

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, May 28, 2017
The Christian Year: The Seventh Sunday of Easter,
The Sunday of the Ascension

10:30 AM Morning Service

“You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell there.”
Psalm 68:18

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-4

Minister: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Minister: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

Unison: Come! Let us give praise to the Lord!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 289
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer
O God, Your main plan, and the end of your will is to make Christ glorious and beloved in heaven where He is now ascended, where one day all the elect will behold His glory and love and glorify Him for ever. Though here I love Him but little, may this be my portion at last. In this world you have given me a beginning; one day it will be perfected in the realm above. You have helped me to see and know Christ, though obscurely, to take Him, receive Him, to possess Him, love Him, to bless Him in my heart, mouth and life. O God, keep me in this faith, and ever looking for Christ’s return. Amen.

from The Valley of Vision

*Confession of Faith THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Tune: Mit Freuden Zart
Ye who confess Christ’s holy name, to God give praise and glory;
Ye who the Father’s pow’r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 803) Psalm 47

*Hymn of Praise Insert
Across the Lands

The Prayers of Intercession
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions, as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: Father, I pray for your Church that she may be revived.

People: We pray for all pastors and missionaries.

Minister: I pray for family, neighbors and friends who do not know Christ.

People: We pray those who have left this church to serve Christ in this country and around the world.

Minister: I pray for those in this congregation who serve Christ in various ministries in our community.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 161
O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Old Hundredth
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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Acts 1:1-11

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Pastor Mike Osborne
“HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN”

*Hymn of Response No. 441
Jesus Shall Reign

*Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregation standing, if able.