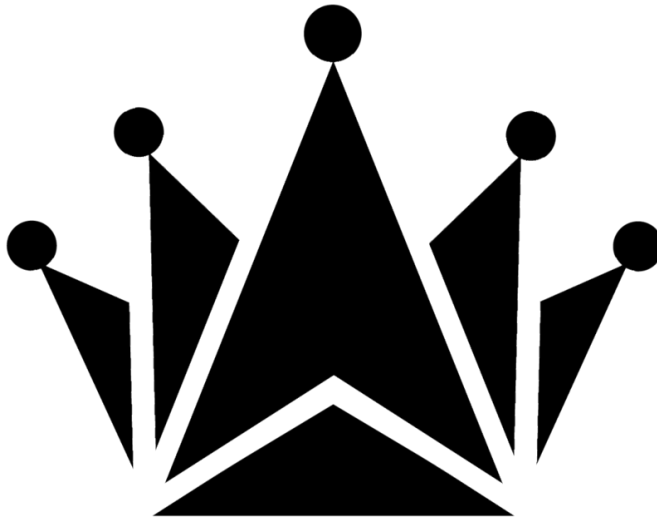


THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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Worship Focus

**He Ascended to the Right Hand
of God the Father Almighty**



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OPENING HYMN

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.

Please stand

INVOCATION

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.

THE ASCENSION PSALM

The Lord says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion. You will rule in the midst of your enemies.

Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth.

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind:

“You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at your right hand. He will crush kings on the day of his wrath. He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth. He will drink from a brook beside the way. Therefore he will lift up his head.

RESPONSE

747 - Christ High-Ascended



1 Christ high-as-cend-ed, now in glo-ry seat-ed, throned
2 Christ, from the Fa-ther ev-'ry pow'r pos-sess-ing, who
3 Christ, who in dy-ing won for us sal-va-tion, lives
4 Christ in his splen-dor, all do-min-ion gain-ing, Christ
5 As at his part-ing, joy shall ban-ish griev-ing, faith



and ex-alt-ed, vic-to-ry com-plet-ed, death's dread do-
on his cho-sen lift-ed hands in bless-ing, sends forth his
now the first-born of the new cre-a-tion; to win dis-
with his peo-ple ev-er-more re-main-ing, Christ to all
in his pres-ence strength-en our be-liev-ing; filled with his



min-ion fi-nal-ly de-feat-ed, we are his wit-ness-es.
ser-vants, still in faith con-fess-ing, we are his wit-ness-es.
ci-ples out of ev-'ry na-tion, we are his wit-ness-es.
a-ges, glo-ri-ous-ly reign-ing, we are his wit-ness-es.
Spir-it, love and pow'r re-ceiv-ing, we are his wit-ness-es.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

Luke's second book starts where his first book ended... with Jesus' ascension into heaven.

ACTS 1:1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴On 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. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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.”

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Grades 3-8 Anthem

Go into the World

*Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations,
Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!*

*Go ye, go ye into the world and take the Gospel to all the people,
Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!*

*I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear;
I am the light, you, the reflection everywhere.*

*Go ye, go ye into the world and tell the story to all believers.
Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!*

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Since Christ has ascended into the heavens, and our life is hidden with him – think about heavenly things.

COLOSSIANS 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sung by the worship team

472 – A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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| <p>1 <i>A hymn of glory let us sing! New songs throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> <p>2 <i>The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand, Alleluia, alleluia! and with his followers they see their Lord ascend in majesty. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> | <p>5 <i>Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, and be our future great reward. Alleluia, alleluia! Then, throned with you forever, we shall praise your name eternally. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> <p>6 <i>O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord. Alleluia, alleluia! You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i></p> |
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Please stand

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

Luke ends his first book with the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, that is, his ascension into the heavens.

