

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mass for the Feast of the Ascension
17 May 2026



John Singleton Copley: The Ascension, 1775. The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Lutheran Church of St Andrew the Apostle

Wickham Terrace Brisbane

We acknowledge that our loving Creator God first gave the land on which we are placed to the Turrbal and Jagera peoples of the First Nations who have walked and cared for this land since before recorded time. We thank God for the land's Traditional Custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

PREPARATION

ORGAN PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN LHS 111

The congregation stands as the ministers process into the church.

1 Hail the day that sees Him rise *Alleluia!*
To His throne above the skies; *Alleluia!*
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, *Alleluia!*
Enters now the highest heaven. *Alleluia!*

2 There for Him high triumph waits: *Alleluia!*
Lift your heads, eternal gates; *Alleluia!*
He has conquered death and sin; *Alleluia!*
Take the king of glory in. *Alleluia!*

3 Lo, the heaven its Lord receives, *Alleluia!*
Yet He loves the earth He leaves; *Alleluia!*
Though returning to His throne, *Alleluia!*
Still He calls mankind His own. *Alleluia!*

4 See, He lifts His hands above; *Alleluia!*
See, He shows the prints of love; *Alleluia!*
Hark, His gracious lips bestow *Alleluia!*
Blessings on His Church below. *Alleluia!*

5 Still for us He intercedes, *Alleluia!*
His prevailing death He pleads, *Alleluia!*
Near Himself prepares our place, *Alleluia!*
He the first-fruits of our race. *Alleluia!*

6 Lord, though parted from our sight, *Alleluia!*
Far above the starry height, *Alleluia!*
Grant our hearts may thither rise, *Alleluia!*
Seeking Thee above the skies. *Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823) and others

INVOCATION

M Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

M In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

M Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the baptismal font.

M Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honour to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving waters of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit in the new creation.

C **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C **Amen.**

M God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth by water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his Spirit, so that you receive eternal life. **C** **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

The hymn of praise is sung.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honour, blessing, and glory are his.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God
and the Lamb forever. Amen.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray. Almighty God, we believe in your Son, our Lord, who ascended into heaven. Lead us also to ascend there in heart and mind, and take us to live with him forever. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The congregation sits.

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11 Jesus' ascension, promise and commission


After the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 47

The cantor chants the psalm, and the congregation joins in singing the antiphon.

Psalm 47 (c) Alan Collyer 1998



God has gone up with a shout.

Antiphon: God has gone up with a shout.

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- ² For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
- ³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

Antiphon: God has gone up with a shout.

- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

Antiphon: God has gone up with a shout.

- ⁸ God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
- ⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

Antiphon: God has gone up with a shout.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23 Christ is the supreme Lord over all things

After the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL (HYMN OF THE DAY) LHS 106

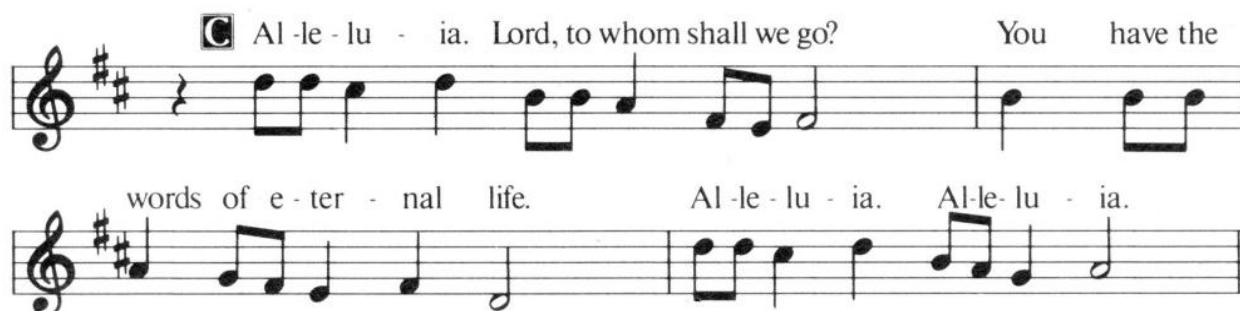
The congregation sits.

