



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

May 16, 2021

## Ascension Sunday

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Prelude *Chorale-Prelude in "Heut Triumphieret, Gottes Sohn", BWV 630, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

**Sentence:** Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.

**Opening Hymn (organ)** Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise, vs. 1 & 6

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
To his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight Alleluia!  
Far above the starry height, Alleluia!  
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!  
Seeking Thee above the skies. Alleluia!

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Glory to God**

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*All* and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Kyrie Eleison**

Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

## **The Collect**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord.  
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of his peace,  
and bring the whole of creation  
to worship at his feet,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** Acts 1.1-11

A reading from the Book of Acts:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 47**

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1.15-23

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him 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 the age 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 24.44-53

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been 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 was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Reflection** Rev. Shelly

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

## The Apostles' Creed

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

***All*** I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

### Prayers of the People

#### Confession & Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*All*            **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*        **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn (organ)** Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour, vs. 1 & 5

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living bread!

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!

**Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Eternal God,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ  
has promised to be with us until the end of time.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and renew us in his transfigured life;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

***We praise you, O God.***

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

***We bless you, O God.***

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

***We thank you, O God.***

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Source: "Prayers for Worship", *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2006), p. 67-68.

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*All*           **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.**

*Silence*

### **Breaking of Bread 8**

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All*           **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*All*           **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **The Communion**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant* Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

*People* **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Eternal Giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.  
Confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Doxology & Blessing**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All* **whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
In the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God and of his Son,  
Jesus Christ the Lord.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
remain with you and the ones you love  
now and forevermore. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn (organ) Rejoice, the Lord Is King, vs. 1 & 5**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus, the judge, shall come  
And take his servants up  
To their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

*Rev. Shelly* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People*     **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude    *Postlude in D minor, Op. 105*, Charles Stanford (1852-1924)

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## Announcements

**Book Study** - Beginning May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, and continuing weekly until June 24<sup>th</sup>, we will study *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. This best-selling book examines how white people react when their assumptions about race are challenged. We are engaging in this study as part of our Social Justice Vestry Motion to combat anti-Black racism. The book is available at online retailers such as Indigo/Chapters, Amazon, and independent booksellers' sites. Please contact Rev. Shelly at [shelly@stmartinsanglican.ca](mailto:shelly@stmartinsanglican.ca) if you wish to participate, or if you have any questions. Link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88090665469>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone. Meeting ID: 880 9066 5469

**Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom** – Our Virtual Coffee Hour is back at 12:30 PM on Zoom! Link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86160988368>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone. Meeting ID: 861 6098 8368

**Wednesday Service on Zoom** – Our midweek service will take place on Zoom on Wednesday at 10:15 AM. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82287913027>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone. Meeting ID: 822 8791 3027

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