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THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2020 – ASCENSION DAY

COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ACTS 1. 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 over the course of 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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of

Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

For the word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47

R: Jesus reigns, our Lord and King.

Let all nations clap their hands,
Sing to God with hymns of praise,
For the Lord is high and to be adored,
The great King over all the earth. **R:**

He is gone up with shouts of joy,
The trumpet sounds as the Lord ascends:
O sing praises to our God,
Sing praises to our King. **R:**

For God is King of all the earth,
His mighty acts shall be proclaimed:
The Lord is King over all the world,
He reigns in glory on his throne. **R:**

EPHESIANS 1. 15-23

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards 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.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

LUKE 24. 44-53

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord:

Remember I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Listen to the gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord;

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord Jesus Christ, our great high priest,
who promised your disciples to be with them always,
let this sacrament be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in heaven,
where you are alive and reign,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**