

The Lord's Service

The Ascension of the Lord

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

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PRELUDE

Gaelic Morning

TRADITIONAL GAELIC

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

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q79. Which is the tenth commandment?

The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

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

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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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.



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Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 READING

ACTS 1:1-11

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Christ for the World We Sing

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GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:44-53

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

The Ascension Commission

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

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

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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

Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Take My Life and Let It Be

FRANCES R HAVERGAL

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PIANIST: Diane Pedrosa



The Ascension Commission

Acts 1:1-11

1. The Apostles' Commission (verses 4-8)

Could be called the Acts of the A_____ C_____.

The Holy Spirit is the _____ that the _____ promised.

W_____ for the gift of the Spirit.

Jesus' rebuke focuses on t_____.

Not for you to know: rebuke to un_____ cu_____.

There is no h_____ po_____ for the Christian vocation.

The Holy Spirit is given for m_____.

2. The Lord's Ascension (verses 9-11)

Luke seems to rely on e_____ accounts.

The cloud is the portable _____ of God.

Jesus, the S_____ Adam, enters his heavenly S_____.

The glory-cloud is full of _____.

We are not to be st_____.

The ascension is v_____ and b_____.

The Lord who _____s shall r_____.

Mission and e_____ cannot be separated.

Two errors: lust for p_____ power and pious r_____.

Heavenly-minded people with an _____ mission.

Newbigin: Hasten to ends of _____ and the end of _____.

Times and seasons may be _____, but our _____ is clear.

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Missions Work Highlight

JANE BRINKERHOFF
WITH MISSION TO THE WORLD IN JAPAN

In the Japanese city where I am, there aren't many Coronavirus cases. A different scenario from Tokyo. Most people go to work as usual, although large gatherings are discouraged and social distancing is encouraged.

My downtown weekly Bible study continues to meet in a doctor's office. Bible studies with individuals, small group prayer meetings, and the hymn sings are also continuing. The "mercy ministries" at the Senior Home and handicapped home have halted due to their being closed to visitors. Instead, letters, cards, and copies of sermons are sent.

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus ... will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1:11

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1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; new songs thro' - out the world shall
 2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3. To whom the an - gels, draw - ing nigh: "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4. "A - gain shall ye be - hold him so as ye to - day have seen him

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ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his fol - low - ers they
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
 go, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! in glo - rious pomp as - cend - ing

trod, as - cend - eth to the throne of God.
 see Je - sus' re - splen - dent maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his no - ble tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 high, up to the por - tals of the sky."

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lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Christ for the World We Sing

Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.
 Luke 24:47

1. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 2. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 3. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 4. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring

with lov - ing zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer - vent pray'r; the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
 with one ac - cord; with us the work to share, with us re -
 with joy - ful song; the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from

o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Declare his glory among the nations. Ps. 96:3

Unison

1. Our God is might - y, wor - thy of all prais - ing;
 2. Our God is gra - cious, in - fi - nite in mer - cy;
 3. Our God is faith - ful; he will work with - in us,
 4. Our God is sov - 'reign o - ver all cre - a - tion,

sing un - to him a glad, tri - um - phant song:
 he bridged the hope - less gulf our sin had made;
 ful - fill - ing all the pur - pose he has planned,
 and soon his earth shall hear his might - y voice:

he is the Lord, su - preme in earth and heav - en;
 he gave his Son to pur - chase our sal - va - tion—
 cleans - ing our hearts and fill - ing with his Spir - it,
 with shout of joy the King shall come in splen - dor—

to him all strength and maj - es - ty be - long.
 in Je - sus Christ we meet God un - a - fraid!
 mak - ing us strong to keep his last com - mand,
 lift up your hearts, con - fess him, and re - joice!

REFRAIN *Faster*

De - clare his glo - ry a - mong the na - tions;

through all cre - a - tion his tri - umph sing,

till all earth's peo - ples bow in ad - o - ra - tion

and Je - sus Christ be ev - er - last - ing King.