



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Feast of the Ascension (observed)

May 29, 2022 10:00 AM

Masks are recommended while inside the church.

Holy Eucharist

¶ *The service follows the Order for Holy Eucharist beginning on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer*

¶ *The musical setting of the Mass Ordinary is the Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena of Healey Willan (1880–1968)*

Organ Voluntary

Priere du Christ (L'Ascension)

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Hymn at the Procession 460

HYFRYDOL

As we celebrate the Feast of The Ascension, we sing this hymn which is rich in biblical imagery and of great description of Kingship. Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne, robed in flesh, our great High Priest.

Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. ♫ Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

¶ *The Celebrant says*

ALMIGHTY GOD, UNTO WHOM ALL HEARTS ARE OPEN, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

Gloria in excelsis ¶ *The music may be found at S-202 in the Hymnal 1982*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory * of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.
¶ *People* Amen.

¶ *Then all are seated*

The Word of God

The First Lesson

ACTS 1:1-11

IN THE FIRST BOOK, O THEOPH'ILUS, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged 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 before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 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 which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Sama'ria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ *All remain seated for the singing of the Psalm sung by Congregation and Choir*

Psalm 97

Dominus regnavit

Anglican Chant: Herbert Howells

The Lord is King, the earth may be | glad there- | of *
yea, the multitude of the | isles • may be | glad there- | of.

Clouds and darkness are | round a- | bout him *
righteousness and judgement are the | habi- | tation • of his | seat.

There shall go a | fire be- | fore him *
and burn up his | enemies • on | every | side.

His lightnings gave | shine un- | to the | world *
the earth | saw it, • and | was a- | fraid.

The hills melted like wax at the | presence • of the | Lord *
at the presence of the | Lord • of the | whole | earth.

The heavens have de- | clared his | righteousness *
and all the | people • have | seen his | glory.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight
in | vain | gods *
—— | worship • him, | all ye | gods.

Sion heard of it, | and re- | joiced *
and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of
thy | judgements, | O | Lord.

For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are | in the | earth *
thou art exalted | far a- | bove all | gods.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing | which is | evil *
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them
from the | hand of | the un- | godly.

There is sprung up a | light • for the | righteous *
and joyful gladness for | such • as are | true- | hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, | ye | righteous *
and give thanks for a re- | membrance | of his | holiness.

The Second Lesson

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

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 a 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 in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit 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 that which is 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.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ All stand for the singing of the Hymn and Gospel Procession

This text is often associated with the Feast of the Ascension. It is rich with imagery of the Epistle to the Hebrews and tells the Good News of Jesus.

The Gospel

LUKE 24:44-53

Gospeler ♣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, “These are my words which 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 and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are 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 blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew John Archie

The Nicene Creed

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 Ghost 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 he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
 and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, \ddagger
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¶ All kneel

The Prayers of the People

¶ The Deacon says these Prayers

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, who in thy holy Word hast taught
us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men:
Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty,
beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of
truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy
Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly
love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Have mercy we pray on those who now suffer the miseries of a war not of their own making. Have compassion on the wounded and dying; comfort the broken-hearted; confound the hatred and madness of those who make war; guide our rulers, bring war to an end, bring peace across the world. Unite us all under the reign of your Son, the Prince of Peace, before whose judgement seat the rulers of the world will give account, and in whose name we pray.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ♫ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ♪ People Amen.

¶ *Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Confession of Sin

¶ Celebrant and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Celebrant stands, pronounces Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, + pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
¶ People Amen.

¶ The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1–2

¶ All stand

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

¶ Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord;

Announcements

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The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offertory

Lift up your heads, great gates, and sing,
Now glory comes, and glory's king;
Now by your high all golden way
The fairer heaven comes home today.

Hark! Now the gates are ope.
An hear the tune of each triumphant sphere;
Where every angel as he sings
Keeps time with his applauding wings.

And make heavens loftiest roof rebound
The echo of the noble sound.

Words: Joseph Beumont (1616-1699)

Music: Philip Moore (1976)

¶ Following the singing of the Anthem, all stand to sing

Hymn at the Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly
host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Alle - lu - ia! Alle -
lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus *¶ The music may be found at S-114 in the Hymnal 1982*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed  is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

¶ The People kneel

ALL GLORY BE TO THEE, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled \ddagger with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ♫ All AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

♪ The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept;

Agnus Dei ♪ The music may be found at S-158 in the Hymnal 1982

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access *¶ Said by all*

WE DO NOT PRESUME TO COME TO THIS THY TABLE, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation and Ministration of Communion

¶ All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the Ushers on when to come forward to the Communion rail. Once kneeling at the rail, to receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward, and consume the Bread.

¶ Only the priest may intinct the Bread. If you wish, present the Bread to the priest and they will intinct for you.

¶ Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

Anthem at the Communion

King of glory, King of peace. I will love Thee; And, that love may never cease. I will move Thee. Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me; Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherfore with my utmost art I will sing Thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee. Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me, And alone when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee; Inn my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee; E'en eternity too short to extol Thee.

*Words: George Herbert (1593-1632)
Music: Herold Friedell (1905-1958)*

As we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we sing this Eucharistic hymn set to this Welsh tune. The breadth and strength of both text and tune reflect the theme of the text which shows homage to the Christ who is risen, ascended, and glorified.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Said by all kneeling*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *People Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.
People Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.
People Amen.

The blessing, \ddagger mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
People Amen.

All stand

The Dismissal *¶ The People are dismissed with these words*

¶ Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
¶ Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn at the Retiring Procession 494

DIADEMATA

'Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above.' We sing this hymn on the Feast of the Ascension to remind us that Christ rose from the grave, ascended into heaven and he is King of all.

This Morning's Liturgy

† Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors worn at the Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The vestments worn in the season after Easter are White symbolizing the resurrection of Christ.

† Olivier Messiaen's (1908-1992) Prière du Christ montant vers son Père is the final movement of L'Ascension. Originally written for orchestra, Messiaen completed an organ version (with a new third movement) in 1933-1934. He described it as four meditations for orchestra. It is a meditation and prayer of Christ ascending toward his Father. "And now, O Father, I have manifested thy name unto men... and now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee" - John 17: 6, 11

† Born in London, Philip Moore is one of the late 20th and early 21st century leading English composers. His setting of *Lift Up Your Heads* is energetic in both the organ accompaniment and voice parts. The composition tool of text painting depicting "echos" is found throughout and the climax of the anthem is at the end during the singing of the text "The fairer heaven comes home today."

† Herold Friedell's anthem of the famous text of George Herbert, is a marvelous setting sung by choir alone. He uses the vocal range of the choir to illustrate the text and speaks simply of Herbert's dependence on God and his total commitment to praise.



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