

# Solemnity of the Ascension



*“So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,  
was taken up into heaven  
and took his seat at the right hand of God.”*

**(Cycle B)**

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Hymn

#### Rejoice the Lord is King



1. Re - jice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Our Lord and Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love; When
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The
4. Re - jice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And



1. jice, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:
2. he had purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove:
3. keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n: } Lift up your
4. take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home: }



- 1-4. heart, lift up your voice! Re - jice, a - gain I say, re - jice!

### Greeting

Ÿ. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

Ÿ. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Love of God  
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**R. And also with you.**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

*Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.*

✠ To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries,  
let us call to mind our faults and failings  
and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy  
for his healing and forgiveness.

*Pause for silent reflection.*

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters  
that I have sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do;  
and I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

✠ May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

**K** <sup>V</sup>

Y-ri- e \* e- lé- i-son. (bis) Christe

e- lé- i-son (bis) Ký-ri- e e-

lé- i-son. Ký-ri- e \* \*\* e- lé- i-son.

# Gloria

*Priest/cantor:* *All:*

V **G** Ló-ri- a in excélsis De- o. Et in terra pax homí-

*Choir:* *All:*

ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá- tis. Laudá- mus te. Bene-dí-cimus

te. Ado-rá- mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cámus te. Grá-ti- as á-gimus

ti- bi propter magnam gló- ri- am tu- am. Dómi-ne De- us,

Rex cæ-lé-stis, De- us Pa-ter omní-pot- ens. Dómi-ne Fi- li

u-ni-gé-ni-te, Je-su Chri-ste. Dómi-ne De- us, Agnus

De- i, Fí-li- us Pa- tris. Qui tollis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-

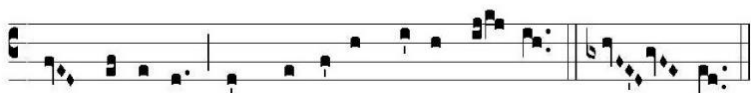
ré- re no- bis. Qui tollis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe depre-

ca-ti- ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad dexte-ram Pa- tris, mi-

se-ré-re no- bis. Quó-ni- am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus



Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-



cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our  
prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Opening Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
our minds were prepared for the coming of your kingdom  
when you took Christ beyond our sight  
so that we might seek him in his glory.

May we follow where he has led  
and find our hope in his glory,  
for he is Lord for ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **Reading 1** (*Acts 1:1-11*)

A reading from the Beginning of the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus,  
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught  
until the day he was taken up,  
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit  
to the apostles whom he had chosen.  
He presented himself alive to them  
by many proofs after he had suffered,  
appearing to them during forty days  
and speaking about the kingdom of God.  
While meeting with them,  
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,  
but to wait for “the promise of the Father  
about which you have heard me speak;  
for John baptized with water,  
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,  
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”  
He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons  
that the Father has established by his own authority.  
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
throughout Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.”  
When he had said this, as they were looking on,  
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.  
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,  
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.  
They said, “Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there looking at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven  
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

**℟. Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9*)



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,  
shout to God with cries of gladness,  
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,  
is the great king over all the earth.

**℟. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;  
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.  
Sing praise to God, sing praise;  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

**℟. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

For king of all the earth is God;  
sing hymns of praise.  
God reigns over the nations,  
God sits upon his holy throne.

**℟. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

## Reading 2 (*Eph 1:17-23*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation  
resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,  
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,  
what are the riches of glory  
in his inheritance among the holy ones,  
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power  
for us who believe,  
in accord with the exercise of his great might,

which he worked in Christ,  
raising him from the dead  
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,  
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,  
and every name that is named  
not only in this age but also in the one to come.  
And he put all things beneath his feet  
and gave him as head over all things to the church,  
which is his body,  
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation (*Mt 28:19a, 20b*)



Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.



### Gospel (*Mk 16:15-20*)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

℞. And also with you.

Ÿ. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

*The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind),  
their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them  
to his Word.*

℞. Glory to you Lord.



Jesus said to his disciples:

“Go into the whole world

and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;

whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe:

in my name they will drive out demons,

they will speak new languages.

They will pick up serpents with their hands,

and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.

They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,

was taken up into heaven

and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere,

while the Lord worked with them

and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

✠. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.**



**Homily**

**C**  Redo in unum De- um, Patrem omni-pot-éntem,  
factó-rem caeli et terrae, vi-si-bí-li-um ó-mni- um, et in-  
vi-si-bí- li-um. Et in unum Dómi-num Ie-sum Christum,  
Fí-li-um De-i u-ni-gé-ni-tum. Et ex Patre na- tum ante  
ó-mni- a saé-cu-la. De-um de De- o, lumen de lúmi-ne,  
De-um ve-rum de De- o ve-ro. Gé-ni-tum, non fa- ctum, con-  
substanti- á-lem Patri : per quem ó-mni- a fa-cta sunt. Qui  
propter nos hómi-nes, et propter nostram sa-lú-tem descén-  
dit de cae-lis. Et incarná-tus est de Spí-ri-tu Sancto ex  
Ma-rí- a Vírgi-ne : Et homo factus est. Cru-ci- fi- xus  
ét-i- am pro no-bis : sub Pónti- o Pi-lá-to passus, et se-púl-

tus est. Et re-surré-xit térti- a di- e, se-cúndum Scri-  
 ptú- ras. Et ascéndit in cae- lum: se-det ad dexte- ram Pa-  
 tris. Et í-te-rum ventú-rus est cum gló-ri- a, iu-di-cá-re  
 vi-vos et mórtu- os: cu-ius regni non e-rit fi- nis. Et in  
 Spí- ri- tum Sanctum, Dómi- num, et vi- vi- fi- cántem: qui ex  
 Patre Fi- li- óque pro- cé- dit. Qui cum Patre et Fi- li- o  
 simul ad-o- rá- tur, et conglo- ri- fi- cá- tur: qui lo- cú- tus est  
 per Prophé- tas. Et unam sanctam cathó- li- cam et a- po-  
 stó- li- cam Ecclé- si- am. Confi- te- or unum ba- ptísma  
 in remissi- ó- nem pec- ca- tó- rum. Et exspécto re- surre-  
 cti- ó- nem mortu- ó- rum. Et vi- tam ventú- ri saé- cu- li.  
 A- men.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **General Intercessions**

*The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several  
prayer intentions. Each concludes, “**We pray to the Lord.**”*



*The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer  
ending with “. . . through Christ, our Lord.”*

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offering of the Gifts

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

### Prayer over the Gifts


℣. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**℟. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Lord,  
receive our offering  
as we celebrate the ascension of Christ your Son.  
May his gifts help us to rise with him  
to the joys of heaven,  
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**℟. Amen.**


### Preface and *Sanctus* (Easter V)



℣. The Lord be with you. ℟. And al - so with you. ℣. Lift up your hearts.



℟. We lift them up to the Lord. ℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



℟. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

Today the Lord Jesus, the king of glory,  
the conquerer of sin and death,  
ascended to heaven while the angels sang his praises.

Christ, the mediator between God and man,  
judge of the world and Lord of all,  
has passed beyond our sight,  
not to abandon us but to be our hope.  
Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church;  
where he has gone, we hope to follow.

The joy of the resurrection and ascension renews the whole world,  
while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory:

*The celebrant recites or sings the Preface. At the conclusion, we sing or say:*

*(Sanctus VIII De Angelis)*

VI (XI) XII. s.

**S** An- ctus, \* Sanctus, San- ctus Dó- mi- nus

De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple- ni sunt cae- li et

ter- ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna in excél- sis.

Bene- dí- ctus qui ve- nit in nómi- ne Dó- mi- ni. Ho-

sán- na in excél- sis.

