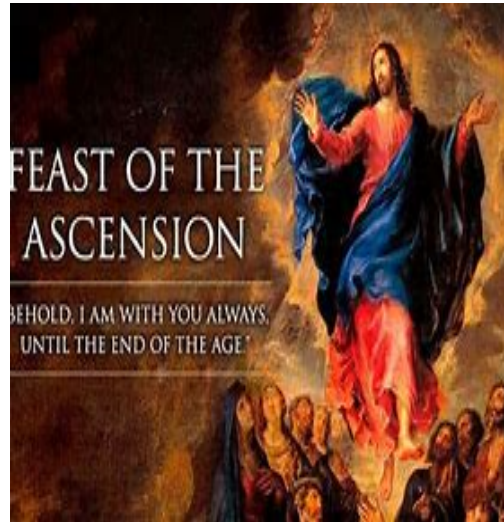


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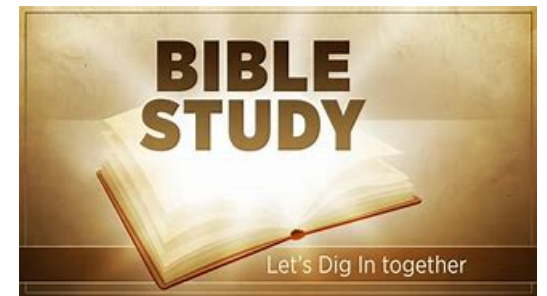
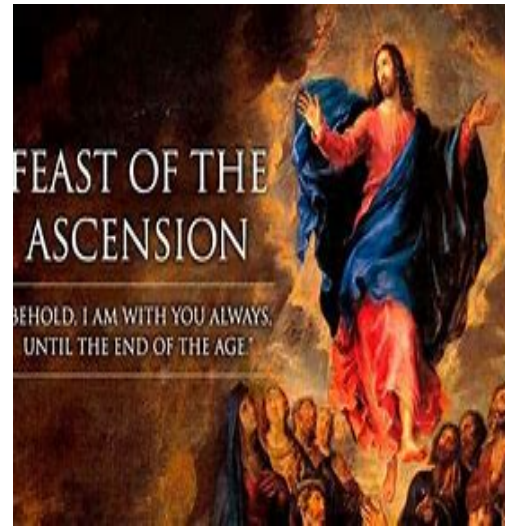
THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION



Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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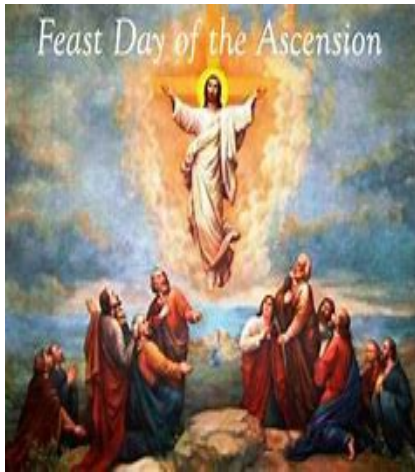
The Very Rev. Gilberto A. Hinds
Priest-in-Charge



God's Grace



Jesus' Resurrection



Officiant

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Lector 1

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Hebrews 9:24

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.


Silence Officiant and People in silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.



Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



INVITATION
TO THE PSALMS

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

Lector 1

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and Lector 1 (People in silence)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
**as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.**

O Gracious
Light
(Phos hilaron)

Officiant

**O gracious light, pure brightness of the ever-loving
Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes
behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through
all the worlds.**

Officiant and Lector 1 (People in silence)

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

We will say the Psalm alternating by whole verse.

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 **For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.**
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 **He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 **Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**





7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

**8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.**

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

**10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

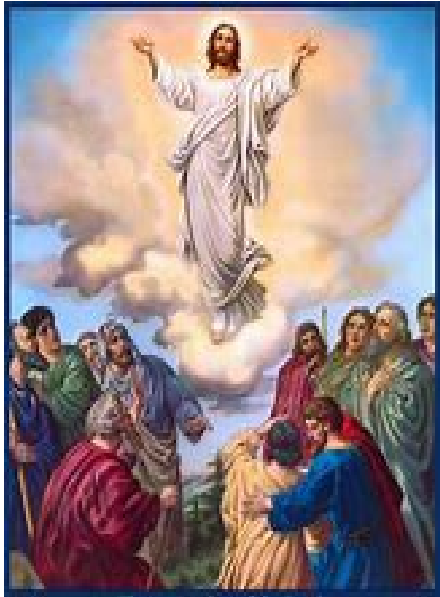
THE FIRST READING *Acts 1:1-11*

Lector 3

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



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Lector 3 The Word of the Lord.
Lector 1 Thanks be to God.

