

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston

MAY 12, 2024 AT 10:00 AM • YEAR B

Ascension Day

[TRANSFERRED]

Voluntary • Prelude on Llanfair (Hail the day that sees him rise)

McNeil Robinson

THE WORD OF GOD

[all stand, as able]

At the Procession

Introit • “O ye of Galilee...” Healey Willan

[sung by the choir]

O ye of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heav'n? Alleluia! This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn 214 • “Hail the day that sees him rise” *Llanfair*

[sung by all, remain standing as able]

Opening Acclamation

[remain standing, as able]

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: **The Lord is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

The Pascha nostrum • **S 17** Chant: Richard Woodward

[remain standing, as able, sung by all]

The Collect of the Day

[remain standing, as able]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Acts 1:1-11

[please be seated]

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.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47 • *Omnes gentes, plaudite* T. Tertius Noble

[sung by the choir, remain seated]

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

² For the LORD Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth.

³ He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

⁴ He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

⁸ God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

¹⁰ The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

Ephesians 1:15-23

[remain seated]

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia • Tone IVe

[sung first by the Cantor, then by all]



Go and make disciples of all nations; I am with you always, to the close of the age.

The Gospel • Luke 24:44-53

[remain standing, as able]

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Angels watching over me, every move I make,
Angels watching over me!
Angels watching over me, every step I take,
Angels watching over me!*

— AMY GRANT

The Nicene Creed

[sung by all, stand as able]

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Today we pray for the Moravian Church, giving thanks for the life and witness of Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church and hymnwriter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be with the dying. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the needs of others and for ourselves.

We remember those we know who are sick or in need . . .
[*Intercessions may be offered here*]

We remember those we know who have died and those who mourn . . .
[*Intercessions may be offered here*]

We ask you to bless the work of members of this community to care for others, especially this week for . . .

and with grateful hearts, we celebrate the blessings in our lives . . .
[*Intercessions may be offered.*]

Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives (especially). Keep us united with them in your lasting love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dedication of Mary Altar Kneeler

[please be seated]

Commissioning of a Chorister

[remain seated]

The Peace

[stand, as able]

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

[please be seated]

Offertory Sentence

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

Anthem • *Viri Galilaei* Patrick Gowers

[sung by choir]

Alleluya. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven, as he went up: behold, two men stood by them in white apparel: which said unto them. Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? In like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven, so shall he come again. God is gone up with a merry noise; and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Christ to highest heaven ascending, led captivity captive. Sing ye to the Lord, who ascended to the heaven of heavens, to the sunrising. See the Conqueror mounts in triumph, See the King in royal state Riding on the clouds his chariot To his heavenly palace gate; Hark! the choirs of angel voices Joyful Alleluyas sing, And the portals high are lifted To receive their heavenly King.

The Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A

[stand as able]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus Mary Beth Bennett

[sung by all, remain standing as able]

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav-en and earth are full of thy glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues:

[remain standing, as able]

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed

for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer • S 148 Harm. by Mark Howe

[sung by all]

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei Melissa Dunphy

[sung by all]

Cantor

Congregation

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer -
cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world. Grant us your peace.

DURING COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

- THE IONA INVITATION

Anthem • *Ave verum corpus* William Byrd

[sung by the choir]

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, whose pierced side flowed with blood: Be for us a foretaste [of Heaven] in the final judgement. Oh sweet, oh pious, oh Jesus, son of Mary, Have mercy on me. Amen.

Hymn 307 • “Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor” Bryn Calfaria

[sung by all, stand as able]

The Post Communion Prayer

[spoken by all, remain standing, as able]

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing for Ascension Day

[stand as able]

May the risen Christ who has passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn 460 • “Alleluia! sing to Jesus” Hyfrydol

[sung by all, stand as able]

Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Voluntary • Postlude on “Hyfrydol”

Healy Willan

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Kathryn Banakis
Deacon:	The Reverend Rick Incorvati
Acolytes:	Sonia Loos Logan, Caroline Schmidt, Steve Logan
Lector:	Juanita Dugdale
Intercessor:	Susan Lempke
Sanctus Bell Ringer:	David Nix
Communion Distribution:	Ed Hollinger, Bill McGaghie
Communion Bread Baker:	Jenny Smith
Healing Ministers:	David Lukens, Jane Young
Altar Guild:	Cheryl Souder, Rich Winship
Greeters:	Chris Banakis, Gayle Banakis
Flowers:	Given by Robert, Billy and Baird in honor of their mother and grandmother Chris.
Music:	The St. Luke's Choir, Andrew Lewis, Director of Music and Choirmaster Peter Morey, Associate Director of Music and Organist Annamarie Collins & Zachary Guo, Organ Scholars

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please include the following people and concerns in your prayers during worship this day and throughout the week

Cycle of Prayer: Today we pray for The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for our companion dioceses of Renk in the Sudan and of Southeastern Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; and for all members of St. Luke's.

