



**The Ascension of Our Lord (*transferred*)
May 12th, 2024**

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Treaty Acknowledgement and Announcements

Heather Punshon

Opening Sentence:

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the close of the age. (*Matthew 28.19-20*)

Processional Hymn: CP #491 “The Head That Once Was Crowned”

Greeting: BAS p.185

The Gloria: BAS 186 (text); CP #686 (song)

Collect of the Day: BAS p.343

Children’s Time

Blessing Song:

God bless and keep you (both hands raised in blessing)

God shine upon you (hands circling like a sunrise)

God’s gracious presence (hands folded in prayer)

Abide with you in peace (one hand raised in blessing) Repeat

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

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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: BAS p.764-765

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

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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.

Alleluia: CP #715

The Gospel: Luke 24.44-53

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Laura Marie Piotrowicz

Nicene Creed: BAS p.188-189

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution: BAS p.191

The Peace: BAS p.192

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Fam Jam -

"The Beloved Disciple"

original piece by The Rev. Canon Dr. Iain Luke

Love one another is the message Jesus brought,
So we join as one in passing on the lesson that he taught.
In birth, through life to death and onward let this be our thought:

“Little children, Love one another.”

We come to hear the mystery of the Word that made all things,
To receive in faith the fullness of the grace God’s presence brings,
To listen to the Alpha and Omega as he sings:

“Little children, Love one another.”

Around the table gathered, the disciples’ meal we share;
From the cross our dying Lord entrusts his family to our care,
Yet we witness to his living presence keeping us aware:

“Little children, Love one another.”

Loving him who loved us, sin and fear we shall defy,
And the vision of a new created world we’ll hold up high,
Where God shall wipe away the tears that flow from every eye.

“Little children, Love one another.”

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Prayer over the Gifts: BAS p.343

Eucharistic Prayer #4: BAS p.201-203

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: CP #689

The Lord’s Prayer: BAS p.211

The Breaking of Bread #8: BAS p.213

Lamb of God: CP #690

Come to the table!

All those seeking Christ in their heart are welcome at the table.

The full presence of God is in both bread and wine.

(Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the priest.)

Prayers for healing are offered in the Chapel.

Communion Hymn: Fam Jam CP #615:

“Just As I Am”

Prayer after Communion: BAS p.343

Small Doxology: BAS p.214

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP #350

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Dismissal:

Go into the world with gladness, eager to speak peace and teach kindness.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Flowers at the Nave Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Evelyn Eaton, our mother from Heather Olson & Tom Miller and our families.

Flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Pauline Evans from her family.