CHRIST OUR PASSEOVER

Lector 4

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore, let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the 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 that 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 has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

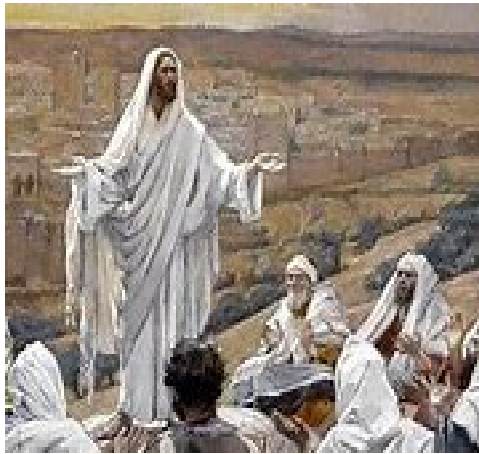


THE GOSPEL

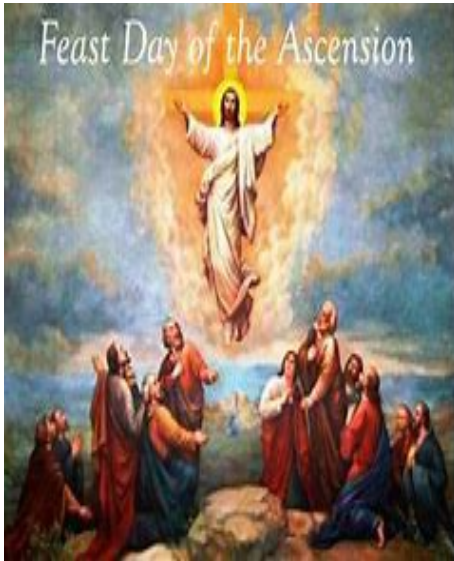
Luke 24:44-53

Lector 5

Lector A Reading from the Gospel of John.



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

Lector 5 The Word of the Lord
Lector 1 Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Lector # 1 & 2 (People together in silence)

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised.
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world
to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit: *
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and
will be forever. Amen.**



THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together in silence

**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.**

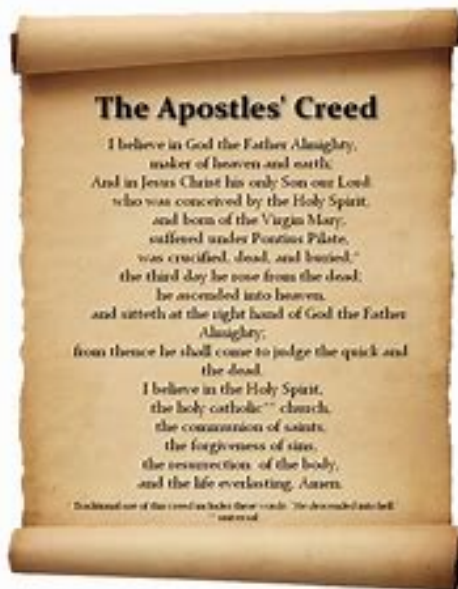
He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

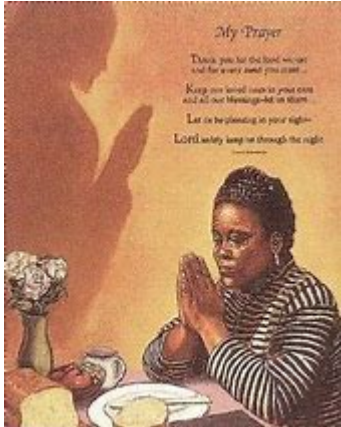
**He will come again to judge the
living and the dead.**

**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.**





Officiant and People together in silence



**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

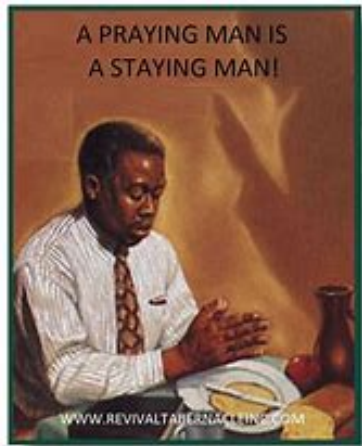
Give us this day our daily bread.

