

## Opening Hymn

## 524 Rejoice, the Lord Is King



- 1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
- 2 The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
- 3 His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
- 4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come



Re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
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*Stand*

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

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Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.  
Have mercy on us, Lord!  
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

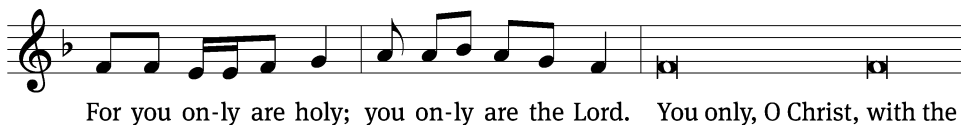
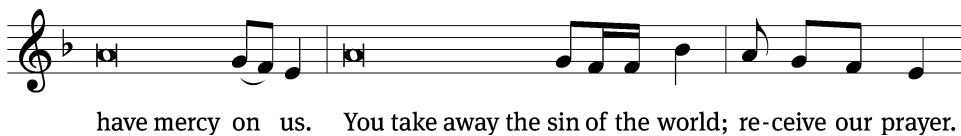
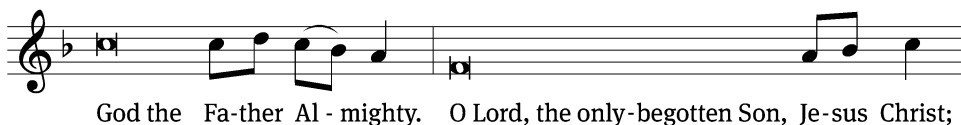
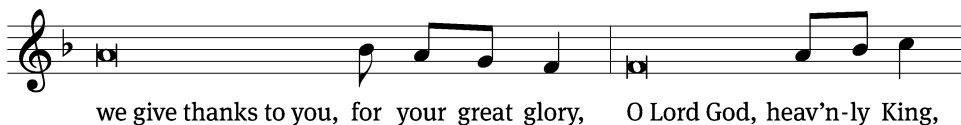
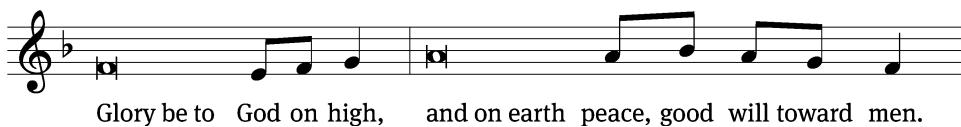
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

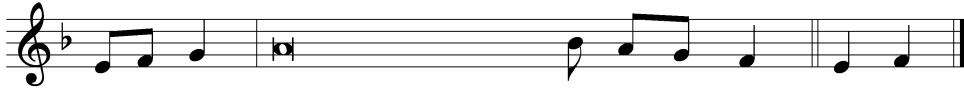


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## Glory Be to God on High

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Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## The Word

### Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

<sup>1</sup>I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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.”

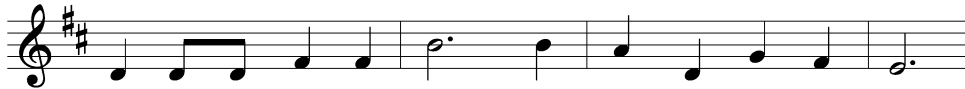
<sup>9</sup>After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 47

## All Peoples, Clap Your Hands



1 All peo - ples, clap your hands, and shout with joy and sing.  
2 God has gone up on high, with shout and trum - pet voice;  
3 No - bles from all the earth are joined with A - bram's seed;



The LORD Most High is to be feared; he is the earth's great King.  
sing praise to God, our glo - rious King, sing praise to him, re - joice!  
the rul - ers of the world are God's; he's lift - ed high in - deed!



He brings the na - tions down, sub - dues them in our sight;  
For God is King of all. Sing praise with all your skill;  
So to the Fa - ther raise, with his as - cend - ed Son,



he choos - es our in - her - it - ance; his love is Ja - cob's might.  
he sits up - on his ho - ly throne and rules the na - tions still.  
and Ho - ly Spir - it end - less praise, e - ter - nal Three in One.

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>This is why, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I never stop giving thanks for you, remembering you in



witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

## 472 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the  
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and  
4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the



out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
gaze up - on the sky?” Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals of the sky.” Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, as - cends un -  
and with his fol - low - ers they see their Lord as -  
“This is the Sav - ior,” thus they say. “This is his  
“Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see re - turn - ing



to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
glo - rious tri - umph day.” Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
in great maj - es - ty.” Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
and be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with you forever, we  
shall praise your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to you let earth accord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
with Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Sermon

*Psalm 110*

# Our Ascended Lord Is on Our Side!

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Confident of our Lord's return, let us approach our Father's throne of mercy on behalf of the Church and of all people.

Gracious Lord God, amid shouts of joy we celebrate your Son's ascension into heaven where he is now seated in majesty at your right hand. Grant your Church steadfastness in these gray and latter days that she may hold to the truth and boldly confess the saving name of Jesus.

**As the devil, the world, and our sinful nature seek to silence our witness, grant us courage to believe and confess that Jesus is Lord.**

Even as your beloved Son intercedes on behalf of his Church, so has he commanded us to pray for others. [We pray especially for... .]

**Hear us, O Lord, as we implore you to show mercy to those in need:**

to the sick, the lonely, and the depressed grant relief;

to the dying and those who mourn bring comfort;

to the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed send your help;

to the elderly, give joy for living life to the full;

to the young, send patience to wait for the fuller life to come;

to husbands and wives and their families and to single parents who raise their children alone grant wisdom and strength.

**Bestow your blessings to all who depend on your power and grace.**

Almighty Father, you are the good Giver of all that we have. In your mercy continue to grant us daily bread, supplying us with what we need before we even ask.

**Teach us to be thankful and content, whether we have plenty or are in need.**

Come with your guidance, O Lord, and pour out your blessings on all who have gathered here to proclaim your love in speech, song, and symbol. May

our worship enrich us so that our work for others adorns your love among them.

**Lead us to praise you as we joyfully wait for your return.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we remember the sufferings and death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising his victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from his ascension before you, where he always intercedes for us as our own high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end.

**Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Hymn

## 473 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious



- 1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glo - rious; see the man of
- 2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels, crown him! Rich the tro - phies
- 3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned him, mock - ing thus the
- 4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those loud, tri -



sor - rows now! From the fight re - turned vic - to - rious,  
Je - sus brings; on the seat of pow'r en - throne him  
Sav - ior's claim; saints and an - gels crowd a - round him,  
um - phant chords! Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion;



ev - 'ry knee to him shall bow. Crown him! Crown him!  
while the vault of heav - en rings. Crown him! Crown him!  
own his ti - tle, praise his name. Crown him! Crown him!  
oh, what joy the sight af - fords! Crown him! Crown him!



Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow. Crown him!  
Crown the Sav - ior King of kings! Crown him!  
Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame. Crown him!  
King of kings and Lord of lords! Crown him!



Crown him! Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.  
Crown him! Crown the Sav - ior King of kings!  
Crown him! Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame.  
Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords!

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*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

### 476 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build



- 1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as -
- 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob -
- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as -



cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre -  
tain - ing, my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re -  
cen - sion, that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, in thanks for my re -



hen - sion, for where the head is, there as well I know his  
main - ing, for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my  
demp - tion; and then, when all my days will cease, let me de -



mem - bers are to dwell when Christ shall come and call them.  
thoughts will ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
part in joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

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