

Readings, Hymns, Collects

May 29, 2022 at 9am
Feast of the Ascension

Opening Hymn | *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings.

Refrain

The purple-headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

Refrain

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.

Refrain

God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Refrain

Collect of the Day

Holy God, send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom, so that, in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness and sing with joy to the One who makes us one.
Amen.

The First Reading | *Ephesians 1:15-23*

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches
Thanks be to God

Psalm 93

The Lord reigns and has put on splendid apparel;
the Lord is robed in splendour and girded with strength.

**The Lord 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.**

The Gospel | *Luke 24:44-53*

God is here.

The Spirit is with us

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Offertory Hymn | *Alleluia! We sing your praises!*

*Alleluia! we sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness!
Alleluia!, we sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness!*

Christ the Lord to us said,
"I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread",
Give to all who thirst and hunger.

Refrain

Christ the Lord to us said,
"Follow me, I'm the Way."
"Follow me, I'm the Way."
Come now, walk in truth and freedom.

Refrain

Closing Hymn | *The River of God*

Down the mountain the river flows
and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields
the river is rushing and the river is here.

*The river of God sets our feet to dancing,
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,
And we rejoice for the river is here.*

The river of God is teeming with life
and all who touch it can be revived,
And those who linger on the river's shore
will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.

Refrain

Up to the mountain we love to go
to find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run,
we dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.

Refrain

Down the mountain the river flows
and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields
the river is rushing and the river is here.

Refrain