb”**

*Dottie Rambo*

***Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb! Slain from the foundation of the world. For sinners crucified, O Holy Sacrifice, behold the Lamb of God! Behold the Lamb. Crown Him, crown Him, worthy is the Lamb. Praise Him, praise Him. Heaven and earth resound. Back to beginning.***

**Communion Songs "Worthy Of It All"** *David Brymer, Ryan Hall*

All the saints and angels  
Bow before Your throne  
All the elders cast their crowns before  
The Lamb of God and sing

*Chorus 1:* You are worthy of it all  
You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things  
You deserve the glory

*Bridge:* Day and night night and day  
Let incense arise

**"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"**      *Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson*

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

*Chorus 1:* But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine and tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

*Chorus 2:* But mine is peace that flows from Heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His Name

*Chorus 3:*  
But mine is armor for the battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

*Chorus 4:* And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

*Bridge:* Come rejoice now o my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

**“From This Valley”** *Joy Williams, John Paul White*

Oh the desert dreams of a river  
That will run down to the sea  
Like my heart longs for an ocean  
To wash down over me

*Chorus:* Oh won't You take me from this valley  
To that mountain high above  
I will pray pray pray til I see Your smiling face  
I will pray pray pray to the One I love

Oh the outcast dreams of acceptance  
Just to find pure love's embrace  
Like an orphan longs for his mother  
May You hold me in Your grace *(to chorus)*

Oh the caged bird dreams of a strong wind  
That will flow 'neath her wings  
Like a voice longs for a melody  
Oh Jesus carry me *(to chorus)*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

***Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.***

**The Blessing/ Mother's Day Blessing**

**Closing Hymn “How Great Thou Art”** *Stuart K. Hine*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Chorus:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God His Son not sparing

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin (*to chorus*)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art (*to chorus*)

*Celebrant* Words of dismissal.  
*All* ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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