



CHRIST

in your home

The Ascension of the Lord

[Stand]

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Leader: Let us call to mind our sins.

Penitential Act

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Gloria

All: 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 King,
O God almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

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.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray
Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God
And make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
For the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation,
and where the Head has gone before us in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

[Only Reader Stands]

Reader: 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 kingdom 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?”
He 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.”

[Acts 1:1-11]

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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Reader: All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth. **Response**

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **Response**

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne. **Response**

[Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9]

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

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

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,
what are the riches of glory
in his inheritance among the holy ones,

and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might,
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his 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 he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

[Eph 1:17-23]

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

[All Stand for Gospel]

Leader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel to every creature.
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;
whoever does not believe will be condemned.
These signs will accompany those who believe:
in my name they will drive out demons,
they will speak new languages.
They will pick up serpents with their hands,
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.
They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the right hand of God.
But they went forth and preached everywhere,
while the Lord worked with them
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. *[Mk 16:15-20]*

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection/Discussion

Creed

All: 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 men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

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 Prayer

Leader: With praise and thanksgiving for all God has done for us, let us confidently place our needs before him.

All: Our response is, "Risen Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader: For all who preach the gospel, may their words lead others to fullness of life in Christ, we pray to the Lord...

All: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For indigenous peoples around the world, may their cultures languages, and human rights be safeguarded, we pray to the Lord....

All: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the oppressed and downtrodden, may they feel the comforting presence of God renewing their strength and their sense of worth, we pray to the Lord....

All: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all gathered here, may we take on the role of witness to the risen Lord and joyfully proclaim the good works God has done in our own lives, we pray to the Lord....

All: Risen Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: Peaceful and loving God, hear our prayers that with joy and thanksgiving, we might praise you always. We ask this by the power of your Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us gather all of our intentions into the prayer that Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

Leader: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Leader: May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Concluding Rite

All make the sign on the cross, while saying:

Leader: May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen