



Ascension Day Evensong  
May 18, 2023  
7:00 PM

Prelude

Alleluia No. 1

by A.D. Miller

Opening Hymn

“Hail the day that sees him rise”

Hymn 214

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

**Invitatory** (*spoken*)

*Celebrant* O Lord, open our lips;  
*People* **And our mouth will show forth your praise.**

*Celebrant* O God, make speed to save us;  
*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Celebrant* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
*People* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

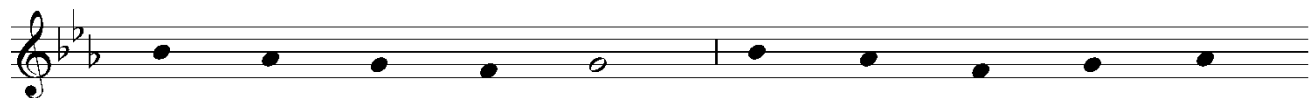
**Canticle** (*sung*)

**“O gracious Light”**

Hymn 26




1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*This melody may be sung in rhythmic form:* 

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Music: *Conditor abne siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956).

**Psalm 47** (*sung*)

**“God Mounts His Throne”**

*Congregation* **God mounts his throne to shouts for joy: Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
*Choir* All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord  
Most High we must fear, great King over all the earth.

*Congregation* **God mounts his throne to shouts for joy: Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
*Choir* God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise for God, sing praise to our King.

*Congregation* **God mounts his throne to shouts for joy: Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
*Choir* God is King of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is King  
over the nations; he reigns on his holy throne.

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11)

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 during 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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward 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."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Magnificat**

“Song of Mary”

by Tom Agnew

## A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (24:44-53)

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Nunc Dimittis**

“Song of Simeon”

by Tracy Fedke, arr. Koiné

Stretching Himself as if again,  
 through downpress of dust  
 upward, soul giving way  
 to thread of white, that reaches  
 for daylight, to open as green  
 leaf that it is...

Can Ascension not have been  
 arduous, almost, as the return  
 from Sheol, and back through the tomb  
 into breath?

Matter reanimate now must relinquish  
 itself, its human cells, molecules, five senses, linear  
 vision endured as Man – the sole  
 all-encompassing gaze resumed now,  
 Eye of Eternity.

Relinquished, earth’s broken Eden.  
 Expulsion, liberation, last  
 self-enjoined task of Incarnation.

He again Fathering Himself.  
 Seed-case splitting.  
 He again Mothering His birth:  
 torture and bliss.

### Apostles’ Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 120

**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.***

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

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  
St. Michael all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

### 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.**

## A Collect for Evening

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *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.*

**Anthem** (*Sung by choir*)

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

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## 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.*

## Final Blessing

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

“I am the bread of life”

Hymn 335, vs. 1,4 & 5

1. I am the bread of life;  
they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.

*Refrain:*

*And I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the  
last day.*

4. I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
They who believe in me,  
even if they die,  
they shall live for ever.

*Refrain*

5. Yes, Lord, we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God  
who has come into the world.

*Refrain*

**Postlude**

Llanfair

by Robert J. Powell



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## Upcoming Events & New Announcements

### 20's & 30's Theology on Tap

May 19, 5:30 PM, Red Leg Brewing Company. RSVP

### Outdoor Parish Workday

Saturday, May 20, 8:30 – 11:30 AM

### Summer Faith Bags

Sunday, May 21, 9:15 AM

### Newcomer's Class

Sunday, May 21, 9:15 AM

### Pentecost (**wear red**) & Cookout Sunday Picnic

Sunday, May 28th, 10:30 (Outdoor Service) Volunteers sign up online.

### Indoor Church Clean Out

Wednesday, May 31, 2:00 – 6:00 PM

### SMASH – St. Michael's Active Senior Happening

#### Colorado History Museum – Guided Tour of the Sand Creek Massacre Exhibit

Thursday, June 1, 11:00 AM - Carpooling from church at 9:00 AM. Space is limited so RSVP ASAP.

### Pike's Peak PRIDE Volunteer Meeting

June 7, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Parish Hall

### Pike's Peak PRIDE

June 10 – 11, Alamo Square Park

### Evening Vacation Bible School

June 27 – June 29, 5:00 PM-7:30 PM. RSVP

**RSVP to [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup)**

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