For our President Joseph and all leaders and policymakers.

For those who are ill and those who care for them: Shannon Tryon, *niece of Maurice Hardy*, Grace Carlson Lund, Paula Harbage, Jeslyn, Charles Pratt, Linda Davie, Andrew Taylor and Logan Taylor, *grandsons of Linda and Alastair Davie*, Joan Gattuso, David Alexander, Sherry Nelson, Brigitte Saupe, *mother of Anja Roberts*, Rosemary Harp, Doug Thomas, Selver Hasanovic, John and Nancy Lang, David, *friend of Myra Janus*, Leslie Taylor, Kathleen Ferguson, Ruby, *mother of Julie Kaufman*, Dan Nulsen, Giulia Filippetto, Elizabeth Hardy Smith, *sister of Maurice Hardy*, Martha Smith, *wife of Newland Smith*, Susan Hemeren, Jake Blain, Kevin Sullivan, *friend of Linda Davie*, Oretha Kollie, *friend of David and Penny Lukens*, Mark, Jen Edwards, Casey Christensen, Amanda, Zane, Dan, Denise, Jim Flagler, Paula Baxter, Nancy Stimac, Rick May, Danny Schmitt, *brother-in-law of Chris Roberts*, Kyle Gordon, Danny Gordon, Alexander Gordon, Amy Henning, *sister-in-law of Liz Nicolai*, Barbara Mahany, Alena Janezic, *aunt of Ivana Bukvich*, Mary Groesbeck, Barbara Newman, Patricia Gregory-Phillips, Peter Finger, Cynthia Croasdaile, Liz Nicolai, Mary Barbara, *mother of Barbara Mahany*, Marianne Forrest, Rebecca, Julie, Jim Arndt, Sam Grayson, *friend of Gloria Hopewell*, Diane Todd, Kinnan Abdalhamid, Hisham Awartani, Tahseen Ahmed, Lucy and Marcus Rogers, Judy McCabe, *cousin of Gloria Hopewell*, David Reed, *friend of Gloria Hopewell*, Phebe Tinker, Bishop Michael Curry, John Storey Williamson, Cynthia Coccato, *cousin of John Storey Williamson*, Edwin, Kitty Okano, Claudette Bretaud Cauty, *mother of Bruno Cauty*, Elaine Koch Klein, *aunt of Molly Symmonds*, Linda and Jack Martin, Diane Hale, Amanda, Marissa and Carm, Julian, Patricia Jones, *mother of Kathleen O'Connor*, Doug Paige, Catherine Middleton, Martha Sutton, Dana, *friend of Jim McPherson*, Jo Johnson, *sister of John Cochran, Sr.*

For those serving in the military: Aaron Scully, Anna Graettinger, Ben Pileski, Samuel Kite, Trey Hart, and our Armed Forces Chaplains, Will O'Brien, the Officers, Crew, and families of the USS Mason and the USS Carney.

For those in our area who were reported as gun violence fatalities in the last four weeks: Dwayne Cook, Jr., *35 years old*, Tyreese Anderson, *30 years old*, Sydney Cassell, *29 years old*, Fredrick Arnold, *37 years old*, Clifton Boyd, *55 years old*, James Smith, Jr., *33 years old*, Michael Jones, *15 years old*, Michael Daniels, *18 years old*, Dontius Wilson, *18 years old*, Imanni Miliam, *21 years old*, Jesus Arce, *29 years old*, Jamyah Triplett, *20 years old*, Luis Huesca, *30 years old*, Darnell Shanks, *19 years old*, Everette Cresswell, *54 years old*, Victor Mejia, *27 years old*, Dewayne Bolden, *51 years old*, Eric White, *21 years old*.

Anniversaries of the departed: John F. Dugdale, Robert Corn, Robert McChesney, Katherine B. Glover, Madge Howe, Margaret Watkins, Lucy Nazarian, Robert Kent McChesney, Arthur P. Holloway, Katherine Sherman, Virginia D. Corn, Elizabeth Poole Nowicki.

Birthdays: Michal Shapiro-Hogan, Glenn McDavid, David Gillingham, Lucie Ruckdaeschel, Salvatore Spina, Oona Cannon, Ivana Bukvich, Jeff Haden.

Anniversaries: Deborah Crimmins and Paul Goerss, Marisa and Thomas Walstrum.

Thanksgiving for Mission Ministries: Moveable Feast, ReVive Center, United Power, Seraj Library Project, Interfaith Action of Evanston.