



**May 16, 2021**

**Ascension Sunday**

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

**The Prelude**

*Give Me Jesus*

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**The Call to Worship**

Leader: Dying, Christ destroyed our death.

**People: Rising, Christ restored our life.**

Leader: Christ will come again in glory.

**People: We lift our eyes, our hearts, our lives,  
and seek the reign and realm of God.**

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Everliving God,  
your eternal Christ once dwelled on earth,  
confined by time and space.**

**Give us faith to discern in every time and place**

**the presence of the One**

**who is head over all things and fills all,**

**Jesus Christ our ascended Lord. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 163**

*Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

HENDON

1. Ask ye what great thing I know,  
that delights and stirs me so?  
What the high reward I win?  
Whose the name I glory in?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

2. Who defeats my fiercest foes?  
Who consoles my saddest woes?  
Who revives my fainting heart,  
healing all its hidden smart?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

3. Who is life in life to me?  
Who the death of death will be?  
Who will place me on his right,  
with the countless hosts of light?  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

4. This is that great thing I know;  
this delights and stirs me so:  
faith in him who died to save,  
him who triumphed o'er the grave:  
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

## The Scripture Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

## The Sermon

*Higher!*

Rev. Drew Willson

## The Offertory Prayer

### The Anthem

*Look, Oh, Look, the Sight Is Glorious*

S. Drummond Wolff

Look, oh, look, the sight is glorious,  
See the man of sorrows now;  
From the fight returned victorious,  
Ev'ry knee to him shall bow.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crowns become the victor's brow.  
Crowns become the victor's brow.

Crown the Savior! Angels crown him!  
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
On the seat of pow'r enthrone him  
While the vault of heaven rings.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown the Savior King of kings.  
Crown the Savior King of kings.

Hark! Those bursts of acclamation!  
Hark! Those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station;  
Oh, what joy the sight affords!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords!  
King of kings and Lord of lords! Alleluia!

Thomas Kelly, 1769-1854, alt.

## The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 327***Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.
2. 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.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

**The Benediction****The Postlude***Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Wilbur Held

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*We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.*

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A/V Team:	

# Scripture

## Acts 1:1-11

### The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 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. 4 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; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

### The Ascension of Jesus

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 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.” 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 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.”

## Luke 24:44-53

44 Then he 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 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, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 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.”

### The Ascension of Jesus

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.