



# Our Worship of God

Sixth Sunday of Easter and  
Ascension of Our Lord  
May 10, 2026 10:30am

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+ *This symbol invites you to rise in body as you are able, or in spirit.*

*Today, we mark and celebrate Ascension Day, observed this Thursday, May 14, in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the moment when the risen Christ was taken up into heaven forty days after Easter. As recorded in Scripture (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9), Jesus ascended before the eyes of His disciples, bringing His earthly ministry to its fulfillment and entrusting to the Church the work that remains.*

*This day proclaims that Christ reigns in power and glory and assures us that He has not left us alone. As we await the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, we are called to live as His witnesses in the world, setting our hearts on things above.*

Chiming of the Hour Julia Matthews

Welcome and Life of the Church Kyle Damron

Gathering Prayer

Voluntary **Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above** Julia Matthews  
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening of the Bible Boone Kulha and Lucy Waters

+ Call to Worship (Psalm 47:5-8, NIV) Boone Kulha and Andrew Kulha

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
**the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**  
Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
**sing to him a psalm of praise.**  
God reigns over the nations;  
**God is seated on his holy throne.**

+ Hymn 263 **Alleluia, Sing to Jesus** HYFRYDOL

Psalm Responsorial **Psalm 47** Doug Gavin, cantor

**Refrain**

Clap your hands, O faith - ful peo - ple!

Shout to God a song of praise!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in Christ's power to deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

**We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust.  
While we sing of your lordship over all creation,  
we have too often lived as though you are distant,  
as though your power does not reach into the realities of our lives.**

**We confess that we are quick to fear,  
slow to trust,  
and hesitant to follow where you lead.  
In the face of uncertainty, we grow anxious.**

**In times of waiting, we lose heart.  
Forgive us for forgetting that Christ is risen and ascended,  
that he reigns even now at your right hand,  
and that he has not left us alone.**

**Forgive us when we turn inward in fear  
instead of outward in faith and love.  
Lift our eyes, O Lord, to where Christ is, in glory.  
Renew our trust in your presence.**

**Strengthen our hope in your promises.  
And send us out as your faithful witnesses in the world.  
Help us to live with confidence in your presence today  
and in hope for life with you forever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (based on Ephesians 2:4-7, NRSV)

Hear the good news of the gospel:  
God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us  
even when we were dead through our sin,  
made us alive together with Christ—  
by grace you have been saved—  
and raised us up with him and seated us with him  
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,  
so that in the ages to come he might show  
the immeasurable riches of his grace  
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.  
In Christ, by God's grace, we are saved.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

+ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**



The flowers today are given in honor of Mother's Day.



# HAPPY Mother's Day

We honor and remember all of the women in our lives who have inspired, taught, loved and cared for us. Thank you. Our hearts are also with those for whom this day is complicated or difficult.



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