



Sunday after the Ascension

Morning Prayer Rite II

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Prelude

Improvisation on Hyfrydol  
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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Hymntune Settings

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

*Welcome*

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

**All and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, creator God, to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters bringing light and life to your creation,  
pour out your Spirit on us today that we may walk as children of light and by your grace  
reveal your presence. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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All Blessed be God for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦  
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦  
and forget not all his benefits;

3 Who forgives all your sins ♦  
and heals all your infirmities;

4 Who redeems your life from the Pit ♦  
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

5 Who satisfies you with good things, ♦  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness ♦  
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses ♦  
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord has established his throne in heaven, ♦  
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

9 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, ♦  
you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word.

10 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, ♦  
you ministers of his who do his will.

11 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; ♦  
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 103.1–7,19–22

*All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Amen.

## ***The Word of God***

### **Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36**

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the  
presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.*

### **Canticle A Song of Ezekiel**

*All The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.*

- 1 I will take you from the nations, ♦  
and gather you from all the countries.
- 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ♦  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.
- 3 A new heart I will give you, ♦  
and put a new spirit within you,
- 4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone ♦  
and give you a heart of flesh.
- 5 You shall be my people, ♦  
and I will be your God.

*All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.*

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### **A reading from the Book of Acts**

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "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."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## **Response**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

*All and kindle in us the fire of your love.*

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

*All Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.*

Renew the face of your creation, Lord, pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,

*All and kindle in us the fire of your love.*

For the creation waits with eager longing for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

*All Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.*

## **A reading from First Peter**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

## ***Benedictus***

**Christ has gone up on high and has led captivity captive. Alleluia.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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#### **A reading from John**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

## **Homily**

*Meditation*

*“Andante for a clock organ”*

*W. A. Mozart*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Through Christ, who ever lives to make intercession for us, let us pray to the Lord.*

*Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places and inspire us to serve you as a royal  
priesthood:*

*Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.***

*Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom and grant on earth the blessing of peace:*

*Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.***

*Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on  
high:*

*Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.***

*May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong:*

*Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.*

*Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation, and grant us the needful gifts of your grace: especially those who celebrate a birthday Elena, Logan, Lori, and Pat*

*Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.*

*Let us commend the world, for which Christ prays, to the mercy and protection of God. We pray for those on our parish prayer list Amber, Delbert, Erick, Jayson, Jessica, Jenifer, Jody, Jordan, Linnea, Lisa, Micky, Molly, Nancy, Nic, Peg, Rob, Eli, Jim, Wil, Stephen, and Trisha.*

*Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.*

We pray for all those who have died especially Olive Bresette

*Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for all Those Affected by Coronavirus**

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us*

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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## ***The Conclusion***

*May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen.***

*Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.*

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

Postlude

Chorale Improvisation  
"Look Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious"

*Paul Manz*