- 1 Since Christ has gone to heaven, his home,
I know that I will follow.
And in this hope I overcome
all fears and doubts and sorrow.
Christ is our head, and well I know
that we his body, here below,
in time he'll surely gather.
- 2 Since Christ has reached his glorious throne,
and gifts to us has given,
my heart finds rest in him alone,
the perfect rest of heaven.
I long to be with Christ on high;
my heart and thoughts already fly
to him, who is my treasure.
- 3 From your ascension let your grace
to me, O Lord, be given,
that steadfast faith may guide my ways
unfaltering up to heaven.
And when at last I hear your voice
to call me home, I will rejoice.
O hear my prayer, dear Jesus.

Josua Wegelin 1604-40, ed by Ernst Sonnemann 1630-70
Tr Catherine Winkworth (1863), alt.

GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53 Jesus commissions and blesses the disciples

The congregation stands



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

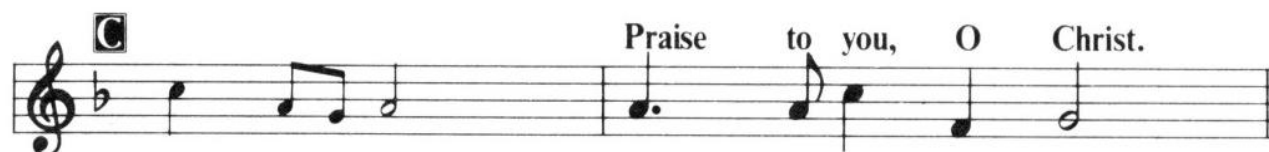
The gospel is announced.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

M The gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation sits after the reading of the gospel.

SERMON

A brief silence is kept after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

The congregation stands.

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,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A brief silence is kept. The congregation sits.

M Let us pray...

After each petition:

M Jesus Christ, risen and ascended,

C hear the prayers we raise to heaven.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN LHS 843

The congregation sits.

Those who administer communion move to the vestry to wash their hands.

1 Saviour, to the Father's side
you as king ascended,
that you might with us abide
till our life is ended.

2 Come, dear Lord, ascended king,
host our celebration;
through your holy supper, bring
treasures of salvation.

3 Feed us with your sacred bread -
body slain and risen;
joined to you, our living head,
we escape death's prison.

4 Pour for us your sacred wine -
blood from side once riven;
graft us in you, living vine,
make us heirs of heaven.

5 Gather, Lord, your scattered sheep;
to your feast invite us;
in your love your people keep;
in your death unite us.

Music Mark Boughen
H.P.V. Renner 1927- (1986)

OFFERTORY

The congregation stands as the Offering is brought forward.

Let the vine - yards be fruit -ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were
sown. that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we

of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
 give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.



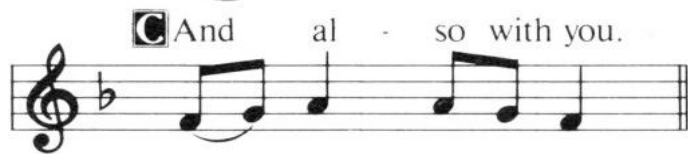
CALL TO THANKSGIVING AND SANCTUS

The congregation stands.

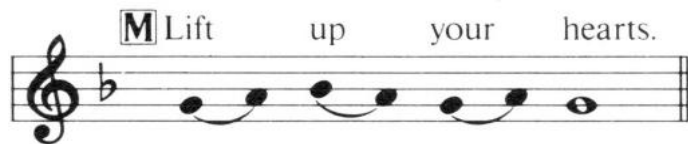
M The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.



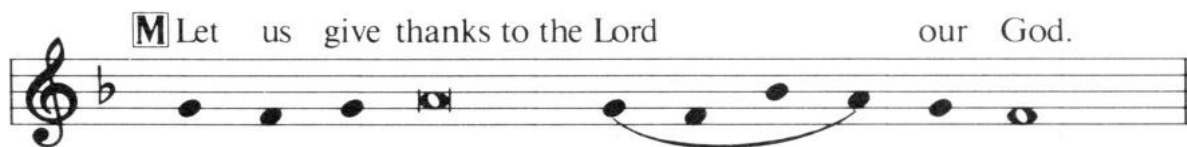
M Lift up your hearts.



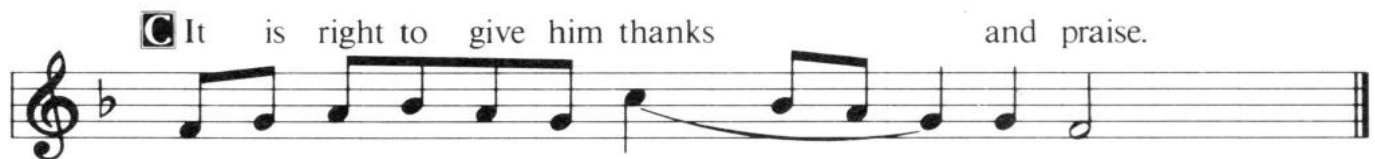
C We lift them to the Lord.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



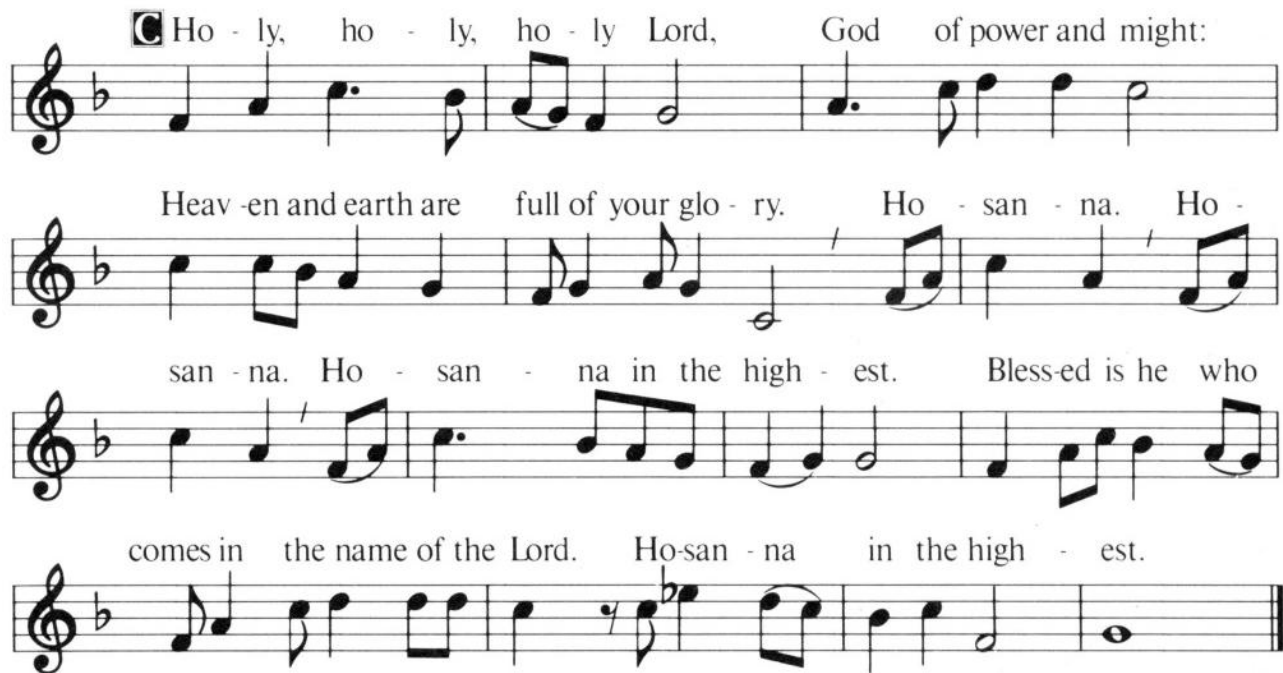
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.



M Thanks and praise fill our hearts, almighty God,
 for you are the Lord of creation and new creation,
 of covenant and new covenant.

You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land,
 and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection
 life. After his resurrection he appeared openly to his disciples, and before their
 very eyes was taken up into heaven, so that by your grace we may share in his
 divine nature.

And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death
we see the destiny of every hope in you.

Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit,
that your children may be blessed with power and grace,
and that this bread and cup may become for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and
when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: Take
and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given
thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the
new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often
as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

M Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

M Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stone of despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear.

Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life, that all who labour, all who stumble, all who hunger and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread and be lifted up by your touch.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

M Shape your church to be your risen body; make our scars beautiful like your scars, make our lives life-giving like your life, and make our communion holy with your saints, until you come again in glory and we eat with you in your kingdom, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - our and glo - ry is yours, al -
might - y Fa - ther, now and for ev - er. A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

M As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to say:

**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.

PEACE

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Worshippers are invited to pass the peace with those around them.

LAMB OF GOD

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

Christ invites us to his table. All baptised Christians who believe they receive Jesus's body and blood for their forgiveness and good are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

*Receive **the bread, the Body of Christ**, in your open hands.*

*Then, proceed to receive **the wine, the Blood of Christ** for our salvation. The common cup is our standard practice; individual cups are provided for those who are unwell or have health concerns.*

*You may say **Amen** in response to the words spoken.*

*The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen***

*The Blood of Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. **Amen.***

*All wafers distributed to the congregation are **low-gluten** (except the large host held by the presiding minister).*

If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands in front of your chest, and a word of blessing will be offered.

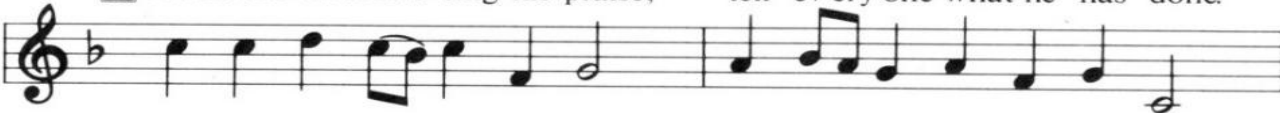
DISMISSAL

The congregation stands.


M May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood, strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION SONG


☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-ery-one what he has done.



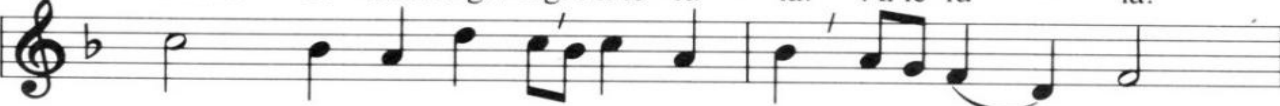
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls 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.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER


M Lord Jesus Christ, **by this holy food you proclaim your death for all people. May the whole world come to believe in your resurrection by our being raised to new lives of love through this Eucharist. We bless you now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION (BLESSING)

M The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.

☐ A - men.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation sits as the announcements are given.

RECESSIONAL HYMN TIS 388

The congregation stands, and the ministers recess from the church.

Easter glory fills the sky, alleluia,
Christ now lives, no more to die, alleluia;
darkness has been put to flight, alleluia,
by the living Lord of light, alleluia.

Mary, Mother, greet your Son, alleluia,
radiant from his triumph won, alleluia;
by his cross you shared his pain, alleluia,
so for ever share his reign, alleluia.

Though we see his face no more, alleluia,
he is with us as before, alleluia:
glory veiled, he is our priest, alleluia,
his true flesh and blood our feast, alleluia.

Christ, the victor over death, alleluia,
breathes on us the Spirit's breath, alleluia.
Paradise is our reward, alleluia,
endless Easter with our Lord, alleluia!

James Quinn 1919-

DISMISSAL

M Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

M Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Liturgy and worship sources:

- The liturgy is adapted from the Service with Communion, p.58 of the *Lutheran Hymnal with Supplement*, Lutheran Publishing House, Adelaide, 2002 and from Sam Wells and Abigail Kocher *Joining Angels Song*, Canterbury Press, 2016.
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Please feel free to take this service sheet with you.

We are glad you were here today. If you would like someone to contact you later, or to receive our weekly newsletter, please talk to one of the ministers or ushers.

Please join us for some time together over morning tea! Please gather downstairs after we leave the church.

Candles are available should you wish to use the candle bowl in memory of a loved one.

The toilets are downstairs. During the service, you can access them through the door left to the pulpit (and down the steps)

A baby changing table is available downstairs, in the hall

Alleluia!

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