

The Worship of God

On Ascension Sunday

May 24, 2020

Call to Worship

The Lord is king and is exalted over all the earth.

Let us praise the Lord.

Come sisters and brothers, let us proclaim together:

God is good . . . all the time.

All the time . . . God is good.

Hymn

How Can I Keep from Singing?

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

[Refrain]

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

[Refrain]

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

[Refrain]

Silent Meditation

*May your heart be an altar, from which the bright flame
of unending thanksgiving ascends to heaven.*

-- Mary Euphrasia Pelletier

Hymn

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
and life more abundant and free!

Refrain:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
in the light of His glory and grace.

Thro' death into life everlasting, he passed, and we follow him there;
o'er us sin no more hath dominion--for more than conqu'rors we are!

[Refrain]

His Word shall not fail you--he promised;
believe Him, and all will be well.

Then go to a world that is dying, his perfect salvation to tell!

[Refrain]

Celebrating the Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

The Word of the Lord for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Preparation

**For the Word eternal beyond us,
for the Word made flesh among us,
for the Word alive within us,
we give thanks. We give thanks.**

Sermon

Prayer of Trust

O Lord our God we praise you,
for you are Lord overall, and you are in all things.
You are with us. . . hear our prayers for:

All who need assurance of your presence and goodness . . .

In your mercy, Lord . . . **hear our prayers.**

For all who do not notice or cannot see your work in their lives . . .

In your mercy, Lord . . . **hear our prayers.**

For those paralyzed by bitterness and anger, shame and guilt . . .

In your mercy, Lord . . . **hear our prayers.**

All those who are searching . . . may they find their rest in you . . .

In your mercy, Lord . . . **hear our prayers.**

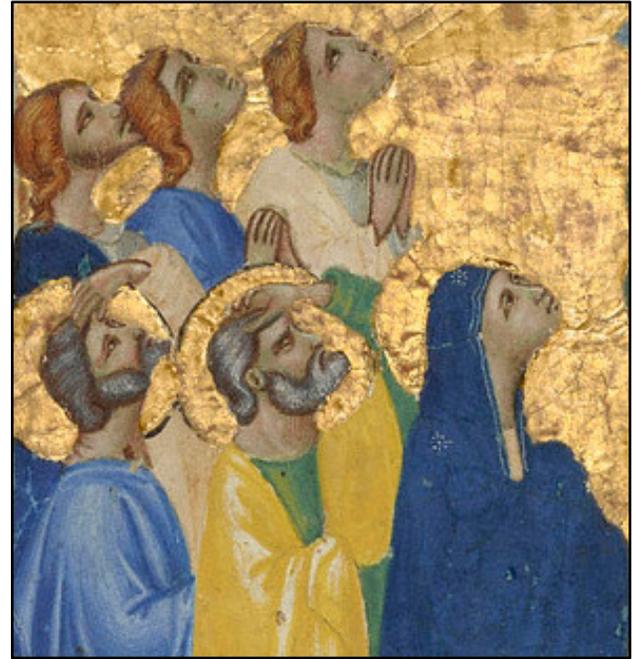
May your kingdom come and may your church be strengthened . . .

In your mercy, Lord . . . **hear our prayers. Amen.**

Benediction

**Go in peace, live in grace,
trust in the arms that will hold you.**

**Go in peace, live in grace,
trust God's love.**



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