



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ASCENSION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Welcome

Susan Haig

Opening Hymn: #245 (Common Praise) "O Lord Most High, Eternal King" *Screen share*



1. O Lord most high, e - ter - nal king by thee re-
2. As - cend - ing to the sap - phire throne, thou claim'st the
3. Be thou our joy, O migh - ty Lord, as thou wilt
4. O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to



deemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of death are burst by thee, and
king - dom as thine own; and an - gels won - der when they see how
be our great re - ward; let all our glo - ry be in thee both
thee let earth ac - cord, who art, while end - less a - ges run, with



grace has won the vic - to - ry.
changed is our hu - man - i - ty.
now and through e - ter - ni - ty.
Fa - ther and with Spir - it, one. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin (Aeternae Rex altissime, 10th cent?); st. 1-3, tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), and others; rev. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), alt.; st. 4, tr. attrib. Laurence Housman (1865-1959), St. 1-3 rev. © 1982 The Church Pension Fund. Music: Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947). © Oxford University Press.

✠ The Easter Greeting

Susan Haig

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest: He ascended into heaven.

People: **And the Holy Spirit came among us.**

Antiphon: Rex Gloriam (Samuel Webbe)

Screen share

O Rex gloriae, Domine virtutum,
qui triumphator hodie super omnes coelos ascendisti;
ne derelinquas nos orphanos,
sed mitte promissum Patris in nos,
spiritum veritatis. Alleluia.

*O King of glory, Lord of all power,
Who ascended to heaven on this day triumphant over all;
Do not leave us as orphans,
But send us the Father's promise,
The spirit of truth. Alleluia.*

The Collect of the Day

Susan Haig

Priest: God unheld by word or wall:
lift us from dullness and cynical contempt;
make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power;
and turn our hearts to the mending of the world,
through Jesus Christ, the name above all names.

All: **Amen.**

First Reading

Jenny Kerber

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods 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.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

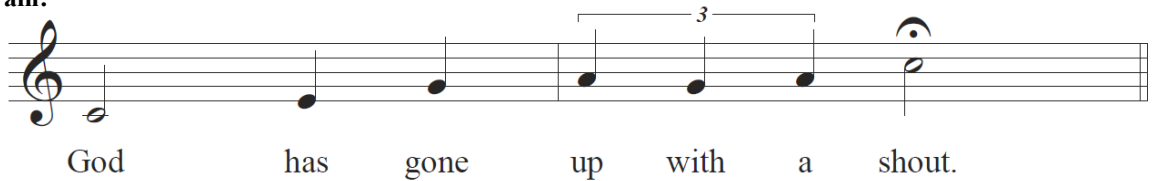
Acts 1.1-11

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 47 – *George Black*

Refrain:



Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Most High is to be feared; the Ruler of all the earth. **Refrain**

Who subdues the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
Who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob beloved of God. **Refrain**

God has gone up with a shout, the Most High with the sound of the ram's-horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our Sovereign sing praises. **Refrain**

For God rules over all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations; God sits upon the highest throne. **Refrain**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, to the One who is highly exalted. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Tony Crosbie

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work 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 age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Ephesians 1.15-23

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Well, the moon is broken and the sky is cracked
Come on up to the house
The only things that you can see is all that you lack
Come on up to the house

All your crying don't do no good
Come on up to the house
Come down off the cross, we can use the wood
You gotta come on up to the house

Come on up to the house
Come on up to the house
The world is not my home
I'm just a-passing through
You got to come on up to the house

There's no light in the tunnel, no irons in the fire
Come on up to the house
And you're singing lead soprano in a junkman's choir
You got to come on up to the house

Does life seem nasty, brutish and short?
Come on up to the house
The seas are stormy and you can't find no port
Got to come on up to the house

Come on up to the house
Come on up to the house
This world is not my home
I'm just a-passing through
You got to come on up to the house

There's nothing in the world that you can do
You gotta come on up to the house
And you been whipped by the forces that are inside you
Gotta come on up to the house

Well, you're high on top of your mountain of woe
Gotta come on up to the house
Well, you know you should surrender, but you can't let it go
You gotta come on up to the house

Come on up to the house
Come on up to the house
This world is not my home
I'm just a-passing through
You got to come on up to the house

The Gospel

Steven Mackison

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, “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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 24.44-53

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed.

