

**The Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord**  
May 17, 2012

**A DIALOGUE FOR THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

M: Christ is arisen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

M: God has ascended amid shouts of joy!

C: Let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

**SONG OF PRAISE**

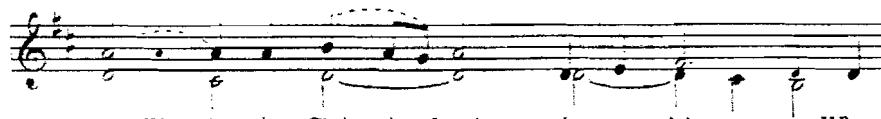
*This Is the Feast (CW 265)*



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

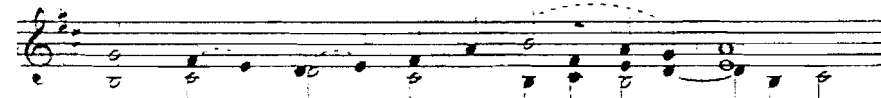


Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain. Whose  
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength. And  
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God. And

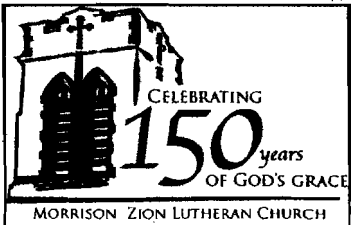
*Refrain*



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion.

**THE BIDDING PRAYER**

M: In solemn and holy awe we have gathered together as a family of believers to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus. With the disciples of old, let us ponder the words that our Savior spoke on that hilltop long ago and the meaning of Christ's departure from this sinful world to the throne of glory at the right hand of God the Father. With the saints of old and the holy angels let us offer to our triumphant Savior our hymns and songs of adoration and praise. With the believers of every generation we look forward to Christ's return. But first let us pray for the world that God so



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*Our mission is to*  
**Glorify God**  
*as we help people*

**Grow**  
*in the*  
**Gospel**  
*and*  
**Go**  
*with the*  
**Gospel**

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Restrooms are located in the basement.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.



dearly loves, for the Church in this place and everywhere, and especially for those who do not know the Lord Jesus that the Holy Spirit would bring them to the knowledge of their salvation, in the words Jesus himself taught us:

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 47 (CWS p. 47)**

### **PSALM PRAYER**

M: Lord Jesus, your Father raised you on high, seated you at his right hand, and appointed you to be head over everything for the sake of the Church. Gather the elect from all nations into your Church and make them a holy people to praise and adore you, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

### **ANTHEM:**

*Surely I will Be With You* volunteers from grades 5-8

### **LESSON**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*On Christ's Ascension I Now Build (CW 173)*

### **SERMON**

**Luke 24:44-53**

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness

of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**SERMON**

**Celebrate The Lord's Ascension**

**Luke 24:44-53**

Understand the Word

Carry out his task

Praise his name

**HYMN**

*Christ High Ascended (CW 558)*

**OFFERING**

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Confident of our Lord's return, let us approach our Father's throne of mercy on behalf of the Church and of all people.

Gracious Lord God, amid shouts of joy we celebrate your Son's ascension into heaven where he is now seated in majesty at your right hand. Grant your Church steadfastness in these gray and latter days that she may hold to the truth and boldly confess the saving name of Jesus.

**C:** **As the devil, the world, and our sinful nature seek to silence our witness to the truth, grant us courage to believe in our hearts and confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord.**

**M:** Even as your beloved Son intercedes on behalf of his Church, so has he commanded us, his kingdom of priests, to pray for others.

**C:** **Hear us, O Lord, as we implore you to show mercy to those in need:**

**M:** to the sick, the lonely, and the depressed grant relief;  
to the dying and those who mourn bring comfort;  
to the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed send your help;  
to the elderly, give joy for living life to the full;  
to the young send patience to wait for the fuller life to come;  
to husbands and wives and their families,  
to single parents who raise their children alone grant wisdom and strength.

**C:** **Pour out your blessings to all who depend on your power and grace.**

**M:** Almighty Father, you are the good Giver of all that we have. In your mercy continue to grant us daily bread, supplying us with what we need before we even ask.

**C:** **Teach us to be thankful and content, whether we have plenty or are in need.**

**M:** O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising his victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from his ascension before you, where he ever stands for us as our own high priest. Gather us together,

we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which has no end.

**C: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us.**

M: As we contemplate the difficult days in the life of the church, hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but give us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (spoken) Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: (sung) Amen, amen, amen.**

### **HYMN**

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (CW 171:5-6)*

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