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8:15am – Traditional  
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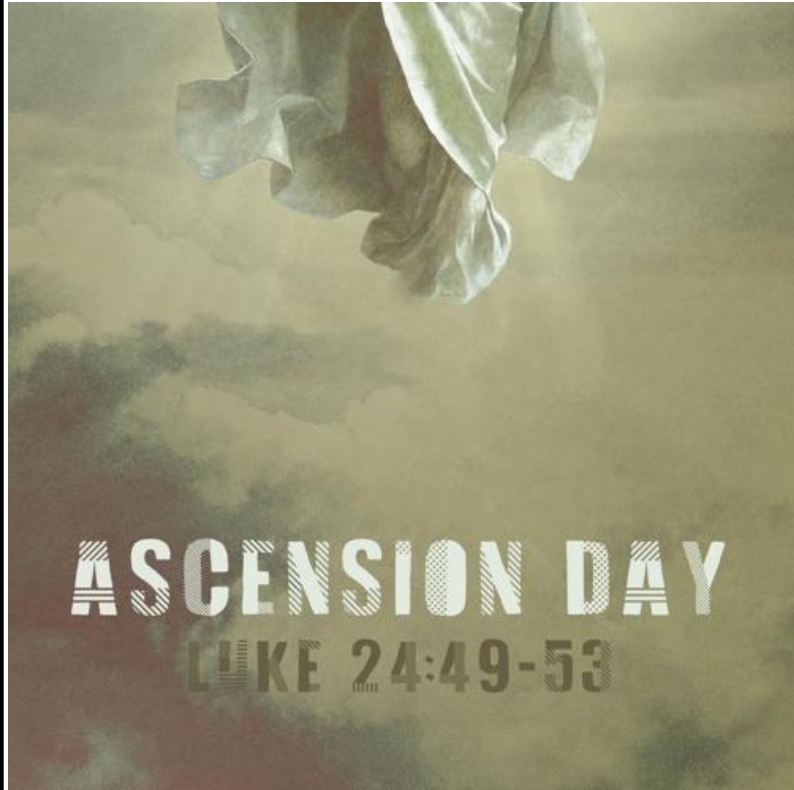
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*“Raising Up  
Families and Followers  
of Jesus Christ”*

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

8:15 AM



# THE KING TAKES HIS THRONE

## AS WE GATHER

Ascension Day is an opportunity for God's people to celebrate Christ the King taking His throne in glory, honor, and authority at God the Father's right hand. Like the ancient believers, who clapped their hands and shouted praises to God at the coronation of their king, we rejoice in the victory King Jesus earned for us, His people, by means of His death and resurrection. Our praises keep rolling from our Easter celebration some forty days ago, all the way to today and even beyond, as we witness Jesus now seated in glory and majesty. Shout your praises to God! The same King who is exalted over all things in heaven and on earth is the King who stoops to serve us as we gather to worship Him!

### + PREPARATION +

#### 493 A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph  
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
 And be our future great reward.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Then, throned with You forever, we  
 Shall praise Your name eternally.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
 All praise to You let earth accord:  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 You are, while endless ages run,  
 With Father and with Spirit one.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**INVOCATION**

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
 Congregation Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Based on Colossians 1:15–19*

Pastor Let us come before our Lord and King in a time of confession so that we  
 may receive assurance of His mercy and forgiveness.

*We take a moment of silence for personal prayers and reflection.*

Pastor Lord Jesus, You are the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**Congregation All things have been created by You: things in heaven and things on earth, visible and invisible.**

Pastor All things are Yours, including us. We have been created by You and for Your glory.

**Congregation Yet our sinfulness separates us from You and Your will for our lives. By what we do and what we fail to do, we fall apart without You holding us together.**

Pastor Lord Jesus, in all things You reign supreme. You are the King of all, the Sovereign of our souls. God the Father dwells fully in You.

