



CHRIST

will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.

The Order of Worship

*(We will follow the Common Service which is also printed
on page 15 in the front section of the Hymnal)*

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn

“A Hymn of Glory, Let Us Sing”
Christian Worship 171

The Invocation

P: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Invitation to Approach the Lord

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness;

The Contrite Confession of Sinners

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer—cy on us.

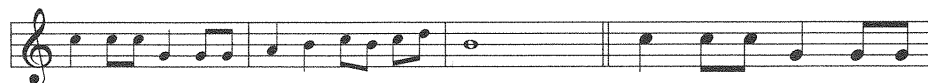
The Proclamation of Forgiveness

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

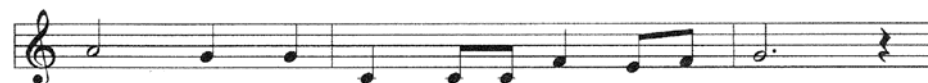


C: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



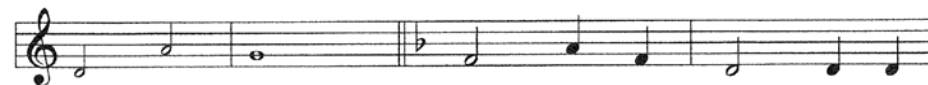
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us.
 You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al— so with you.

P: O blessed Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, at your ascension you returned to your Father’s throne, reclaimed your power and glory as God, and proclaimed your work was complete. Your ascension further reminds us of your great love for us. You have called us to be your people. You have set us apart for your service. You have even given us the promise of your never-failing presence. Continue to bless us through your love. Give us an extra measure of faith. Fill us with boldness and confidence to serve you without rival or excuse. Keep us safe until you return in glory—all to the praise of your holy name, the only name given whereby all people will be saved;

C: A — men!



The Lessons from God's Word

The Confirmation of the Resurrection

Acts 1:1-11

¹I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching ²until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

⁴Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. ⁵For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 47

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

high, he took captivity captive and gave gifts to his people.”⁹ Now what does it mean when it says “he ascended,” other than that he also had descended to the lower parts, namely, the earth?¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.¹¹ He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers,¹² for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ.¹³ This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ.¹⁴ The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray.¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head.¹⁶ From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ’s activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

Verse of the Day

P: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name. Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. He is the LORD, our God.

Handbells

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”
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The Gospel

P: The “Good News” about our Savior is recorded in the twenty-fourth chapter of Luke, reading from the forty-fourth verse.



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

⁴⁴He said to them, “These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

P: This is the Word of our God, and our Ascended Savior.



C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

The Confession of Faith

(we unite in the words of the Apostles' Creed)

**C: 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,
born of the virgin Mary,
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;**



tion, and up—hold me with your free Spir-it. A—men.

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

Prayer for the Lord's Blessing

Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn

“Draw Us to Thee”
Christian Worship 170

The Extinguishing of the Paschal Candle

P: The extinguishing of the Paschal Candle reminds us that Jesus completed the work of our rescue, returned to his Father, and is no longer physically present with us. However, we live with the promise of his never-failing presence as the all powerful and victorious God, in addition to his promise of the Holy Spirit. Hear that promise:

“The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my

peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming to back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happened, so that when it does happen you will believe."

Closing Prayer

P: O dearest Jesus, our living and victorious Savior, your love and devotion is without measure. You came into our lost and sin-darkened world to bring light and life. You have also reconciled us to your Father through the forgiveness of sins. How blessed we are that your ascension confirms these life-giving and saving truths. By your mercy and with your strength, help us undertake and continue to do the work you established by your ascension. Make us bold and faithfulness witnesses. Bring into a true and undividable unity. Encourage and support us as we serve you our Lord and Savior. Keep us ever in your grace until we receive the greater grace of life in heaven. There we will praise you, your Father, and the Spirit as the God of our rescue.



C: A ——— men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion be will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.



C: A— men. A— men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”
Christian Worship 169

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today - *Welcome in name of our good, gracious and faithful God!* May the rich and undeserved blessing which comes through the ascension of his Son, Jesus Christ, always be with you. May it also lead you to rejoice as you continue to carry out the work Jesus has entrusted to his Church. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of friendship.
- Christian Education will follow the service.

Monday—Handbell choir practice at 7:00 pm

Tuesday—Pastor’s Circuit Study in Thousand Oaks at 10:00 am.

- Church Council meeting rescheduled from last Tuesday evening.

Wednesday—Bible Class will continue with the study of the “Table of Duties.” This evening we complete the “Admonishment to Those the Pastor Serves.” We will also begin the section on the “Government.”

Friday—Office hours from 10:30 am until 2:30 pm.

Saturday—Church Cleaning: Grunewald

- Lawn beginning May 12th—Schroeder

Sunday, May 19th—**In-person Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am.** On the day of Pentecost the Lord not only keeps his promise to comfort and support his Church, he also keeps his promise by sending the Holy Spirit. Today we live with that faithful promise.

- Christian Education will follow the service and will consider the other Scripture accounts of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You

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