



HOLY COMMUNION

The Ascension of our Lord

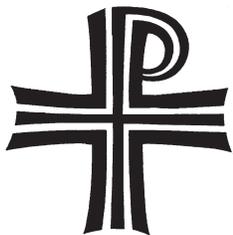
Sunday, May 29, 2022

8:30 a.m. Eucharist

Exploring the promise of God for all

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992) was the organist at the Sainte Trinité church in Paris from 1931 until his death. A prolific composer of all genres, he had a unique harmonic system that utilized different scales than we typically hear in western music, which he called "modes of limited transposition." Messiaen's Roman Catholic faith inspired much of his organ compositions, which tonally depict different scripture verses or Christian doctrines.

Messiaen first composed The Ascension as "four meditations for orchestra" in 1932, later publishing it for organ in 1934. He transcribed movements 1, 2, and 4, but composed an entirely new movement 3 for the 1934 organ version. This morning's prelude, "Majesty of Christ," is one of the transcribed movements.



The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on this first day of the week.

PRELUDE

The Ascension, Movement I

Olivier Messiaen

"Majesty of Christ praying that His Father should glorify Him"

Father, the hour is come: glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son may also glorify Thee.

(Prayer from Christ, the Gospel according to St. John)

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.

**For the LORD Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth,**

Who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.

**God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.

**For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with a song.**

OPENING HYMN

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Hymn 393

Stanzas 1, 4 and 5

PRAYER OF THE DAY

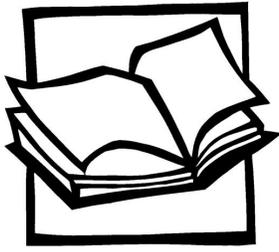
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



*God speaks to us
in scripture
reading, preaching,
and song.*

(Please be seated)

WORD

READING

Acts :1-11

Luke writes: ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴While 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; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en from the dead.

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

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We All Are One in Mission”

Hymn 576



APOSTLES' CREED

Together we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**



*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Freed from the tomb, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please remain standing)

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Savior taught:

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name

Amen.



*God blesses and
sends us in mission
to the world.*

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SENDING

BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Hymn 392
Stanzas 1 and 2

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Ascension, Movement III

Olivier Messiaen

"Outbursts of joy from a soul before the glory of Christ which is its own glory"

Giving thanks unto the Father, who has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light ... he raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

(From Paul's epistles to the Colossians and Ephesians)

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