

Immanuel Anglican Church
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Ascension Sunday



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GATHERING

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Collect for Purity

CELEBRANT: *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Gloria



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.____ Lord God,



hea-ven-ly King,____ al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther,____ we wor - ship you,____ we



give you thanks,____ we praise you for your glo-ry.____ Glo - ry__ to God.____



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,____ Lord God, Lamb of God,____



you take a - way the sin of the world;____ have mer - cy__ on us;____ you are



seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer,____ re - ceive our prayer.____



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,____ you a - lone are the Lord,____ you a - lone are the Most



High,____ Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther,____ in the



glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.____ A - men.____ A - men.____

Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray. Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

HEARING

The Lessons

Please be seated.

READER: *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Acts 1:1-14

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

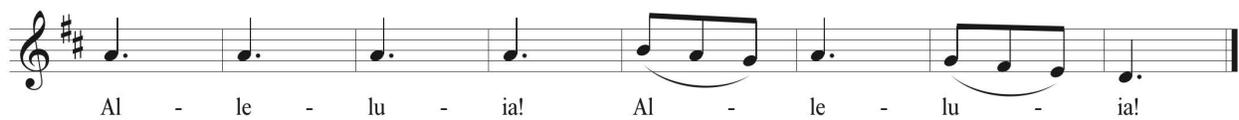
¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the gospel reading.

Alleluia



READER: *The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Luke 24:50-53

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

READER: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Alleluia

The Sermon

Ascension Sunday: Growing Up Sacramental

“Waiting for Pentecost Power” - Will Eastham

Prayers of the People

LEADER: . . . *Lord, in your mercy,*

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

CELEBRANT: *O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people: in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

The Peace

CELEBRANT: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

FEASTING

Offertory

Come, Let Us Worship

Come let us worship and bow down
And kneel before the Lord our Maker

He is our God, He is our God
We are the people of His Pasture
He is our God, He is our God
We are the sheep of His Hand

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DOXOLOGY

Please stand.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

Communion Liturgy (Revised Ancient, Abridged)

Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: *Lift up your hearts.*

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: *...and so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:*

Sanctus



CELEBRANT: *...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours Almighty Father, now and for ever.*

ALL: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

CELEBRANT: *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,*

PEOPLE: **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
For ever and ever, Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: *Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

PEOPLE: **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

CELEBRANT: *The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

Instructions for Retrieving the Elements:

All who are baptized and following Jesus as Lord are invited to participate in Holy Communion. The ushers will dismiss you row by row. Apply the hand sanitizer at the small table, and then collect either a juice/wafer set from the tray, or a gluten-free, rice-based wafer (wrapped in foil) and a juice-only cup from the plate. Once everyone has returned to their seats, we will partake of the Body and Blood of Christ together.

If you are not yet baptized or are not currently following Jesus as Lord:

Welcome! We're glad you're here. You'll need to exit the row with the others and simply make a loop back to your seat. We encourage you to take this time to worship, pray, and reflect on all you've seen and heard.

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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Glory in the Highest

You alone are worthy
You alone deserve the highest praise
We bow down to worship
We bow down to seek You in this place

We sing glory, glory in the highest
Glory in the highest, glory to our God

For Your love and mercy
For the beauty of Your saving grace
We have come to thank You
We have come to worship You today

As we bow down, be lifted high
As we bow down, be lifted high

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Partaking of the Elements

CELEBRANT: *The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

CELEBRANT: *The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Come, let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kenyan Blessing

Extending our hands to the cross.

CELEBRANT: *All our problems of this life on earth...*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *All the difficulties of our circumstances...*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *All the devil's works from his temporary power...*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

Lifting our hands up to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: *All our hopes for wholeness and eternal life...*

ALL: **We set on the Risen Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and the blessings of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.*

ALL: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

CELEBRANT: *Go forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

NEW TO IMMANUEL?

We can't wait to meet you! If you're here in person with us, stop by our welcome table to pick up a gift and meet some friendly faces. If you're joining us online, you can fill out a connection card at immanuelanglican.org/live and let us know how we can follow up with you.

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Prayers for Spiritual Communion

OFFICIANT: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

ALL: **Amen.**

OFFICIANT: *God is our refuge and strength.*

ALL: **A very present help in trouble.**

OFFICIANT: *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

ALL: **Who made heaven and earth.**

OFFICIANT: *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." Praying together:*

ALL: **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 for ever and ever, Amen.

OFFICIANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: **Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world, who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection.**

Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

OFFICIANT: *Soul of Christ,*

ALL: **sanctify me.**

OFFICIANT: *Body of Christ,*

ALL: **save me.**

OFFICIANT: *Blood of Christ,*

ALL: **refresh me.**

OFFICIANT: *Water from the side of Christ,*

ALL: **wash me.**

OFFICIANT: *Passion of Christ,*

ALL: **strengthen me.**

OFFICIANT: *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!*

ALL: **Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!**

OFFICIANT: *May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us into everlasting life,*

ALL: **Amen.**