

The Lord's Service

The Ascension of the Lord

MAY 16, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Hail the Day that sees Him Rise
How Wondrous and Great*

JAMES G. CANTOR
WARD/WOLFORD

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 47:5-8

God has ascended amid shouts of joy;
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets!
God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a song of praise!
God reigns over the nations!
The Lord is seated on his holy throne!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above the heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his church on earth, even to the end of the age; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule over our lives. We have followed the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us of the guilt of our sin, and liberate us from its power, that we may be holy and faithful, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ascended ruler of all, and the great head and king of the church, in whose name we pray. Amen.



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Hayden Atkinson
(11:00AM Service)



GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, grant that, as your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also, by your Word and Spirit, set our minds on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 1:1-11

SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 1:15-23



PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 24

The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein

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GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:44-53



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Praying the Ascension

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

(not collected, brought up by deacons)

⊗ DOXOLOGY

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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.

⊗ SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



HYMN OF DEPARTURE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* 296



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE *Oh What the Joy and Glory Must Be* H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David (9:00AM)
Steve Flewelling (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Elaine H Simpson

PIANIST: Diane S. Pedrosa

Praying the Ascension

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

1. Praying from the Ascension (vv. 15-20)

The ascension makes prayer p_____.

“So that” we might know God _____.

a) Hope

Our hope is the ap_____ of Jesus Christ in g_____.

The beginning of prayer is the E_____.

We are saved in _____.

Heidelberg Catechism: “our own _____ in heaven as a pledge.”

b) Inheritance

This is not _____ inheritance, but God’s.

The church is a t_____ God has laid up for _____.

c) Power

This is in _____ g_____ power.

The chief example of this power is Christ’s r_____.

This is E_____ e_____.

2. Praying through the Ascension (vv. 20-23)

a) The ascension is an act of tr_____ ex_____.

His enemies are already de_____ conquered.

b) The ascension is the pledge of r_____ creation.

“All things under his feet” refers to the task of the first _____.

Christ is the head of the _____ creation.

We don’t see the subjection, but we do see _____.

c) By ascending he becomes the h_____ & k_____ of the church.

He o_____ all things for the sake of the church.

The ascension should make us _____ like this!

The whole creation becomes a c_____ t_____.

Missions Work Highlight

JANE BRINKERHOFF

with Mission To the World in Japan

At the beginning of July '20 their church was allowed to return to worshipping together and having weekly Bible study. The new Christians and those beginning to believe seem to have held fast their faith during the "lock-down", despite little spiritual input, save for e-mail exchange and an occasional on-line sermon. PRAISE- Several ladies who were being prevented from attending worship by their husbands have returned, as well as most of the Sunday School children.

A secular neighborhood association requested that their children be allowed to join the S.S.

Christmas! No Christians among them and most likely first time in church.

A city hospital asked us to sing and do a Christmas program for their Hospice Floor, another great opportunity for outreach, even amidst Covid!

PRAISE- In the (temporary) loss of my mother, am experiencing a consolation I wouldn't have thought possible, thanks to your prayers.

MTW requested I stay in the US visiting churches until June, PRAY for stamina, and that I'm an encouragement to those I'm with, being enabled to tell "them how much the Lord has done"!

Announcements

It is our joy to receive Hayden Atkinson into membership at WPC this morning (11 AM).

If you have children interested in becoming communicant members (coming to the Lord's Table) please see Pastor Chiarot.

The annual congregational meeting will be on Wednesday May 19th at 7PM in the sanctuary.

- Joe Hall will stand for election as deacon (3 year term).
 - Adam Kuliszewski (3 year term), Johnson Chang-Fong (3 year term), and Steve Flewelling (1 year term) will stand for election as elders.
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Crown Him with Many Crowns

On his head are many crowns. Rev. 19:12

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein

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The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Ps. 24:1

1. The earth with all that dwell there - in, with all its wealth un - told,
2. What man shall stand be - fore the Lord on Zi - on's ho - ly hill?
3. Lo, such are they that seek for God, and blest by him they live;
4. Ye ev - er - last - ing doors, give way; lift up your heads, ye gates!

be - longs to God who found - ed it up - on the seas of old.
The clean of hand, the pure of heart, the just who do his will.
to them his per - fect righ - teous - ness the God of grace will give.
For now, be - hold, to en - ter in the King of glo - ry waits.

5. Who is this glorious King that comes
to claim his sovereign right?
It is the Lord omnipotent,
all-conqu'ring in his might.
6. Ye everlasting doors, give way;
lift up your heads, ye gates!
For now, behold, to enter in
the King of glory waits.
7. Who is this glorious King that comes
to claim his rightful throne?
The Lord of Hosts, he is the King
of glory, God alone.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.
Phil. 2:9

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;

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5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe.
 and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

Westminster Stated Services

Worship	9:00 AM, 11:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Westminster Kingston

Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM

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Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Westminster was organized in 1854 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

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The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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