## Eucharistic Prayer (I)

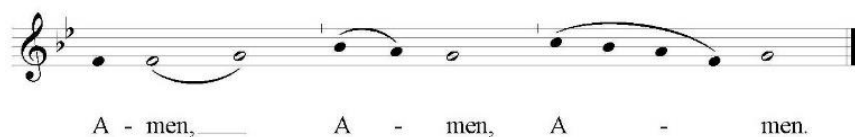
*The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:*

¶. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



*The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Through him, with him and in him  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father  
Forever and ever.



## COMMUNION LITURGY

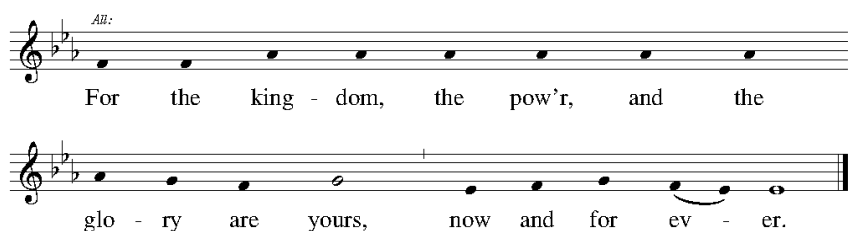
### The Lord's Prayer

℣. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;  
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not  
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

℣. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



*All:*  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.



## Exchange of Peace

℣. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

℟. Amen.

℣. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟. And also with you.

℣. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## Breaking of the Bread

*As the bread is broken, we sing or say:*

*(Agnus Dei VIII De Angelis)*

VI XV. s.



A - gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di : mi-se-  
ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis peccá-ta  
mun-di : mi-se-ré-re no- bis. A-gnus De- i, \* qui tol-  
lis peccá-ta mun-di : dona no-bis pa- cem.

Ÿ. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word  
and I shall be healed.**

*To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant  
says:*

Ÿ. The body and blood of Christ.

**R. Amen.**

## Communion Meditation

### Let the Earth Rejoice and Sing



1. Let the earth re - joice and sing,
2. Christ who died up - on a tree, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Heav'n and earth shall bend the knee,
4. Je - sus, Vic - tor, hear our prayer,



1. At the tri - umph of our King;
2. Now shall reign e - ter - nal - ly; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. On this day of vic - to - ry;
4. In your tri - umph let us share;



1. Who as - cends from mor - tal sight,
2. Christ who saved our fal - len race, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Life has shat - tered e - vil's might,
4. Lift our minds and hearts a - bove,



1. Reigns now at our Fa - ther's right,
2. Takes in heav'n his right - ful place, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Ris - ing glo - rious in our sight,
4. Strength-en each one in your love,

## Prayer after Communion

Father,  
in this eucharist  
we touch the divine life you give to the world.  
Help us to follow Christ with love  
to eternal life where he is Lord for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Solemn Blessing

℣. The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May almighty God bless you on this day  
when his only Son ascended into heaven  
to prepare a place for you.

**R. Amen.**

After his resurrection, Christ was seen by his disciples.  
When he appears as judge  
may you be pleasing for ever in his sight.

**R. Amen.**

You believe that Jesus has taken his seat in majesty  
at the right hand of the Father.  
May you have the joy of experiencing  
that he is also with you to the end of time,  
according to his promise.

**R. Amen.**

℣. May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

## Dismissal

V. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn

### Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
3. Crown him the Lord of love, Be - hold his hands and
4. Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scep - ter
5. Crown him the Lord of years, The ris - en Lord sub -

1. throne; Hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All
2. grave, And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
3. side, Rich wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove In
4. sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab -
5. lime, Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, The

1. mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and sing
2. those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing,
3. beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the sky
4. sorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end,
5. Mas - ter of all time. All hail, Re - deem - er, hail!

1. Of him who set us free, And hail him as your
2. Who died and rose on high, Who died, e - ter - nal
3. Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward bends his
4. And round his pierc - ed feet Fair flow'rs of Par - a -
5. For you have died for me; Your praise and glo - ry

1. heav'n - ly King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2. life to bring, And lives that death may die.
3. burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
4. dis - ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
5. shall not fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.