



Ascension Sunday

May 24, 2020

Full Courage and Joy

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago

7th Sunday of Eastertide

Ascension Call to Worship, from Revelation 5:12-13

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

All: Then every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, sang:



To him who sits on the throne,___ and un - to the Lamb.



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___ Be bles-sing and ho - nor and glo - ry and pow - er for - ev - er,___



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To Him Who Sits on The Throne, Words and Music, Debbye Graafsma, 1985

Leader: To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

All: **Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.
There he hears our prayers, pleads our cause before the Father,
and rules the world.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.
Come let us worship and bow down.**

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 High - est heaven its Lord re - ceives; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Still for us he in - ter - cedes; Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 There we shall with you re - main, Al - le - lu - ia!

to his throne veil'd from our _ eyes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates. Al - le - lu - ia!
 yet he loves the earth he leaves. Al - le - lu - ia!
 his a - ton - ing death he pleads, Al - le - lu - ia!
 part - ners of your end - less reign, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 He has con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
 near him - self pre - pares our place, Al - le - lu - ia!
 see you with un - cloud - ed view, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still he calls us all his own. Al - le - lu - ia!
 he the first - fruits of our race. Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heaven of heavens in you. Al - le - lu - ia!

Hail the Day, Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Welsh hymn melody, 1837

Confession of Sin

Leader: *Thus says the LORD, who has compassion on you:
"O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted,
the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed"* from Isaiah 54:10-11

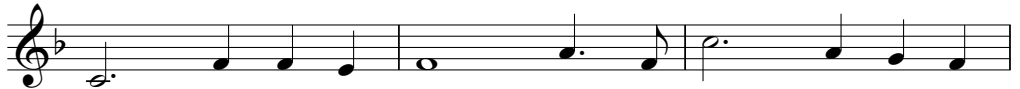
Sing to Confess



1. Je - sus, re - fuge of the wea - ry, blest Re - dee - mer, whom we
2. Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re - pen - tant
3. Je - sus, may our hearts be bur - ning with more fer - vent love for



love, ___ foun - tain in life's de - sert drea - ry, ho - ly ___
vow, ___ though we see You woun - ded, bleed - ing, see Your
You; ___ may our eyes be e - ver tur - ning to be -



man - na from a - bove. Oft in pride we wan - der
thorn - en - circ - led brow? Yet Your sin - less death has
hold Your cross a - new. Gra - ven in our hearts for -



from you, heed - ing not your grac - ious call. Yet up -
brought us life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; on - ly
e - ver dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied, till in



on the cross ex - ten - ded, You have borne the pain of all.
what your grace hath taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
glo - ry, par - ted ne - ver from the bles - sed Sa - vior's side.

Jesus Refuge of the Weary, Words: Girolamo Savonarola, 1533; Music: Calon Lân, Traditional Welsh tune, 1895; addl. words, pvdBijl, 2018

Silent time to pray and confess

A prayer to help with confession:

*My God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
You live in perfect Unity,
And have invited me into your fellowship.
Forgive me when I isolate myself from you,
and live indifferently to those you have placed in my path.
Move me outside of myself,
To bear witness to your love and kindness
Before a world that is lonely,
And in need of Christ's friendship.
Through Jesus. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: *Jesus says:*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

All: **May the God of peace himself sanctify us completely, and may our whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is faithful; he will surely do it.** *from John 14:27 and 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*



1. All the poor and pow - er - less, and all the lost and lone -
2. All the hearts who are con - tent, and all who feel un - worth



ly, All the thieves will come con - fess, and
y, All who hurt with noth - ing left will



know that you are ho - ly, and know that you are ho - ly.
know that you are ho - ly, will know that you are ho - ly.

chorus



And we will sing out: Hal - le - lu - jah. We will cry out: Hal - le - lu - jah.



All the Poor and Powerless, Words and Music by David Leonard and Leslie Jordan, 2011

Lessons from the Word *read by Jenny Smith*

Old Testament Lesson -
Gospel Lesson -

Isaiah 42:6-7
John 17:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Musical interlude by Jeff Padget and Erik Andrusyak

The Word

Pastor Dan Adamson
How Salvation is Worked Out, Philippians 2.12-18

[12] Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

[14] Do all things without grumbling or disputing, [15] that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, [16] holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. [17] Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. [18] Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Prayers of the People



1. Peace, per - fect peace. In our dark world of sin,
2. Peace, per - fect peace. By thron - ing du - ties pressed,
3. Peace, per - fect peace. With sor - rows surg - ing round,
4. Peace, per - fect peace. Our fu - ture's all un - known,
5. Peace, per - fect peace. Death clings to us and ours,



your blood, Lord Je - sus, whis - pers peace with - in. _____
 to do your will, oh Je - sus, this is rest. _____ *to chorus*
 be - neath your sha - dow, on - ly calm is found. _____
 but you we know, our Sav - ior on the throne. _____ *to chorus*
 yet you have van - quished death and all its powers. _____ *to chorus*



Chorus
 Peace, per-fect peace, ___ it is e - nough. Lord Je - sus, give us peace. ___

Peace, Perfect Peace: Words, Edward Bickersteth, 1875; Music and addl. words, Paul van der Bijl, 2020

Prayers for our community, our city, and our world led by Linda Gehrs

Leader: Lord in your mercy
 All: **Hear our 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 debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen**

Announcements in our community

Ascension Song of Sending

1. Re - jice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore!
2. Je - sus, the Sa - vior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4. Re - jice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come

Re - jice, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph e - ver - more. Lift
When He has purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove; Lift
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n: Lift
to ga - ther all his saints to their e - ter - nal home: Lift

up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re - jice!
up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re - jice!
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Rejoice the Lord is King, Words: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music, John Darwall, 1770

Leader: **Benediction**

Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.