

Ascension of our Lord

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Holy Cross Lutheran Church, ELCA
Wheat Ridge, CO

Introduction

In today's reading the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The Disciples were told not to gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

Gather

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

"Hyfrydol"

(Travis)

Welcome and Greeting

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism...

...Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

ELW #392

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.**

Song of Praise

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

The Salutation

Prayer:

Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

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, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hear the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Wylie

Hymn of the Day

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW #857

Prayers of the People

Response after each petition: “Hear us, O God.” “Your mercy is great.”

Sharing of the Peace

We greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. In so doing, may we honor the sacredness of each person and their body by asking for consent to enter their sacred space.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Musical Offering

Choir Anthem

Bless and Share the Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Dialogue

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The parts alternate between the Presider and the Congregation.

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with

Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

It is our duty and delight... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and'. The second staff continues with 'might;_ Heav - en and earth are filled with your'. The third staff has 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the'. The fourth staff has 'One who comes in your name._ Ho - san - na in the'. The fifth and final staff has 'high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!'. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with a 3/8 time signature appearing in the second staff.

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

At this meal, Jesus the Christ is both the host and meal. Regardless of where you come from, the color of your skin, who you love, your religious background, if you have a little or a lot, are hungry or well fed, or if there is any other potential barrier that you might feel keeps you from experiencing God's grace to its fullest extent, know that Jesus welcomes you, for this is the Lord's table. As sinners and saints alike, we strive to remove all stumbling blocks to the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and so we warmly welcome you to share in the mystery of the Eucharist! Bread, Wine, Gluten-Free and Grape Juice are available.

The reign of God is at hand. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

Lamb of God

Congregation:



Lamb of God, 1. you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. 5. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Additional invocations:

2. you break the chains of hatred and fear:
3. you are the way of justice and peace:
4. you are the way of mercy and love:

Communion Distribution

Songs

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW #838

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

ELW #403

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

We thank you Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you, and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for all the earth. **Amen.**

Bless + Send

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

ELW #855

Sending

Go in peace. Be Christ’s Witnesses! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Diademata

(Burkhardt)

Please pray for...

Horace Clair	Shaundra Rana	John England	Rex Thomsen
Erik Weishelbaumer	John Pons (Earline’s Son in Law)		Kristi Overstreet
Charles Lane	Thea Hunter	Rachel Melhorn	Linda Eargle
Voanne Bertelsen	Pastor Ron Bock	Tatum (Misti Klarenbeek-McKenna’s Nephew)	Ginny Hindley
Rick Skaflen	Bev Fernald	Rudy Jacobson	Pastor Libbie
Pastor Rose Mary Sanchez-Guzman	of Iglesia Luterano Cristo Rey in El Paso		

Thank you to those who led us in worship today!

Ministers	All the people of Holy Cross	Pastor	Wylie Cook*
Organist	Susan Cicirello	Assist. Minister	Becky Weiss
Communion Stewards	Kari Kloos & Renee Daumann	Worship Band	
Video Controls	Bernie Cicirello	Sound	Charlie Ferrill
Zoom Hosts	Annette Stott, and Janet & Steve Iona		
Ushers	Larry, Karen, & Roger	Greeters	Joyce E.

Pastor Wylie Cook comes to us this week from House of All Sinners and Saints – HFASS. We would like to thank them for sharing the Gospel with us today!

The Eternal Light to the Glory of God for all His Blessings was provided by Norman and Voanne Bertelsen in memory of loved ones.

Welcome to



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WHEAT RIDGE, CO

Whether you've been attending church for years or haven't stepped into a sanctuary in decades, your presence this day has made this community more complete. If you're here for the first time, stop by our welcome table on your way out so we can connect!

**At Holy Cross Wheat Ridge, we have a simple hope:
to Know God and Share Christ's Love with you.**

For over 70 years, we've been helping spread God's good news here in Wheat Ridge, the greater Denver, Colorado area, and throughout the world.

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*Here at Holy Cross, All are welcome --including you! No matter what your Christian background is (or isn't), we hope you were at home here today.
Come worship with us again!*

Join us on Zoom!

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