LUKE 24:44 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."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I 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." ⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

HYMN

476 – On Christ's Ascension I Now Build



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as -
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob -
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as -



cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre -
tain - ing, my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re -
cen - sion, that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, in thanks for my re -



hen - sion, for where the head is, there as well I know his
main - ing, for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my
demp - tion; and then, when all my days will cease, let me de -



mem - bers are to dwell when Christ shall come and call them.
thoughts will ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.
part in joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

✠ Sermon ✠

Psalm 110

God's Right Hand is a Good Place for Jesus to Be

1. It means he is our King
2. It means he is our Priest
3. It means he is our Warrior

Sermon notes:

Please 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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- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your only-begotten Son into our world, in which He laid aside His glory, so that He might live our life and suffer our death, we thank You that in His ascension we can rejoice at the revelation of Your glory. **God is gone up with a shout.**

We praise You for the life of grace and truth which He lived among us. Though the world is blind to Your glory, reveal Yourself, O God, through the faithful administration of Word and Sacraments, that every knee may bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, that those who sit in darkness may one day join in the shout of triumph at the coming again of our Lord. **The Lord has gone up with the sound of a trumpet.**

In the midst of strife and conflict, wars and rumors of wars, remind us of your Lordship and triumph over all the enemies of Your people. Call to faithfulness the leaders of the earth, and bless those who govern. Thwart those who would hinder Your reign among all peoples. Deliver us from greed, self-centeredness, and pride. Grant us that sense of priorities that we may seek those things which are above. **You have ascended on high.**

O most holy and merciful God, on this day Your Son ascended to the heavens where He intercedes for us. Give us the confidence that whatever we ask in His name and according to His will, shall be granted. As he has led the way into our heavenly fatherland, increase our hope. **You have led captivity captive.**

You have not left us without comfort and hope. Consider our woes and fears; be not far from us in our times of trial. Be with the lonely, the forsaken, and the distressed. Prepare us to be watchful, to be in prayer, longing for our Lord's return in like manner as He has gone up. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

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.

COMMISSION and 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

Congregation sings vs. 1,3 and 4. The Choir sings vs. 2



- 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 glor - 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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Go Into the World

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A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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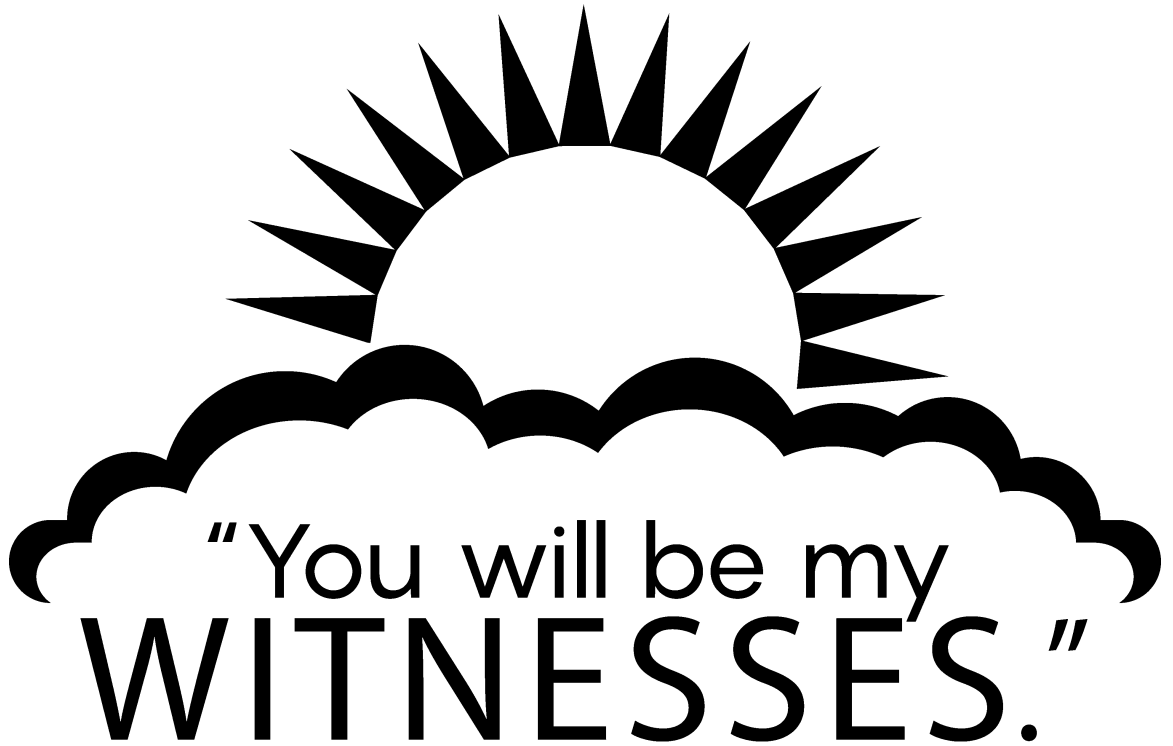
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