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



SUFFRAGES *Lectors 1 & 2*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

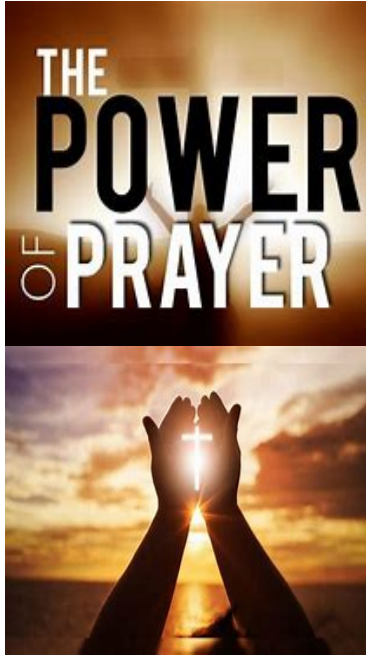
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the
communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our
life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.



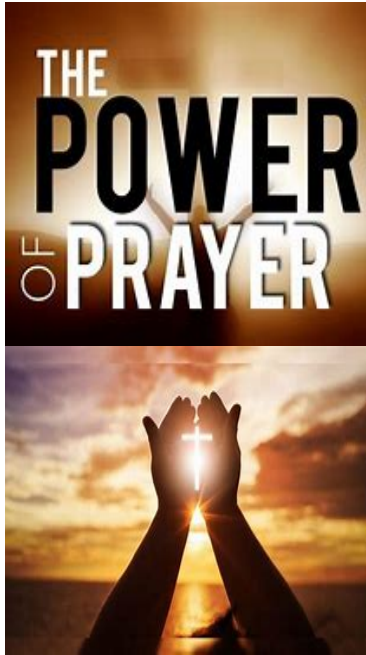
The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Collect for Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

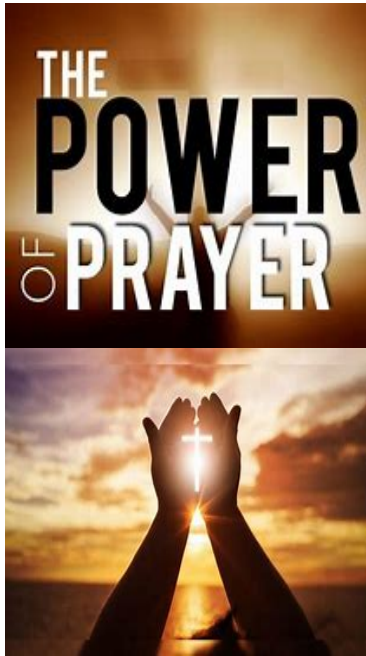


For Sick Persons

Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly entreat you to behold, visit, and relieve your sick servants for whom our prayers are desired: Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under their afflictions. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their lives in your fear, and to your glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Deceased.

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



A Collect for the Presence of Christ

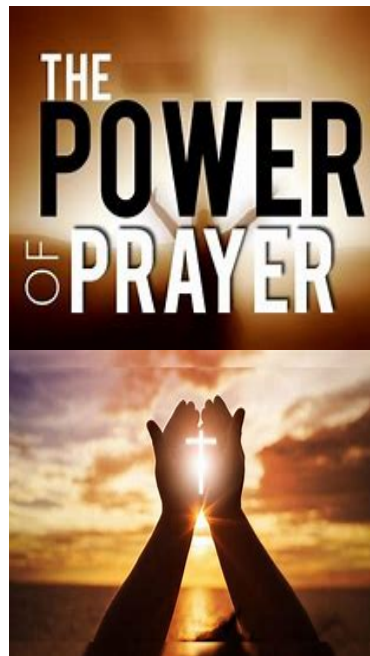
Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

The Officiant says,

I invite your intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings, whether silently or aloud.

The Officiant says the Concluding Prayer.

O Lord our God, accept the heartfelt prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us, and all who turn to you for help: Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted and shield the joyous; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**





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BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study

Holy Scriptures



Proper 28

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning **2** until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. **4** 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; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

The Ascension of Jesus

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People in silence



*I just
WANT TO
thank you
Lord*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**



A Collect for Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Officiant concludes with the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Cor. 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Romans 15:13



