

Feast of the Ascension Liturgy
May 29, 2022

Entrance Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts (BB 563)

Refrain

Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Praise the name above all names!
Say to God, "How wondrous your works, how glorious your name!" **Refrain**

Let the earth worship, singing your praise. Praise the glory of your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord; bless God's holy name! **Refrain**

God's right hand made a path through the night, split the waters of the sea.
All creation, lift up your voice: "Our God set us free!" **Refrain**

Listen now, all you servants of God, as I tell of these great works.
Blessed be the Lord of my life, whose love shall endure!" **Refrain**

Greeting

In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

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

And with your spirit.

God have Mercy

You come to heal the contrite. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**
You come to call sinners. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen

Gloria

Refrain (2x in beginning)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly One, O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **Refrain**

Collect

Let us pray:

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth and we with him in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the reign of God.

While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

Jesus answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there

looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The Word of our God
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

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All you people, clap your hands, shout to God with cries, with cries of gladness.
For the Lord our God is awesome. **Refrain**

God mounts the throne with gladness, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God; sing praise to God our Savior. **Refrain**

To the Savior of all the earth, sing hymns of praise, sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over all, over all the nations. **Refrain**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23
A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Sisters and brothers:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of our God.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to this call, what are the riches of glory in this inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of God’s power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of God’s great might: which our God worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at God’s own right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come.

And God put all things beneath Christ’s feet and gave Christ as head over all things to the church, which is Christ’s body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of our God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia Mass of a Joyful Heart

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Let your heart rejoice in the Lord, let your word proclaim God's deeds.
Let your voice sing out to the world that our God has come to save!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Gospel Luke 24:46-53

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples:

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things. And 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.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

The Good News of Salvation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily (take a moment to reflect on the readings - what word or phrase stood out to you?)

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
Born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.

For us all and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

(bow)

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day

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.

I 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 adored and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen

Universal Intercessions

Response: Faithful God, hear our prayer.
(Faithful God, hear our prayer.)

For Pope Francis, as we celebrate the 7th Anniversary of Laudato Sì,
that he continues to inspire us to work together, across faiths and societies, to protect the Earth
and promote the dignity of everyone, let us pray...

For the Church: that we may continue the mission of Jesus and bring forth the reign of God
through our Eucharistic community, our work, and our relationships each day, let us pray...

For all who are recovering from storms, tornadoes, fires, and floods: that God will relieve their
suffering, renew their spirits, and move the hearts of many people to assist them, let us pray...

For government leaders: that God will inspire them with courage and new understanding as they
work to develop new immigration policies, let us pray...

For the children and teachers of Uvalde, Texas, and for all victims of gun violence, that God will
guide our nation to find a way of peace, let us pray...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

***Preparation of the Gifts* There Is A Longing (BB 405)**

Refrain

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **Refrain**

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **Refrain**

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **Refrain**

Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **Refrain**

Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God forever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honor the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange, we too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

Service Music: Mass of Glory (BB 901)

Communion Song Bread for the World (BB 342)

Refrain

Bread for the world: a world of hunger. Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.
May we who eat be bread for others. May we who drink pour out our love.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life,
broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.
Where we divide your people, you are waiting there
On bended knee to wash our feet with endless care. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace,
poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.

Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there
To be the way which beckons us beyond despair. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast,
at which the rich and powerful have become the least.
Where we survive on others in your human greed,
You walk among us begging for your every need. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation Song Shine, Jesus, Shine (SS 202)

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord and let there be light.

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus Light of the world, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. **Refrain**

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows in to your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me. **Refrain**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory. Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. **Refrain**

Prayer After Communion

May the gifts we have received from your altar, Lord, kindle in our hearts a longing for the
heavenly homeland and cause us to press forward, following in the Savior's footsteps, to the
place where for our sake he entered before us. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen

Final Blessing

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend
you from every assault of sin. **Amen**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Creator, and the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit come
down on you and remain with you forever.

Dismissal

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God

Song of Sending: Go Make a Difference (BB 493)

Refrain

Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.

We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see the love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world. **Refrain**

We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world. **Refrain**

So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see. Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world. **Refrain**