

P God has gone up with a shout,
C the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
P Sing praises to God, sing praises!
C Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
P For God is the King of all the earth;
C sing praises with a psalm!
P God reigns over the nations;
C God sits on his holy throne.
P The princes of the peoples gather
C as the people of the God of Abraham.
P For the shields of the earth belong to God;
C he is highly exalted!
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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Hymn

“Praise Be to Christ”

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First Reading

Acts 1:1-11 ESV

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until 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.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15–23 ESV

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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 one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

St. Luke 24:44–53 ESV

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰And 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.

*(The Paschal Candle is removed from the sanctuary,
signifying Christ’s ascension into Heaven.)*

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

P O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

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Corlyen Stoltenburg, Gloria Carlson (Shelly Tusa’s sister), Gaylord and Pam Kemp, Carolyn Kolander, Richard Polz, Rev. Noel Herr, Chad Kuehl (Don and Diana Kuehl’s nephew), Leo Taylor (Don and Diana Kuehl’s nephew’s grandson), Mary Grantz, Helen Mekosch, Vern Hansen, Ann Olson, Lynn Propp (Dee Kloos’s brother), Warren Schaefer (Mary Muir’s cousin), Karen Temple, Bonnie Temple (Ken and Karen Temple’s daughter-in-law), Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard’s son), Ron Sinn, Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers the family of Gen Rehnelt, who recently passed away.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

Final petition concludes:

P . . . Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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Senior Recognition

Postlude



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