
OUR JOURNEY:

REVEALED

SEASON OF EASTER
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
May 16, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Come Down, O Love Divine
(from A Walter Pelz Organ Anthology)

W. PELZ

**Dedicated to the memory of Jim Kubl,
who gave this collection to the organist as a gift.*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Pastor Amy Kienzle

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Arise, shine; for our light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

GATHERING MUSIC

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

HYMN 393



A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
"You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God,

your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Lynne Gilbertson, Lector

Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97

The Lord is King

R. COONEY



Verses Let earth rejoice, the Lord God reigns. Exult, you shores; be glad, you plains.
Justice serves as God's high throne, alleluia! **Refrain**

The skies proclaim that God is just: God's glory plain to all of us.
Unseen spirits, join our song, alleluia! **Refrain**

You alone bring hope to birth: greater you than all the earth.
Far beyond all other gods, alleluia! **Refrain**

LESSON

Kim Maness, Lector

Ephesians 1:15-23

*The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe.
The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ
and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.*

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROLOGUE

Alleluia. Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing,
and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mary Robinson

SERMON

Pastor Amy Kienzle

NICENE CREED

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 become 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 worshiped 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Rebekah Turnbaugh

*After each petition: Hear us, O God.***Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you and your household.

And also with you.**THANKSGIVING**

OFFERTORY

*As we come together living out our faith in unity amidst a national and global emergency,
we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need.**Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings.**You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, and go to our website at www.stjohnslc.org,
where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's
secure giving app or simply click the OFFERTORY title above. You can give directly to the St. John's
General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make
your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.**If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our
Worship With St John's Card here.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Chanson Triste

P. I. TCHAIKOVSKY

Tim Stanley, Cello

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. Risen Christ, Living Word,

**you are the bread of life that nourishes and sustains us. By the power of your
Word, dwell in our hearts and reveal to us again that we are the body of Christ:
in our vulnerable flesh, though our baptism into your death and resurrection,
and in service to the world you love. Be for us manna in the wilderness. Open us
to recognize you in every meal and in all who hunger for bread, for human
touch, and for healing and hope. We pray in your name, our healer and
companion. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.


Amen.

SENDING MUSIC


At the Name of Jesus

C. WALKER

Refrain

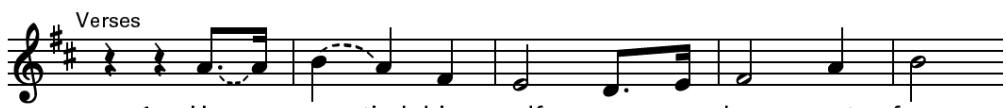


At the name of Je-sus, ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-

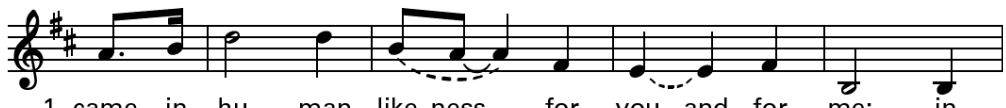


fess him: King of glo-ry now. Je-sus is Lord, King of glo-ry now!


Verses



1. He ___ emp-tied him - self, as a slave, yet free,
2. He ___ hum-bled him - self, and o-beyed God's will.
3. God ex - alt - ed him, raised him up on high



1. came in hu - man like-ness ___ for you and for me; in
2. On a cross he died ___ on Cal - va - ry's hill; for
3. so a - bove all oth - ers ___ his name will not die; that



1. hu - man like-ness ___ for you and for me.
2. you and me he o-beyed ___ God's will.
3. name we hon - or ___ and glo - ri - fy.

to Refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the lord,
and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!
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