

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
Ascension of the Lord – June 1, 2025**

Responsive Call to Worship

Let every creature in heaven and on earth shout to God and sing with joy!

Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever!

Let us raise our prayers and praises to God in worship this day!

Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

Hymn 65 All people that on earth do dwell

**1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

Prayer of Praise and Confession (*minister*)

Assurance of Pardon (*minister*)

Hymn 274 Crown him with many crowns

**1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing**

**of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.**

**2. Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod,
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.**

**3. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**4. Crown him the Lord of peace
whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease
and Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high;
Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations 'Holy' cry
in joyful hymns of praise.**

**5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres
in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!**

Prayer for illumination (*minister*)

Responsive Reading Psalm 93

¹The Lord is king! He is robed in majesty.

Indeed, the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The world stands firm
and cannot be shaken.

**²Your throne, O Lord, has stood from time immemorial.
You yourself are from the everlasting past.**

³The floods have risen up, O Lord.

The floods have roared like thunder;
the floods have lifted their pounding waves.

**⁴But mightier than the violent raging of the seas,
mightier than the breakers on the shore—
the Lord above is mightier than these!**

⁵Your royal laws cannot be changed.

Your reign, O Lord, is holy forever and ever.

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Scripture Lessons

Acts 1:1-11 NLT

1 ¹In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit.

³During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

⁴Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

⁷He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"

Ephesians 1:15-23 NLT

¹⁵ Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, ¹⁶ I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, ¹⁷ asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. ¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. ²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. ²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Luke 24:44-53 NLT

⁴⁴ Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. ⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of all these things.

⁴⁹ "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

⁵⁰ Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. ⁵² So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. ⁵³ And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon He went but is he gone?

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Hymn 267 Rejoice, the Lord is King

- 1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing
and triumph ever more.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**
- 2. For Christ the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**
- 3. His reign can never fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**
- 4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,**

again I say, rejoice.

5. Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the judge shall come
and take the faithful up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.

The offering

***Doxology 830 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

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.

Prayer of Dedication (*minister*)

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever
and ever. Amen.

Hymn 410 Joyful, joyful we adore you

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2. All your works with joy surround you;
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,

center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
join to praise you joyfully.

3. You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,
all are yours who live in love.
Teach us how to love our neighbour,
Lift us to your joy above.

4. Morning stars, awake the chorus,
mortals join in every part,
for what joy is set before us
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Benediction (*minister*)

Choral Blessing

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see---.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Three-fold Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen.