

Morning Worship

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Easter 7

Ascension Sunday



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St Paul's on-the-Hill, Pickering

Welcome

Song “God of Wonders”

Lord of all creation, water, earth, and sky. The heavens
are your tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high.

Chorus 1: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are
holy, holy. The universe declares Your majesty; You are
holy, holy. Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and
earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light. When I
stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night.

(Repeat Chorus 1)

Bridge: Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth **(3x)**

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me. Father hold me,
hold me. The universe declares Your majesty; You are
holy, holy, holy, holy. **(Bridge 6x)**

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Greeting

Leader: Be with us Spirit of God;
All: nothing can separate us from your love.

Leader: Breathe on us, breath of God;
All: fill us with your saving power.

Leader: Speak in us, wisdom of God;
All: bring strength, healing and peace.

Leader: The Lord is here.
All: **His Spirit is with us.**

Canticle "Christ Our Passover"

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia!

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and
truth. Alleluia!**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die
again;**

**death no longer has dominion over him.
The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,*
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Alleluia!**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,*
by a man also has come the resurrection of the
dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
Alleluia!**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
You have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great
triumph to your kingdom in heaven.

Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:6-14

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.'

Then they 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, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked
perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides
upon the heavens; *
Yahweh is his name, rejoice before him.

Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners
into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found a home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision
for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his
people!
Blessed be God!

Let us pray

Blessed are you, Lord God of truth and justice; you open
our hearts and our mouths to pray and to praise. Guide
now our feet in your holy way, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

2nd Reading John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to
heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your
Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given
him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all
whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that
they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ
whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing
the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify
me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your
presence before the world existed.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily The Rev Fran Kovar

Song “Be Unto Your Name”

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages,
God before time. We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love
everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus: Holy, holy, Lord God almighty, worthy is the
Lamb who was slain. Highest praises, honor and glory be
unto your name, be unto your name.

We are the broken; you are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer,
mighty to save. You are the love song we’ll sing forever,
bowing before you, blessing your name.

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The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit**

and born of the Virgin Mary.

**He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again 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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus light of the world, bring your light and peace of your
gospel to the nations:...

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, and our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way, especially those youth of our parish who have committed themselves to Christ and look forward to the sacrament of Confirmation. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick especially those for whom our prayers have been requested.....We pray for all those who continue to care for the sick despite concern for their own health. Lead the the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you....And we remember those who have died from Covid-19.

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

Song "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus --Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the

Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich, because of what the Lord has done – for us.
And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich, because of what the Lord has done – for us
[Repeat from the beginning]

(Final time) Give thanks.

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As we approach a time of silence and confession hear these words;

Cast your burden upon the Lord,

and he will sustain you.

Create in me a new heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again

and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Blessed be the Lord day by day,

the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

Almighty God, creator of all,

you marvelously made us in your image;

but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged

your likeness by rejecting your love

and hurting our neighbours.

**We have done wrong and neglected to do right.
We are sincerely sorry
and heartily repent of our sins.
Cleanse us and forgive us
by the sacrifice of Your Son;
remake us and lead us
by your Spirit, the Comforter.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God, whose steadfast love is
as great as the heavens are high above the earth,
remove your sins from you;
as far as the east is from the west,
strengthen your life in his kingdom
and keep you upright to the last day;
through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest.
Amen.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Gathering all our prayers and praises into one we pray as
our Lord taught us: **Our Father...**

Concluding Prayer

God of our salvation, you have restored us to life, you
have brought us back again into your love by the
triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.
Continue to heal us, as we go to live and work in the
power of your Spirit to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

Blessing

Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all now and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Song “Let your Glory Fall”

Father of creation, unfold your sovereign plan. Raise up a chosen generation that will march through the land. All of creation is longing for your unveiling of power, would you release your anointing? O God, let this be the hour.

Chorus: Let your glory fall in this room, let it go forth from here to the nations. Let your fragrance rest in this place as we gather to seek your face.

Ruler of the nations, the world has yet to see the full release of your promise, the church in victory. Turn to us, Lord, and touch us, make us strong in your might. Overcome your weakness, that we could stand up and fight. Chorus:

Let your kingdom come (*echo*) let your will be done (*echo*). Let us see on earth the glory of your Son.

(repeat 2x) Chorus (Repeat last 2 lines and end)

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Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.