



Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched,
He was taken up, and a cloud received Him
out of their sight. - Acts 1:9

Thursday, May 10, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, E.L.S.

A Service of the Word on the Ascension of our Lord

~Hymn 55 vv. 1, 4, 5 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

~Versicles (pp. 120-121)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. 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: forevermore. Amen. Alleluia

~Psalmody: Psalm 47

P: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

C: For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.

P: He will subdue the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

C: He will choose our inheritance for us, the excellence of Jacob whom He loves.

P: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

C: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

P: For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

C: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

P: The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham.

C: For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

~Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

~**Responsory** (p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~**Solo** *We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend* (TLH #223)

*We thank Thee, Jesus, dearest Friend,
That Thou didst into heav'n ascend.
O blessed Savior, bid us live
And strength to soul and body give. Hallelujah!*

*Ascended to His throne on high,
Hid from our sight, yet always nigh,
He rules and reigns at God's right hand
And has all pow'r at His command. Hallelujah!*

*We therefore heartily rejoice
And sing His praise with cheerful voice;
He captive led captivity,
From bitter death He set us free. Hallelujah!*

~**Epistle Lesson**

Acts 1:1-11 I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After 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. Once, 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. For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. But 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." After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. They 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."

~**Hymn 391 vv. 1, 2, 4** *Lo, God to Heaven Ascendeth*

~Sermon Text:

Luke 24:50-53 He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

~ Sermon Theme

The Happy Separation

1. *Why did the Lord's Ascension look like a sad occasion?*
2. *Why is it really a cause for joy?*

~Offering

~Versicle (p. 122)

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense:

C: ♪ **And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

~Magnificat (p. 123)

C: ♪ **My soul magnifies the Lord: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
For He has regarded: the low estate of His handmaiden:**

For, behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty has done to me great things: and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on those that fear Him: from generation to generation.

**He has shown strength with His arm: He has scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.**

**He has put down the mighty from their seats: and exalted those of low
degree.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He has sent empty
away.**

**He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy: as He spoke
to our father, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.**

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: forevermore. Amen.

~Kyrie (p. 124)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~Lord's Prayer (p. 125)

C: ♪ 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Collect for Ascension

P: O Jesus Christ, almighty Son of God, You are no longer in humiliation here on earth, but are seated at the right hand of Your Father, Lord over all things: We beseech You, send us Your Holy Spirit; give Your Church pious pastors, preserve Your Word, control and restrain the devil and all who would oppress us; mightily uphold Your kingdom, until all Your enemies have been put under Your feet, that we may hold the victory over sin, death, and the devil; through You, who live and reign with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benedicamus and Benediction (p. 127)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Hymn 389 vv. 5-7 *O Grant Us Thitherward to Tend*

Preacher: Pastor John Petersen

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Soloist: Carl Bloedel

Trumpet: Dan Neubauer

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest please fill out a guest card or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon.