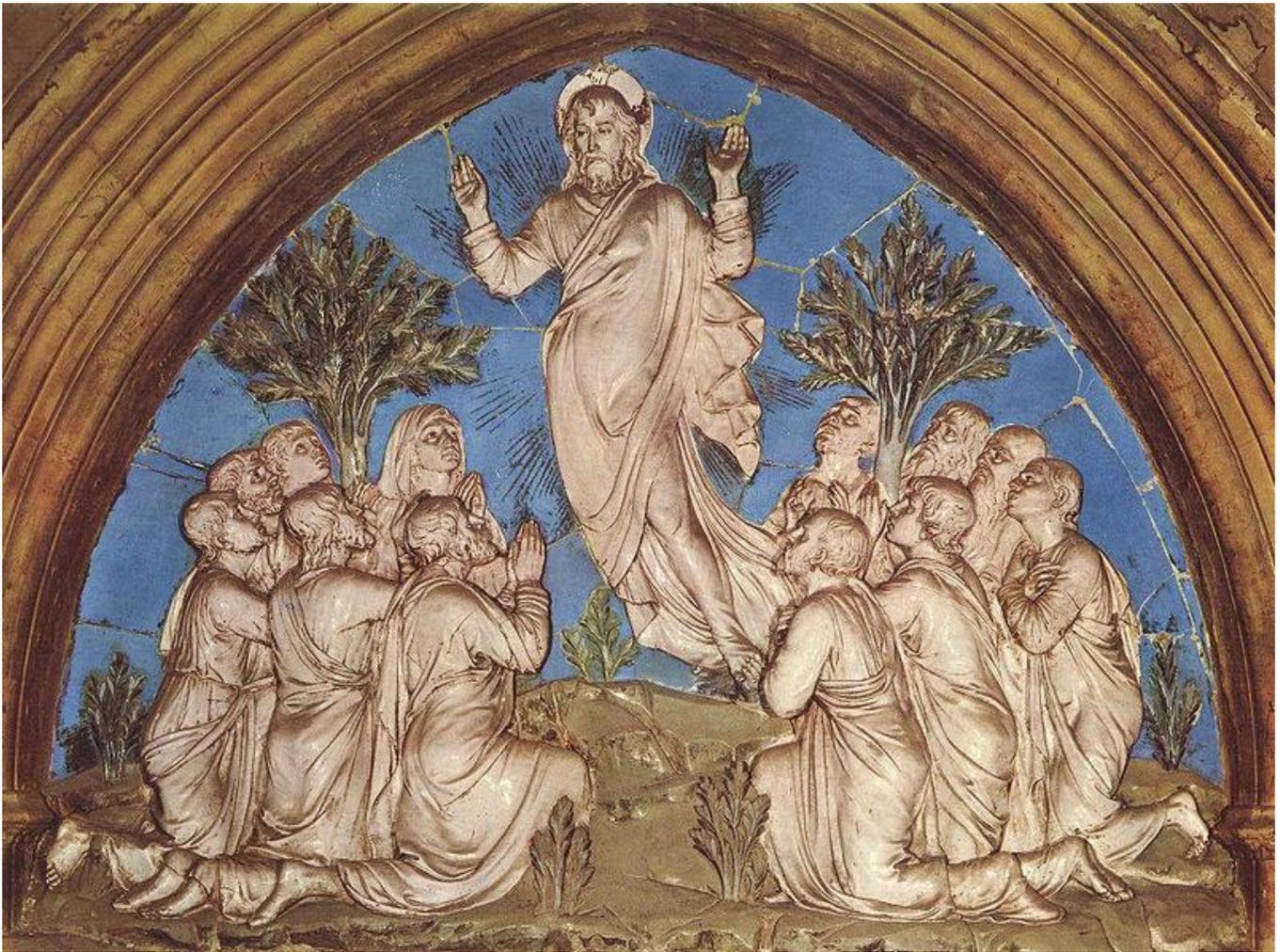


Ascension of Our Lord

Vespers



“...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

Thursday, May 30, 2019
7:00 P.M.

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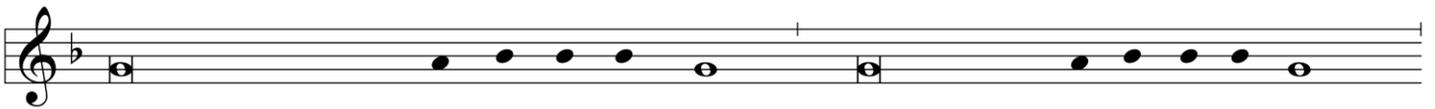
L The Lord be with you. **C** And al-so with you. **L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise. **L** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,



who led your people Israel by a pil-lar of cloud by day and a pil-lar of fire by night:



Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be a lamp to our feet



and a light to our path; for you are mer-ci-ful, and you love your whole cre-a-tion,



and we, your crea-tures, glo-ri-fy you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it. **C** A-men.

We sit.

PSALMODY

Psalm 141 (I–Trebles; II–Men; C–All)



C Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



I O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.



II Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



I Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



II Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

I But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref - uge.
 Strip me not of my life. II Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and
 to the Ho - ly Spir - it; I as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
 now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men. III Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Silence is kept for meditation

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your loving kindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

Amen.

Psalm 93

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and ¹ armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- ¹ not be moved.

²Ever since the world began, your throne has ¹ been established;
you are from ¹ everlasting.

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted ¹ up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their ¹ pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers ¹ of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who ¹ dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are ¹ very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- ¹ evermore.

Silence is kept for meditation

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LESSON Acts 1:1-11

ANTHEM Clap Your Hands, O Faithful People (*paraphrase of Psalm 47*)

words: Michael Morgan
music: William Stevens

Refrain:

Clap your hands, O faithful people! Shout to God a song of praise!
Fill the world with glad rejoicing! Shout with joy God's name always.

With a shout and blast of trumpet God shall mount a throne on high;
Fill the world with glad rejoicing, heav'n shall sing and earth reply:

Refrain

Let your hearts be filled with gladness, and the LORD your life shall bless;
Live as heirs of God's great justice, wear the cloak of righteousness.

Refrain

LESSON Luke 24:44-53

In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

CANTICLE Magnificat in G *Sung by the choir*

Charles Villiers Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm.
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
And hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
As he promised to our forefather, Abraham and his seed forever.
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.

We stand.

LITANY

After each petition—

[L] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
 [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

The petitions continue...

For the faithful who have gone ... give thanks to the Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one flat) with a treble clef. It begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a half note C. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment in G major with a treble and bass clef. The piano part begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a half note C. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence is kept for meditation

Rejoicing in the fellowship ... to Christ, our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

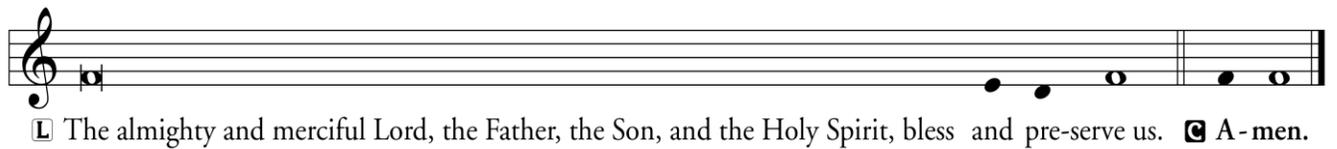
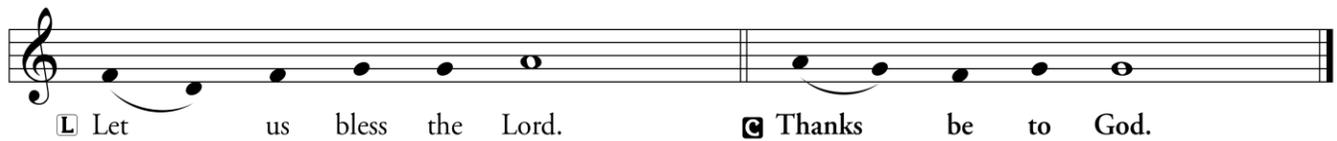
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O God, you have called your servants...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING



The assembly faces the light as it leaves the sanctuary, following the light as we follow Jesus into the world.

HYMN 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on HYFRYDOL

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*The congregation may be seated following the hymn,
and is asked to remain in their places through the conclusion of the Voluntary.*

Soli Deo Gloria

William Stevens, liturgist
Adult Choir II

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