# The Liturgy of Ascension Day

God has gone up with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

and also with you.

**The Ascension Reading:** Acts of the Apostles (1.4-11)

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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.

# Collect

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

Silence

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### Canticle

All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ, and share in the feast of your kingdom.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, ◆ Lord God the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, ◆ O ruler of the nations.

Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? ♦ for you alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship in your presence: • for your just dealings have been revealed.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

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# The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia. Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord. Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. **Alleluia.** 

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24.44-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

# Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Peace

. . . The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

#### Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise...** 

Response during prayer: Amen. Lord, we believe

# The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

# Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross. **Now we are raised to new life.** 

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

# **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1.12,13a,14)

As we wait in silence, **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**As we listen to your word,

make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,

make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,

make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

make us ready for your coming Spirit.

# **Blessing**

# Dismissal

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.