

**The Collect of the Day**      *Standing**Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.*People:* **And also with you.**

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.*

**Reader: A Reading from the book of Acts 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.*All:* **Thanks be to God.****Psalm 93** *sung*

The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \*

**the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.**

He has made the whole world so sure \*

**that it cannot be moved;**

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*

**you are from everlasting.**

The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*

**the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*

**mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

Your testimonies are very sure, \*

**and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.****Reader: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 1:15-23**

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

*Reader:* The Word of The Lord.*All:* **Thanks be to God.****Gradual Hymn***The Lord ascendeth up on high*

Hymnal 219

**The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53***Reader:* The Holy Gospel....*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 Gospel of the Lord.*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****The Sermon**

The Rev'd Jake Schlossberg

**The Nicene Creed** *Standing, said by all*

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People Form VI**

BCP 392

*Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Jake, our Bishop, for Matt and Jake, our priests, for Honey, our Deacon, and for all the clergy;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence**The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence**The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died,

**that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.***Silence**The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with the absolution.***The Peace***Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People:* **And also with you.****Welcome and Announcements****THE HOLY COMMUNION****Offertory Sentence****Offertory Anthem***At the Name of Jesus*

C. Berry

**The Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology vs.3**

Hymnal 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Sursum Corda**

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you*All:* **And also with you***Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.*All:* **We lift them to the Lord***Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*All:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise***Proper preface is said***The Sanctus** *Sung by all*

Hymnal S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Eucharistic Prayer A** *with people kneeling*

BCP 363

*Celebrant:* Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith;*All:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again***The Celebrant Continues*

BCP 363

**The Lord's Prayer** *Said by all*

BCP 364

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.*

The Celebrant continues

**At the Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*All:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Agnus Dei** S- 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

**THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymns** *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor* Hymnal 307  
*This is the hour of banquet and of song* Hymnal 317

**Postcommunion Prayer** *Said by all* BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Blessing**

**Dismissal** *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People:* Thanks be to God

**Closing Hymn** *Go forward, Christian soldier* Hymnal 563

**Postlude**

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**Deacon**  
*The Reverend Honey Becker*

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:** Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Alison Higginbotham, Arthur White, Sterling Lejeune, Betsy Vigorito, Becky Slagle, Janet Limouze, Joe and Christina, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, David Snyder, Janet Bernhardt, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Peezie Alfred, Wendy Ortego, Perry Joseph, Gail White, Kelly and Dave Domangue, Troy LeBouef, Ashlynn Broussard, Rick Onks, Lynette Newchurch, Neil Joseph, Rachelle Morgan, Ed Keller, William Keller, Gili Menashe Robinson, Donny, Elliot, Emily Chapin, Kelly, Carol Hamilton Hunt, Brenda Privat, James, Evie, and Malaina, Margaret DeGruy, Mark Weems, Lara McKinnis, the Family of Quinten, Kit Gumbs, Carolyn Barker, Pat Valery, Catherine McGowen, Dorothy Goings, Amber, Pauline, Sandie Jordan, Donald Leger, Jr., Sasha, Charles Lewis, Mike Comeaux, Carol Jane, Renee, Marc, Carolyn, Virginia Morrison, Graison Louviere, Tom & Jillian, Mark & Frevet, Stephanie, Landon Romero, Kate Graciana, Kathleen David, Mac Camille, Mona Coulter, Patricia Coleman, Susan Segura, the family of Randy Morgan, Logan Kisamore, Lois Henry, Carol Gilley, Phil Swift, Lynn Trahan, Valerie Daly, Ann Shower, Steve Baker, Pete Peters, Luke Heggy, Remi and Joseph, Melissa Keane, Guy Ellison, Jr., Archie Ganucheau, Sandy Bernard, Nick Domino, David Mills, and friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Epiphany in New Iberia, Epiphany in Opelousas, St. Luke's in Grambling, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, and The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Beverly Ellison, Ruth Falk, Horace Shiver & Margorie Kline, Gay Baker, Cliff Ellison & Guy Ellison*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Parish Picnic** rescheduled for Sunday, May 31st. One service at 10 am in the church. Picnic following at 11:30 am.

**Children's Church:** May 31 is the last Children's Church until we pause for the summer but stay tuned for all the summer fun we have planned!!

**Security Update:** Effective immediately, our resource officers will be actively providing security on Sunday mornings by being stationed at the main entrance to the Church, where they will remain throughout the service.

**Lectors:** Kathy Knierim  
**Ushers:** Jeff Straub and Mark Gremillion  
**Greeter:** Penny Immel  
**Acolytes:** Cannon Schweggman, Parker Roberts, Gabe Sicard, Clara Sicard  
**Music:** Stacey Shumaker, Minister of Music and John Moore, Organist  
**Church Office Hours:** Monday -Friday: 9:00am -2:30pm



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**Welcome**

We welcome all those who have come to worship with us today, and please come back often. If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to join us in our worshipping and celebration of God's love. Please fill out a "Communication Card" in the pew and drop it in the offering plate so that we can extend our hospitality to you beyond our doors.

*The nursery is available for infants and toddlers.  
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

**Ascension Day**

May 17, 2026  
11:00 AM

**Prelude**

**Processional Hymn** *All hail the power of Jesus' name!* Hymnal 450

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen. *All:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**The Collect for Purity** BCP 355

**The Gloria** *Glory to God* Hymnal S-280  
*The "S" indicates Service Music found in the front section of the Hymnal*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us: you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*



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