Church of St. Clare -- Worship Aid



Ascension of the Lord -- Sunday May 24, 2020

Opening Song: "I, the Lord"

R. I, the Lord, am with you, always by your side. Come and take my hand, for I will lead you home. Follow me, follow me.

- 1. I am the resurrection, and I am the life; if you believe in me, you shall live forever.
- 2. You shall have new life and live it to the full. Turn your sorrow into joy, for life has just begun.

<u>Gloria</u>

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. 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, A-men.

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with the them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

The Word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: "God Mounts His Throne"

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

- 1. All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness. For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.
- 2. God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.
- 3. For the king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

<u>2nd Reading Ephesians 1:17-23</u>

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ,

raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way. *The Word of the Lord*

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **R. Alleluia! Alleluia!** "Go teach all nations," says the Lord; **Allelu-ia!** "I am with you until the end of the world." **Allelu-ia! Alleluia! Alleluia...Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." *The Gospel of the Lord*

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<u>Creed</u>

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

<u>Petitions</u> R. Lord, here our prayer.

Presentation: "Yes, I Shall Arise"

R. Yes, I shall arise! I shall gaze upon the loveliness of God forevermore.

- 1. One thing I ask of the Lord, this I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
- 2. Day after day I seek the house of the Lord. When shall I enter and see, see the face of my God?
- 3. Yearning and pining for the courts of the Lord, my flesh and my spirit cry out for the God of my life.

Preface Acclamation

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

Priest: The mystery of faith.

R. When we eat this Bread and drink the Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again, until you come again.

<u>Great Amen</u> R. Amen. Amen. A-men! A-men!

Lamb of God

R. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion: "Jesus, Lamb of God"

R. Hear our prayer, hear our prayer; through this bread and wine we share may we be your sign of peace ev'rywhere.

- 1. Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our sin; Jesus Savior.
- 2. Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our pain; Jesus healer.
- 3. Jesus, Lamb of God, broken as our bread, here among us.
- 4. Jesus, Lamb of God, poured out as our wine, shared in gladness.
- 5. Jesus, Word of God, dwelling with the poor; Jesus prophet.
- 6. Jesus, Word of God, dwelling in our midst; Jesus with us.
- 7. Jesus, Word of God, speaking in our hearts God's compassion.

Closing: "He is the Lord"

R. Sing to the Lord with shouts of joy, let all creation rejoice! Come join the song of praise to our God! He is the Lord! He is the Lord!

- 1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all you nations! Serve the Lord, serve the Lord. Come before him singing for joy!
- 2. Give thanks to God our Father for his love. Bless our God. Bless our God. His mercy is forever!
- 3. Great is the King of creation; he is faithful. Praise his name, praise his name. Sing of his salvation!

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