

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May 22 – Prayer Vigil (6 AM – 6 PM). No sign-up.

**SONG OF PRAISE** “Sing Wherever I Go” We the Kingdom

**Chorus**

All my life  
All I know  
God's been good  
Good to my soul  
Mountain high  
Valley low  
I'm gonna sing wherever I go

**Verse 1**

God is for me  
He's not against me  
I will hold to the plans He has for me  
When I'm broken  
He will fix me  
I will call on the name of the Lord

**Verse 2**

He's my heartsong  
In my sorrow  
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow  
When the storms rise  
All around me  
I will call on the name of the Lord

**Bridge**

I got joy joy joy  
Deep in my soul

I will sing sing sing  
Wherever I go

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## INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES Hebrews 9:24; Hebrews 4:14, 16

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

C: **Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.**

P: Seeing that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,

C: **let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

## SONG OF PRAISE "He is Exalted" Maranatha Singers

### Verse

He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted forever exalted  
And I will praise His name

### Chorus

He is the Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth  
Rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 47:2–3; 124:8*

P: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

C: **He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.**

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

C: **We confess before God and before one another that we have failed to live in the image of Christ. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

P: We stand guilty before our Father in heaven and are in need of His forgiveness.

C: **Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: Because of and in Christ's continued presence through all our days,

C: **renew us and strengthen us for Christ-like living and service in Your kingdom until the day when we ascend to the heavenly realm where we shall be in the presence of Christ forever and ever.**

Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins

## SHARING THE PEACE

**SONG OF PRAISE** "I See the Lord" Maranatha Singers (03:46)

### Verse

I see the Lord  
Seated on the throne exalted  
And the train of His robe  
Fills the temple with glory  
And the whole earth is filled  
And the whole earth is filled  
And the whole earth is filled  
With His glory

### Chorus

Holy holy holy holy  
Holy is the Lord  
Holy holy holy holy  
Holy is the Lord of lords

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**FIRST READING** Acts 1:1–11 (Ascension of Jesus)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "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 had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**      *Ephesians 1:15–23*

(Thanksgiving and prayer through our risen and ascended Savior)

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b*

L: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

**C: Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Luke 24:44–53*      (Jesus fulfills all Scripture.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN No. 525**      "Crown Him with Many Crowns"      (vss. 1,3,4,5)

**Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their burning eyes At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

**SERMON**      "Tale of Two Ascensions"      Acts 1:1-11 & Luke 24:44-53  
Pastor Matt

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**      THE NICENE CREED      *Please stand*

**I believe in one 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 rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose  
kingdom will have no end.**

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 worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SELF-REFLECTION

1. Are you baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you know you are a sinner in need of God's grace?
3. Do you believe Jesus died to atone for your sins?
4. Do you believe that God offers His forgiveness through the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
5. Do you seek to amend your sinful life?

## AS WE APPROACH THE TABLE OF THE LORD

### LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

All: 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 power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**HYMN No. 805** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Breath of Soul

**Praise God, from who all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## SENDING AND BLESSING

**P:** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,

**C:** **and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**

**P:** Go out into the world with peace and joy, for this same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven. The blessing of God Almighty—Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you always. **C:** **Amen.**