



May 16, 2021 | Ascension Sunday
At Home Bulletin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP*

The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.

The world is firmly established;
it cannot be moved.

**Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.**

The seas have lifted up, O LORD,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea -
the LORD on high is mighty.**

Your statutes stand firm;
holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD.

Psalm 93

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1851); music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey (1868)

He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name.

Chorus

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Christ our savior calls us to follow Him in newness of life.

**Yet we have preferred the known to the unknown,
the comfortable to the challenging
the safe to the disquieting.**

**We are like Israel who desired
to return to the familiar slavery of Egypt
instead of being led into the Promised Land.**

Forgive us O Lord.

Forgive us our fear, mistrust, and rebellion.

Forgive us for not following where Christ leads.

**Forgive us for closing our eyes to the splendor
of what you have promised,
forgiving in instead of pressing on.**

O Lord, give us victory over fear and doubt.

Restore to us hearts of trust and wills of obedience.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 2:11-14

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christians, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to 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 catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION *

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,

pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty;

hold me with thy pow'rful hand;

Bread of heaven feed me now and evermore;

bread of heaven feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing waters flow;

let the fiery cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliv'rer be thou still my strength and shield,

strong deliv'rer be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,

bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell's destruction,

land me safe on Canaan's side;

Songs of praises I will ever give to thee,

songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side,

Bid my anxious fears

Bid my anxious fears

Land me safe on Canaan's side,

Bid my anxious fears

Bid my anxious fears goodbye!

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; Tune: Jeremy Casella

SCRIPTURE READING

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Faith from Here to There”

NOTES:

Hebrews 11:1-16

Pastor Ian Hard

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (*chorus*)

Pardon for sin and peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*chorus*)

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BENEDICTION*

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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