

Ascension Day 'Online 'Worship' Service Sheet

The Gathering

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
All: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

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

The Greeting

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.
All: And also with you.

Introduction

Leader: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God. Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Leader: Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

Gloria in Excelsis

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

(reading sheet)

Leader: Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

The Liturgy of The Word

1st Reading

(reading sheet)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

(reading sheet)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading

(reading sheet)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

(reading sheet)

Leader: Alleluia.
All: Alleluia.

Leader: God has highly exalted Jesus Christ.
All: Alleluia.

Leader: At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.
All: Alleluia.

Leader: Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
All: Alleluia. Glory to God the Father.

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

(Red Holy Communion Book Page 44)

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the
third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the
right hand of the Father, and he will 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of The Sacrament

The Peace

Leader: Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

Leader: Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Leader: The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ the King of glory. Born of a woman, he came to the rescue of our human race.

Dying for us, he trampled death and conquered sin. By the glory of his resurrection he opened the way to life eternal and by his ascension, gave us the sure hope that where he is we may also be. Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

Leader: Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood.

Leader: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Leader: In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Leader: Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Leader: Jesus Christ is Lord:

All: Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Leader: Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the

body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Looking for the coming of his kingdom, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

All: Lord, we died with you on the cross. Now we are raised to new life. We were buried in your tomb. Now we share in your resurrection. Live in us, that we may live in you.

Giving of Communion

Leader: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Spiritual Communion

All: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

(reading sheet)

The Dismissal

Reading

(Acts 1:12,13a,14)

Leader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Responsary

Leader: As we wait in silence,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Leader: As we listen to your word,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Leader: As we worship you in majesty,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Leader: As we long for your refreshing,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Leader: As we long for your renewing,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Leader: As we long for your equipping,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Leader: As we long for your empowering,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

The Blessing

All: God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. God the Son, who is our

great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father. God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Leader: Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**