

# THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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# OPENING WORDS OF COMFORT

# 809 – Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

*Refrain*



Do not let your hearts be trou- bled; have faith in God and faith in



me. I will go forth to pre- pare a place for you; then I'll come



back to take you with me, that where I am, you may al- so be.

*Verse*



1 In God's house there are man- y plac- es for you to



dwell in peace and safe- ty. You know the way to where I'll lead



you; if you are lost, I will show the way. *Refrain*

*Verse*



2 I am the way, the truth, and the life; on- ly through



me can you know what I know. If you knew me, you would



know the Fa- ther; if you see me, you see your God. *Refrain*

*Verse*

3 The words I speak are not on - ly of my-self; it is your  
 God who lives with - in me. If you be - lieve that your

*Refrain*

God and I are one, I will pro - vide when you call my name.

## INVOCATION

STAND

The Lord has ascended into heaven.

**Let us worship him with our hearts and voices!**

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with love for Jesus.

**That we may speak of his works and live in constant readiness for his return. Amen.**

*After a brief introduction, the congregation sings:*

1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as -  
 cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al-ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre -  
 hen - sion, for where the head is, there as well I know his  
 mem - bers are to dwell when Christ shall come and call them.

## THE ASCENSION PSALM

Clap your hands, all you nations; **shout to God with cries of joy.**  
How awesome is the LORD Most High, **the great King over all the earth!**  
He subdued nations under us, **peoples under our feet.**  
He chose our inheritance for us, **the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**  
God has ascended amid shouts of joy, **the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.**  
Sing praises to God, sing praises; **sing praises to our King, sing praises.**  
For God is the King of all the earth; **sing to him a psalm of praise.**  
God reigns over the nations; **God is seated on his holy throne.**

*After a brief introduction, the congregation sings:*



2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob -  
tain - ing, my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re -  
main - ing, for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my  
thoughts will ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.



# Meditation on the Ascension Account

Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

*After the meditation, the minister says:*

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.” Alleluia!

*After a brief introduction, the congregation sings:*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

# Meditation on the Ascension Epistle

Revelation 19:11-16

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

*After the meditation, the minister says:*

God has placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body. Alleluia!

*After a brief introduction, the congregation sings:*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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



# Meditation on the Ascension Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

STAND

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

BE SEATED

*After the meditation, the minister says:*

The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations. Alleluia!

*After a brief introduction, the congregation sings:*



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

## THE ASCENSION CONFESSION OF FAITH (Article 3 of The Augsburg Confession)

We believe that God the Son, became man, born of the virgin Mary, and that the two natures, divine and human, are so inseparably united in one Person that there is one Christ, true God and true Man, who was truly born, suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried in order to be a sacrifice not only for original sin but also for all other sins and to reconcile God's wrath.

The same Christ also descended into hell, truly rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, that He may eternally rule and have dominion over all creatures, that through the Holy Spirit He may sanctify, purify, strengthen, and comfort all who believe in Him, and He bestow on them life and every grace and blessing, and that He may protect and defend them against the devil and against sin. The same Lord Christ will return openly to judge the living and the dead. Amen.

BE SEATED

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## ANTHEM

Sung by the children of Calvary Lutheran School, Grades 3-8

Hallelujah, Round of Praise (Psalm 148:1-3)

*Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.  
Praise Him to the heavens, praise Him in the heights,  
Praise Him, all His angels, all His host.  
Praise Him, sun and moon, all you shining stars.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*YOU MAY REMAIN SEATED FOR PRAYER*

Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords. **We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.**

O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world. **Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.**

O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives. **Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.**

O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church. **You are our Lord, Master, and King.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.**

*Silent prayer.*

As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory. **Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*After a brief introduction, the congregation sings:*

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O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as -  
cen - sion, that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, in thanks for my re -  
demp - tion; and then, when all my days will cease, let me de -  
part in joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

## BLESSING

Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

## 511 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

STAND



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,  
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.  
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

***Join us for an ice cream social immediately following this service.***

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