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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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INTRODUCTORY RITES



Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your Spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore,
I ask blessed Mary ever virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers, and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

KYRIE

GLORIA

LET US PRAY

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, (one) God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

The beginning of the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11.

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and 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."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: God has gone up with shouts of joy. The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

1. All peoples, clap your hands.
   Cry to God with shouts of joy!
   For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
   the great king over all the earth. **R**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy.
   The LORD goes up with trumpet blast.
   Sing praise for God; sing praise! Sing praise
   to our king; sing praise! **R**

3. God is king of all the earth.
   Sing praise with all your skill.
   God reigns over the nations.
   God sits upon his holy throne. **R**

SECOND READING



A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23.

Brethren: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit 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 that which is 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.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20.

At that time: The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded

you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

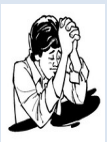
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL



Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, the Ascension of our Lord fills us with hope and reminds us of Christ's promise to remain with us always through the Holy Spirit. United in faith and trust, let us now present our prayers and petitions before the Lord.

1. We pray for the Pope, the Bishops, the Clergy and the Religious that the Ascension of the Lord may instill in them the gift of hope, and that enlightened by the presence of the Spirit, they may become fervent in their mission.

   We pray to the Lord.

2. We pray for missionaries throughout the world, that the Ascension of our Lord may fill them with courage and hope, and strengthen them to remain committed and faithful in their mission following the example of Christ.

   We pray to the Lord.

3. We pray for all of us, that we may appreciate the gift of one another and nurture a genuine and healthy relationship with God, our neighbours, and all creation.

   We pray to the Lord.

4. We Pray for our community that has gathered around the Eucharistic table that the Ascension of the Lord may be an occasion to strengthen our faith and live it to the full.

   We pray to the Lord.

5. We pray for all the faithful departed, who shared in the Bread of Life during their earthly journey, that they may now rejoice at the heavenly banquet where every hunger and thirst is satisfied.

   We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Thank you Lord, for sending us your only begotten son who by his life, death and resurrection showed us the perfect way of life. We pray that strengthened by the Spirit, we may follow him in spirit and truth.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

PREFACE I OF THE ASCENSION

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All:** And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. **All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For the Lord Jesus, the king of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended (today) to the highest heavens, as the angels gazed in wonder.

Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The mystery of faith.

All: *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we wait in blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity of in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

MEDITATION AFTER COMMUNION

O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving, Be every moment Thine. **(3X)**

Jesus, I love you, all I have is yours. Yours I am and yours I want to be, Do with me whatever you will. **(3X) Amen**.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.