

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MAY 24, 2020

**"May the risen and ascended Christ manifest himself in me
As I submit myself to be his servant today."**

-Gary Thomas

PRELUDE

Becky McClafin

WELCOME

Pastor Greg Kintzi

OPENING SONG

"All Creatures"

-David Crowder

Verse 1

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him, Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Verse 2

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice. O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Verse 3

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One. O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Coda

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OPENING RESPONSE

"Service of the Word"

Page 126 LBW

- L) Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.
- C) **He was, he is and he is to come.**
- L) He is worthy of glory and honor and power.
- C) **He created all things. By his will they came to be.**
- L) Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;
- C) **worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.**
- L) By his blood he purchased for God

- C) **people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.**
- L) Christ made of them a kingdom
- C) **and priests to serve our God.**
- L) And they shall reign on earth forever.
- C) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Bow Down"

-Twila Paris

Verse 1

**You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life
Lord of the land and the sea. You were Lord of the heavens
Before there was time Lord of all lords You will be.**

(Chorus 1)

**We bow down and we worship You, Lord.
We bow down and we worship You, Lord.
We bow down and we worship You, Lord.
King of all kings You will be.**

verse 2

**You are King of creation. And King of my life
King of the land and the sea. You were King of the heavens
Before there was time and King of all kings You will be.**

(Chorus 2)

**We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King.
King of all kings You will be.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray. . .

O God of glory, sovereign of all nations, the risen and ascended Christ call us to carry your message of life to all people. Led by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we witness always to the hope to which we are called as we share Christ's love to the ends of the earth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 1:1-11

Margaret Campbell

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When

he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

PSALM

"Beautiful Savior"

#838 ELW

Verse 1

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Verse 2

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Verse 3

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moon-light, bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Verse 4

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, now and forever-more be thine!

SCRIPTURE READING

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Margaret Campbell

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia..."

Page 31 WOV

RESPONSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

"Glory to you, O Lord"

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:44-53

Pastor Greg Kintzi

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written,

that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

RESPONSE AFTER THE GOSPEL "Praise to you, O Christ"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Becky McClaflin

THE MESSAGE

"HE HAS GONE UP"

Pastor Greg Kintzi

HYMN

"At the Name of Jesus"

-Jim Cowan

Verse 1

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow.
Ev'ry tongue confess Him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Verse 2

Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners,
unto which He came. Faithfully He bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when through death He passed.

Verse 3

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown Him as your captain in temptation's hour.
Let His will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

Verse 4

Jesus, Lord and Savior, shall return again
With His Father's glory o'er the earth to reign,
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Margaret Campbell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

-Norman C. Habel

May the life-giving power
of Jesus Christ's body and blood
flow through your veins,
flow through your lives,
and flow through this earth.
May this life giving power bring healing and hope
wherever there are wounds, and brokenness.
Go in peace, and serve your God, each other,
and all creation. Amen.

DISMISSAL

- L) Go in peace, Serve the Lord.
- C) Thanks be to God.