

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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St. Michael Catholic Church

Entrance Hymn

1. Hail the day that sees him rise,
Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies;
Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n,
Alleluia!
Now ascends the highest heav'n.
Alleluia!
2. There the glorious triumph waits;
Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates;
Alleluia!
Christ has conquered death and sin;
Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Introit

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why are you gazing
in astonishment at the sky? alleluia;
just as you have seen him ascend
into heaven,

so, in like manner, shall he return,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Penitential Act

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of
good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten
Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father,
you take away the sins of the
world,
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the
world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father,
have mercy on us.

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.

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and
taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the
Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had
chosen.

He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had
suffered,
appearing to them during forty
days
and speaking about the kingdom of
God.

While meeting with them,
he enjoined them not to depart from
Jerusalem,
but to wait for "the promise of the
Father
about which you have heard me
speak;

for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be
baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together
they asked him,
"Lord, are you at this time going to
restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He answered them, "It is not for
you to know the times or seasons
that the Father has established by
his own authority.

But you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were
looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took
him from their sight.

While they were looking intently at
the sky as he was going,
suddenly two men dressed in white
garments stood beside them.

They said, "Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking
at the sky?

This Jesus who has been taken up
from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you
have seen him going into heaven."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9

God mounts his throne to
shouts of joy: a blare of
trum-pets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of
gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the
awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to
shouts of joy: a blare of
trum-pets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts
of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to
shouts of joy: a blare of
trum-pets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to
shouts of joy: a blare of
trum-pets for the Lord.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

Brothers and sisters,
I, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy
of the calling
you have received,

with all humility and gentleness,
with patience,
bearing with one another through
love,
striving to preserve the unity of the
Spirit
through the bond of peace:

one body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one
hope of your calling;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and
in all.

But grace was given to each of us
according to the measure of Christ's
gift.

And he gave some as apostles, others
as prophets,
others as evangelists, others as
pastors and teachers,
to equip the holy ones for the work
of ministry,

for building up the body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of
faith
and knowledge of the Son of God,
to mature to manhood,
to the extent of the full stature of
Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Matthew 28:19a,20b

Go and teach all nations, says the
Lord;

I am with you always, until the end
of the world.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel to every
creature.

Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved;
whoever does not believe will be
condemned.

These signs will accompany those
who believe:
in my name they will drive out
demons,

they will speak new languages.
They will pick up serpents with
their hands,
and if they drink any deadly thing,
it will not harm them.

They will lay hands on the sick, and
they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke
to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the right hand
of God.

But they went forth and preached
everywhere,
while the Lord worked with them
and confirmed the word through
accompanying signs.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(Bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
(Stand)

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCCHARIST

Preparation

1. O men of Galilee, say why
you gaze in wonder at the sky,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
This Jesus, whom you saw ascend,
will come the same way at the end,
O Praise Him, O Praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. All nations clap your hands and
sing,
Shout out in triumph to our King,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, Praise the
Son,
And Praise the Spirit, with them
One,
O Praise Him, O Praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Gregorian Missal, Viri Galilaei
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Preface Dialogue

(Stand)
Pray, brothers and sisters... almighty
Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory
of his name, for our good and the
good of all his holy Church.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Deliver us, Lord... Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours now and for ever.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion Chant

REFRAIN Mark 16:17,18
Be-liev-ers will per-form these
signs: they will cast out
bles-mons, and cure the sick.

Andrew R. Motyka - communionantiphons.org

Capital Campaign Prayer

Loving Father,
We thank You for the gift of faith
that guides and fulfills our lives.
May this church, built for Your
glory and honor,
be an outward sign of that faith to
our community.

We ask for Your blessing upon us
and all future generations who will
gather in this sacred space.
Purify our hearts
so that we may grow in union with
Your Son.

Enlighten our minds
to the ways in which we are being
called to serve You,
and embolden us to proclaim the
Gospel message
in order to build Your kingdom
here on Earth.

We ask this in the name of Your
Son, our Lord Jesus Christ
and through the intercession of His
most holy Mother, Mary. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Blessing and Dismissal

St. Michael Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the
devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly
pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the
heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil
spirits,
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