Beglückt darf nun dich, o Heimat, ich schauen
und grüssen froh deine lieblichen Auen;
nun lass' ich ruh'n den Wanderstab,
weil Gott getreu ich gepilgert hab'.

Durch Sühn' und Buss' hab' ich versöhnt
den Herren, dem mein Herze, fröhnt,
der meine Reu' mit Segen krönt,
den Herren, dem mein Lied ertönt,

Der Gnade Heil ist dem Büsser beschieden,
er geht einst ein in der Seligen Frieden;
vol Höll' und Tod ist ihm nicht bang',
drum preis' ich Gott mein Lebelang!
Halleluja! Halleluja in Ewigkeit!

*With joy to thee, dearest homeland returning,
Thy meadows fair answer all my weary yearning;
My pilgrim staff I'll lay to rest,
My vows fulfilled, my journey blest.*

*Repentance have I shown to God,
My strength through all the lands I trod;
Now penance ends, with blessing crowned:
To thee, O Lord, let praise resound,*

*Salvation's grace to the penitent given
Will bring his soul with the bless'd ones to heaven;
He knows no fear of death or hell:
God's praise I'll sing, his mercies tell!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah for evermore!*

Hymn: #278 (Common Praise) "Jerusalem the Golden"

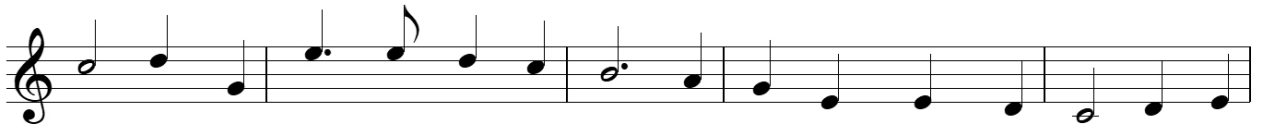
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1. Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blessed, be-
2. They stand, those halls of Si - on, all ju - bi - lant with song, and
3. There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased, the
4. O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect; O



neath thy con - tem - pla - tion sink heart and voice op - pressed. I know not, O I
bright with ma - nyan an - gel and all the mar - tyr throng. The Prince is ev - er
shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast; and they who with their
dear and fu - ture vi - sion, that ea - ger hearts ex - pect: even now by faith we



know not what joys a - wait us there, what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what
in them, the day - light is se - rene, the pas - tures of the bless - ed are
lead - er have con - quered in the fight, for - ev - er and for - ev - er are
see thee, even here thy walls dis - cern; to thee our thoughts are kin - dled; for



bliss be - yond com - pare.
decked in glo - rious sheen.
clad in robes of white.
thee our spir - its yearn.

Text: Bernard of Cluny (12th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Alexander Ewing (1830-1895).

The Prayers of the People

Doug Smith

Leader: Rejoicing that Jesus has ascended into the heavens,
let us pray in confidence to God.

We pray with grateful hearts
for those who opened our eyes to faith in Jesus
and those who continue to help us along our journey in the Spirit.
We pray for one another in this church,
for people of faith throughout the world,
and those seeking meaning in a faith they have yet to call their own.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray with longing
for the world to be governed
in accordance with your law of love;
that all your creation may be revered
and treated with respect
and that the Spirit may unite us through this pandemic,
making us one in compassion, generosity, and justice.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray with concern
for all the homes, schools and places of work in this community;
rejoicing in all that is of you,
and asking your healing forgiveness
wherever there has been discord or bitterness.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the healing and restoration to wholeness
of all who are ill or troubled, lonely or afraid,
damaged or depressed.
Send them the hope and courage they need to face their trials

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray with confidence
for those who have come to the end of their earthly lives,
that they may be received with mercy and welcomed into the glory of heaven.
May those who remain, grieving their loss, find comfort in you through us.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious God,
we pray with joy
as we celebrate ascending into glory
and look expectantly to the time when we will come again
This we pray through Jesus Christ, the Redeemer.
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, world without end.

