

Solemnity of the Ascension



*“As he blessed them he parted from them
and was taken up to heaven.”*

(Cycle C)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

Rejoice the Lord is King



1. Re-joyce, 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 - joyce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And



1. joyce, 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 - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

Greeting

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

R. Amen.

∇. 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 (C2)

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

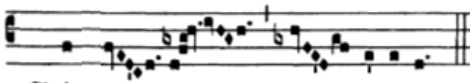
Ÿ To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries,
let us call to mind our faults and failings
and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy
for his healing and forgiveness.

Pause for silent reflection
(Kyrie VIII de Angelis).

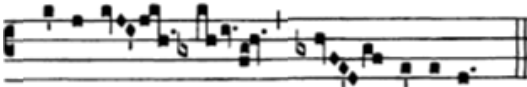
Ÿ Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom:

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Y-ri- e * e- lé- i-son. bis

Ÿ You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:


Chri- ste e- lé- i-son. bis

Ÿ You will come in glory with salvation for your people:


Ký-ri- e e- lé- i-son.


Ký-ri- e * ** e- lé- i-son.

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

R Amen.

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-cá-mus 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-

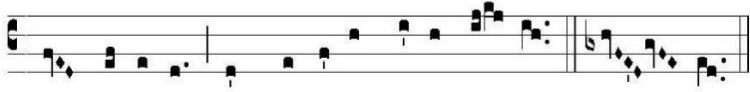
ré-re no-bis. Qui tollis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe depre-

ca-ti-ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad délixte-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 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.” you will be doing what is right. Farewell.”

✠. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. 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 trumpets 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 (*Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23*)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands,
a copy of the true one, but heaven itself,
that he might now appear before God on our behalf.
Not that he might offer himself repeatedly,
as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary
with blood that is not his own;
if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly
from the foundation of the world.
But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages
to take away sin by his sacrifice.

Just as it is appointed that men and women die once,
and after this the judgment, so also Christ,
offered once to take away the sins of many,
will appear a second time, not to take away sin
but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since through the blood of Jesus
we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary
by the new and living way he opened for us through the veil,
that is, his flesh,
and since we have "a great priest over the house of God,"
let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust,
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
and our bodies washed in pure water.
Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope,
for he who made the promise is trustworthy.

¶. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (*Jn 13:34*)

Refrain



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

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

Refrain



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

Gospel (Lk 24:46-53)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

Ṛ. And also with you.

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

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.

Ṛ. Glory to you Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name
to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.

And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you;
but stay in the city
until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany,
raised his hands, and blessed them.

As he blessed them he parted from them
and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage
and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
and they were continually in the temple praising God.

Ÿ. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Ṛ. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Refrain



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

Homily

Nicene Creed

XVII. s.

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

 ómni- 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 ómni- 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 délixte- 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 Fí- 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- ptí- sma
 in remissi- ó- nem pecca- tó- rum. Et expécto 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:

All bow at these two lines

**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."*

Risen Savior, hear our prayer.

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

℞. 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* (Ascension I)



☩. 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 conqueror 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)

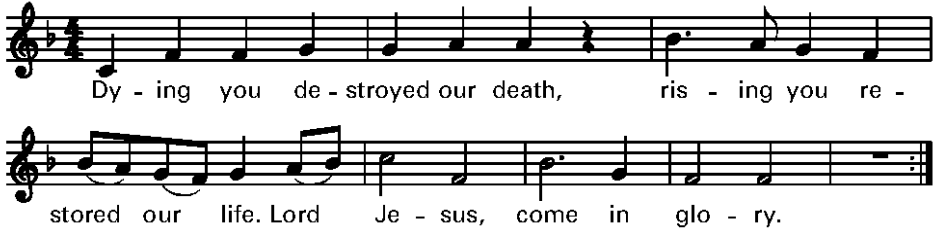
VI (XI) XII. s.

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 nó-mi-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:

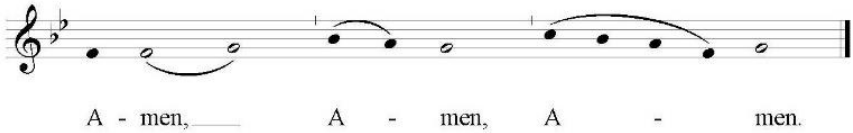
∇. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

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.

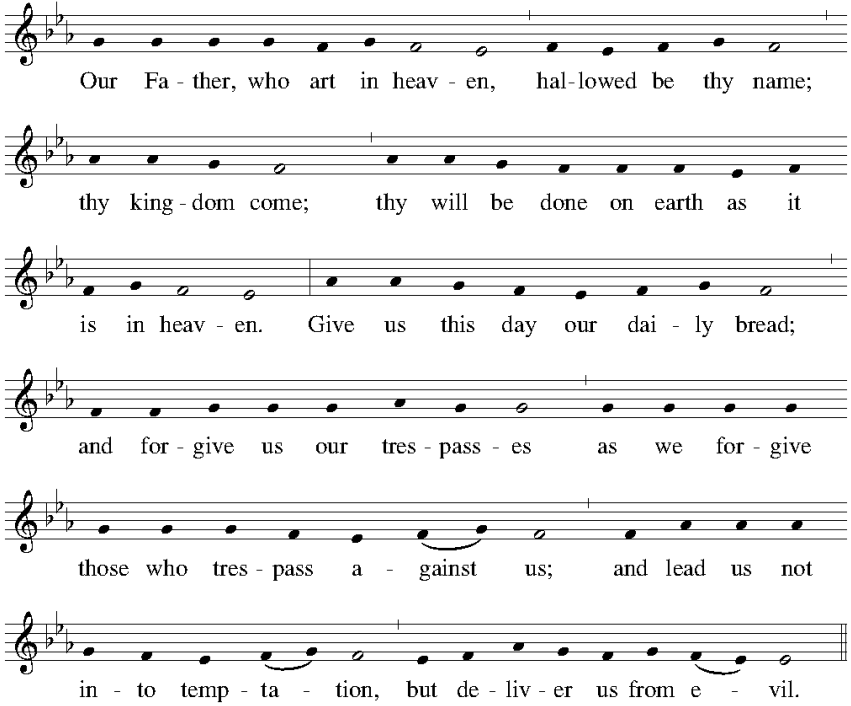


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COMMUNION LITURGY

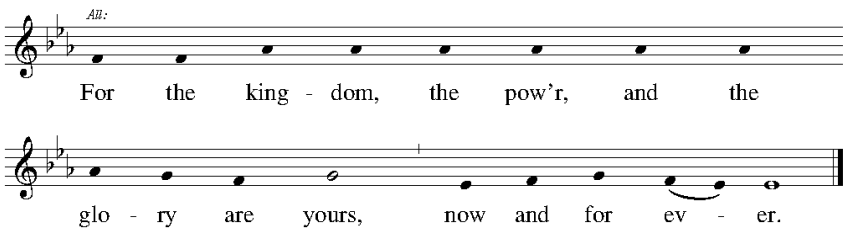
The Lord's Prayer

Ÿ. 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.

Ÿ. 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

Ÿ. 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.

R. Amen.

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

R. And also with you.

Ÿ. 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.

☩. 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:

☩. 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

Almighty and ever-living Lord,
you restored us to life
by raising Christ from death.
Strengthen us by this Easter sacrament.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R̄. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing (8 Ascension)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

R̄. 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.

R̄. Amen.

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

R̄. 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.

R̄. Amen.


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

R̄. 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 pier - 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. dise - extend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
5. shall not fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.