**Congregation By Your blood, You have reconciled us to the Father. By Your cross, grant us Your forgiveness and peace. Amen.**

Pastor Our merciful God is pleased to have all His fullness dwell in His crucified, risen, and ascended Son, Jesus Christ. He alone is the image of God, and in Him all things hold together. Through faith in Christ, you and I have been reconciled to God and stand renewed in His presence. As a called and ordained servant of Christ the King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

Pastor God has gone up with a shout,

**Congregation the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Pastor The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand,

**Congregation until I make Your enemies Your footstool.”**

Pastor The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

**Congregation The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.**

**Glory be 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.**

Pastor God has gone up with a shout,

**Congregation the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**Congregation And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.  
Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, gloriously took His throne, ascending to Your right hand,  
**Congregation grant that we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him,**  
Pastor who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Congregation Amen.**

## FIRST READING *Acts 1:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM *Psalm 47*

Pastor Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
**Congregation For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**  
Pastor He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.  
**Congregation He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.**  
Pastor God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.  
**Congregation Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Pastor For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!  
**Congregation God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.**

Pastor The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.  
**Congregation For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!  
Glory be 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.**

## **EPISTLE**      *Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>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 one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## **VERSE**      *Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b*

Pastor Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.  
**Congregation Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**      *Luke 24:44–53*

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.  
**Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, “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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.  
<sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they





Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys-tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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## SERMON

**WELCOME CARDS/PRAYER REQUESTS** *We ask all who are present today to please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.*

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or text to give, 360-732-8020.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor** The King invites His people to boldly pray and seek His will for our lives.  
Loving Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to bear our sins and to be our Savior. By His death, He has destroyed death. By His rising to new life, He has given to us the guarantee of life forever with You. By His ascension to heaven's glorious throne, He has proven that He is King of kings and Lord of lords. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**Congregation** **reign in our hearts.**



Pastor Sovereign of all, we thank You that nothing is hidden from Your sight. In mercy, You have redeemed Your fallen creation by reconciling sinners to their Creator through the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross. Look with favor upon us and our families, our congregation and our community, guiding our steps in the way of peace. Grant boldness to all who bear Your name, raising up faithful men and women who serve in positions of leadership among us, that we each may live out our callings under Your authority and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation** **reign in our hearts.**

Pastor Restoring Redeemer, the brokenness of our lives bears witness to the fact that, without You holding us together, we are lost and hopeless. Rescue those who despair, and grant patience to those suffering in times of trial, anguish, and loss. Comfort those who are saddened by the death of those they love. Fill with perfect peace those who belong to You, [*including . . .*]. Let all who hunger and thirst for what You alone can give find their solace and rest in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation** **reign in our hearts.**

Pastor Crucified, risen, and exalted King, our Lord Jesus, with the ancient worshipers who clapped their hands and shouted their praises at the coronation of their sovereign, we rejoice in Your exaltation to the Father's glory and in Your promise to come again. Preserve us in faith until that coming, glorious, and awesome Day! Instill in us an ever-deepening reliance upon Your Word and Spirit. Create in us hearts that are ready to receive Your presence as You draw near to us again this day in Your body and blood. Make us one, Lord, even as You are one. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation** **reign in our hearts.**

Pastor With confidence in the King who reigns supreme and governs all things in heaven and on earth for the benefit of His people, we entrust our prayers into Your care, O gracious Father, for You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation** **Amen.**

## **+ SACRAMENT +**

### **PREFACE**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**Congregation** **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

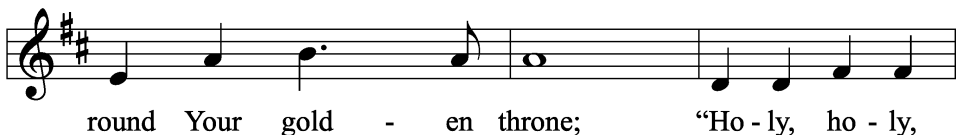
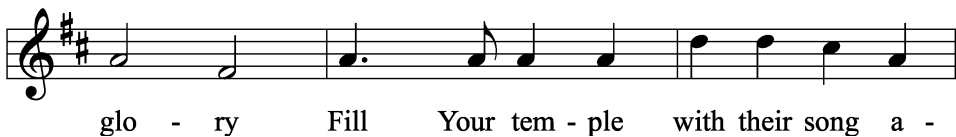
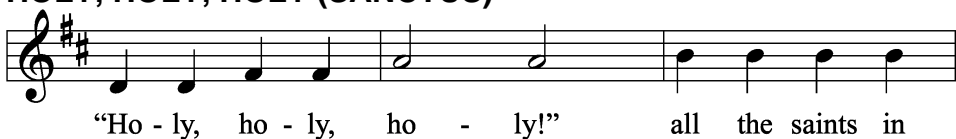
**Congregation** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
Congregation **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to humble Himself for our salvation and now reign on His glorious throne as King of kings and Lord of lords. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)



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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

**+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

**537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of  
 God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -  
 serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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## 549 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.

- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would

strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**Congregation Amen.**

## 492 ON CHRIST'S ASCENSION I NOW BUILD



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and  
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er  
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I  
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There  
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.  
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

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