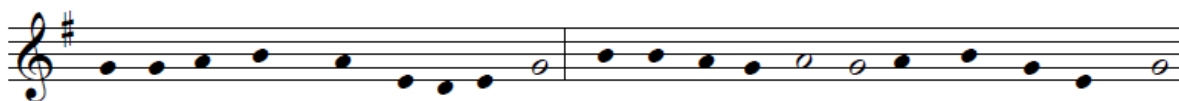
All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest:

All:

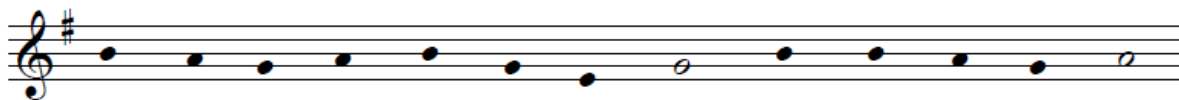
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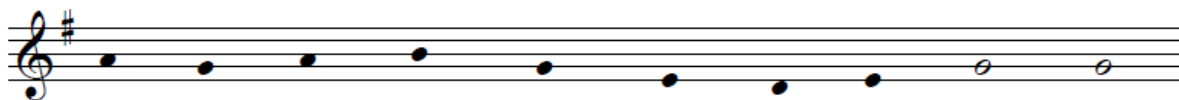
As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,



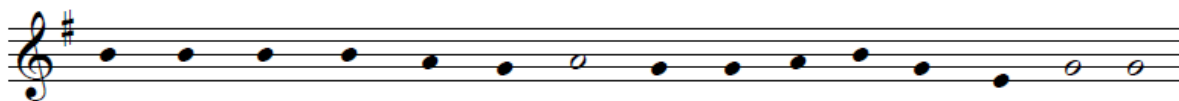
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins



as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

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For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

The Doxology

Susan Haig

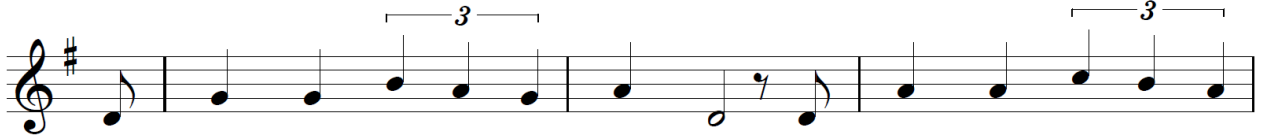
Priest: Glory to God,

All: **whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

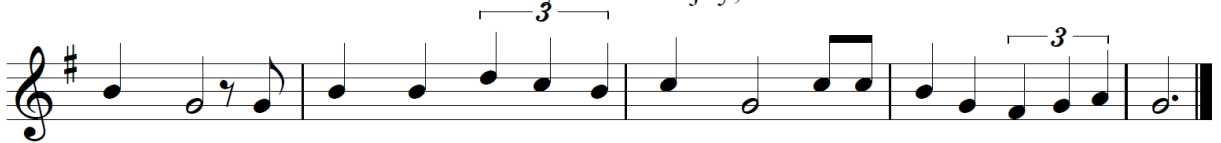
**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen**

Hymn: #368 (Common Praise) "He Came Down"

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1. He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may
2. He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may
3. He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may



have love; he came down that we may have love, hal-le - lu-jah for ev-er-more.
have peace; he came down that we may have peace, hal-le - lu-jah for ev-er-more.
have joy; he came down that we may have joy, hal-le - lu-jah for ev-er-more.

Text: African trad. Music: Melody African; arr. John L. Bell (1949-)

The Blessing

Susan Haig

Priest: May the Christ of glory,
raise you up to be God's will for the world.
And may the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier
be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go forth in peace, awaiting God's Spirit among us. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the "Online Donation" link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

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Ministry Updates

Compline at 8 PM

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in each Friday's eNews.

Guest Preacher: The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil

For next week's Pentecost Sunday service (May 23) our diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil will be preaching. As usual, the link to the service will be in the Friday edition of eNews.

Bring Many Languages: Pentecost Video

As part of the Opening Rite for our celebration of Pentecost, we are creating a video and if you speak a language other than English, we would be grateful for your help in making this happen. (Or if you really want to be part of this and only speak English, you are welcome to make a video saying the English text)

Here is what we need:

Please make a video recording of yourself reciting the line: *Fill your church with the breath of God*, in a language other than English (or in English!)

Some Guidelines to help you:

- Please frame your video recording as a 'Medium Close Up' or MCU ([click here](#) to see what that looks like)
- Send your recording to Dan Norman (dn.redeemer@gmail.com).
- If the file is too large to email, please use a cloud-based sharing platform such as [wetransfer.com](#), google drive, dropbox, etc.
- Please include in an email to Dan the language you are speaking and if possible, write out the phrase in that language so that Dan has a text version of it.
- Feel free to contact Dan with any technical questions.

Voices For Peace

Voices for Peace explores the radical Christian praxis of peace and non-violence. Redeemer, along with Citizens for Public Justice, the Henri Nouwen Society, the Basilian

Centre for Peace and Justice, and the Canadian Council of Churches, sponsors the conference.

This year, in lieu of a residential conference, so we are hosting three webinars with the theme Radical Hope: Radical Resistance. Our speakers will explore the connections of peacemaking to ecology, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and opposition to nuclear weapons development.

June 16, 7 PM: Terry Leblanc. "Retelling our Theological Narrative." (Reconciliation)

September 16, 7 PM: John Dear. Title TBA (Nuclear disarmament)

Tickets are \$15 + tax/event. Registration for the event is available [here](#).

Youth Ministry: Sacred Water Sharing Circle

This afternoon from 11:15 AM -12 PM on Zoom, all kids, youth and families are invited to sacred water sharing circle led by Mississauga Ojibwe Elder Dorothy Taylor from Curve Lake First Nation.

Dorothy will share traditional teachings about the sacredness of water, tell the creation story and offer ways that we can all protect and live in harmony with water. She is also a singer and drummer and will teach us a traditional Ojibwe song about water! This is a wonderful opportunity and we are looking forward to sharing it with you all!

The link will be sent out in the weekly youth communication, or you can email hkeachie@theredeemer.ca.

Marginalia: Sunday School for Grown Ups

Marginalia meets 9 AM–10:15 AM on Sunday mornings. To join the e-mail lists for any of the coming series, all hosted virtually over Zoom, e-mail Nate Wall, our Scholar-in-Residence, at nwall@theredeemer.ca. In case you're interested, here are some upcoming series:

The Holy Spirit in Poetry: 23 May (Pentecost)

High days of the church calendar call for words with reach. Join Marginalia on this year's Feast of Pentecost as we read, ponder, and discuss poems by Christina Rossetti, Kimberly Johnson, Jane Kenyon and Margo Swiss.

The Holy Trinity in Poetry: 30 May (Trinity Sunday)

The Tri-unity of God is the stubborn knot at the heart of the Christian faith. Join Marginalia this Trinity Sunday as we trace the threads of the mystery with the help of three great Anglican poets: George Herbert, John Donne and Rowan Williams.

Between Angels & Beasts: The Book of Daniel: June 6, 13, 20

Set during Israel exile in Babylon, the Book of Daniel weaves tales of political resistance with visions of monsters. The book has something to say about what it means to be human, and about how to hold onto our humanity inside a dehumanizing culture. (Plus it is full of prophetic fever dreams, so there will be something for everyone.)

Lovers in a Dangerous Time: The Song of Songs: July 4, 11, 18

Early Jewish tradition forbid the young from reading Scripture's most erotic book: the Song of Songs. All these years later, without any official prohibition, the Church still tends to leave this book unread. In the middle of this summer Marginalia will explore the Song's drama of love, its celebration of fleshly joys, and the way it tangles God up in the bedsheets of human longing.

Pentecost Celebration Video

Pentecost (the birthday of the church!) is on Sunday May 23rd and we would LOVE for you to dress in fiery colours and take a video of yourself (perhaps with your partner or family!) parading in your neighbourhood, backyard or even around your house!

Here are the details:

- please dress in red, orange, or yellow and/or wave a scarf, streamers, or anything festive you have at home!
- please take a 20-30 second video in **landscape** mode
- music will be added to the video montage afterward so please don't worry about the audio
- please send the video to Hilary at hkeachie@theredeemer.ca by **this afternoon**

Vaccinations

If you would like assistance, or know of anyone in our community who would benefit from assistance, registering for a vaccination or travelling to and from their appointment, the Pastoral Care Team is here to help. Please contact Susan at shaig@theredeemer.ca.

Pastoral Care Team Checking In

The Pastoral Care Team and its volunteers have been calling and continue to call, members of the Redeemer Community to check in with them regarding how they are doing during this pandemic.

Due to the ongoing isolation and disconnectedness, if you know of anyone who would benefit from a call from our Pastoral Care Team, that has not been receiving a call, please contact Tony Crosbie at tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca.

Intercessions

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form [here](#).

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

Future Ministry Updates

For all future announcement or ministry updates, please email twilliams@theredeemer.ca by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.
