

The Order for
the Administration
of the Ante-Communion
on the
Sunday after Ascension Day
May 24th, 2020 at 11 a.m.

Where it is desired to have a very short and simple service (as when children are taking part), it shall suffice to say the Collect, the Epistle, and Gospel, for Easter Sunday, together with the Nicene Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.

In the absence of opportunities to administer the sacrament, please note the rubric in the Communion of the Sick, p. 323 in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer:

*¶ But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the Minister, **or by any other just impediment**, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Minister shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and stedfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefor, he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.*

Voluntaries this Sunday:

- *Nun freut euch, lieben Christ'n gemein*, Ann Amalia, Ed. Calvert Johnson
- Trumpet Postlude on *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*, Franklin D. Ashdown (tune Bryn Calfaria)

Hymns this Sunday:

[#102 Hail Thee, Festival Day \(Salve Festa Dies\)](#)

[#104 Hail the Day \(Llanfair\), arr. Herbert Grieb](#)

Stanza 1: All / Stanza 2: Ladies & Children / Stanza 3: Choir alone / Stanza 4: All

[#142 The National Anthem](#)

Singers this Sunday:

Carrie Kitchen, Soprano; Betty Ann Foran, Alto; Parker Davis, Tenor; and Doug Foran, Bass

THE ANTE-COMMUNION

Hymn 102 – Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Refrain:

*Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed forever;
day when the Christ ascends
high in the heavens to reign.*

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He who was nailed to the cross
Is Lord and ruler of all men;
All things created on earth
Sing to the glory of God:
*Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed forever;
day when the Christ ascends
high in the heavens to reign.*

Daily the loveliness grows,
adorned with the glory of blossom;
heaven her gates unbars,
flinging her increase of light.
*Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed forever;
day when the Christ ascends
high in the heavens to reign.*

God the All-Father, the Lord,
Who rulest the earth and the heavens,
Guard us from harm without,

Cleanse us from evil within:
Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed forever;
day when the Christ ascends
high in the heavens to reign.

Jesus, the health of the world,
enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme,
only-begotten of God!
Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed forever;
day when the Christ ascends
high in the heavens to reign.

Spirit of life and of power,
Now flow in us, Fount of our being,
Light that dost lighten all,
Life that in all dost abide
Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed forever;
day when the Christ ascends
high in the heavens to reign.

Praise to the Giver of good!
Thou Love who are author of concord,
Pour out thy balm on our souls,
Order our ways in thy peace:
Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day that art hallowed forever;
day when the Christ ascends
high in the heavens to reign.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 530-609
Music: Salve Festa Dies - R. Vaughan Williams, 1906

THE INTROIT

Psalm 27. *Dominus Illuminatio.*

(Prayer Book p. 371)

A Psalm of Christ's ascension "who sitteth at the right hand of the Father", reigning as King of kings and Lord of lords, to whom "all authority in heaven and in earth is given" (Matthew 28:18). "God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trump".

Antiphon (said by all): Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; Alleluya. My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: thy face, LORD, will I seek; O hide not thou thy face from me, alleluia, alleluia.

THE LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh, * they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host of men were laid against me,
yet shall not my heart be afraid;

* and though there rose up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I desired of the LORD,
which I will require;

* even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle;
* yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,
and set me up upon a rock of stone.

6 And now shall he lift up mine head
* above mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness:
* I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.

8 Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee;
* have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face:
* Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me,
* nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour;
* leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me,
* the LORD taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O LORD,
* and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries:
* for there are false witnesses risen up against me,
and such as speak wrong.

15 I should utterly have fainted,
* but that I believe verily to see
the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

16 O tarry thou the LORD'S leisure;
* be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart;
and put thou thy trust in the LORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Antiphon (said by all): Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee; Alleluya. My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: thy face, LORD, will I seek; O hide not thou thy face from me, alleluia, alleluia.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with the spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

OPENING PRAYERS

said by the priest alone

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. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

Priest. Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Here shall be said,*

Answer. The Lord be with you.
Minister. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end *Amen.*

For the Octave of the Ascension

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell:

For Memorial Day

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead; We give thee thanks for all those thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them thy mercy and the light of thy presence, that the good work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Lesson: Isaiah 56:1-8

Clerk. Here beginneth the 56th verse of the book of the prophet Isaiah.
The Lord will forsake none who keep his true religion and believe in him.

Thus saith the LORD,
Keep ye judgment, and do justice:

for my salvation is near to come,
and my righteousness to be revealed.

² Blessed is the man that doeth this,
and the son of man that layeth hold on it;
that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it,
and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

³ Neither let the son of the stranger,
that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying,
The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people:
neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

⁴ For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths,
and choose the things that please me,
and take hold of my covenant;

⁵ Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls
a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters:
I will give them an everlasting name,
that shall not be cut off.

⁶ Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD,
to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD,
to be his servants,
every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it,
and taketh hold of my covenant;

⁷ Even them will I bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer:
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
shall be accepted upon mine altar;
for mine house shall be called
an house of prayer for all people.

⁸ The Lord GOD,
which gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith,
Yet will I gather others to him,
beside those that are gathered unto him: saith the Lord God.

Here endeth the lesson.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 4:7-11 *An exhortation to prayer and charity, and the use of God's gifts to his glory.*

Clerk. The Epistle is written in the 4th chapter of the first Epistle General of Saint Peter, beginning at the 7th verse.

BELOVED: the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel: St. John 15:26-16:4a *The witness to Christ of the Spirit and of the apostles in the unbelieving world.*

Priest. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, in the 15th chapter, beginning at the 26th verse.

Answer: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: Jesus said unto his disciples: When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

Answer: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed *said by all*

IBELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection ☩ of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Address – The Rector

THE OFFERTORY

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Revelation 5:12

The Biddings

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

And especially those who have given their lives in the service of our country

Minister. I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

Rest ☩ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

Answer. and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Prayer for Christ's Church.

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayers

Antiphon *(said together)*

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trump, alleluia.

Minister. Christ, when he ascended up on high, alleluia.

Answer. Led captivity captive, and received gifts for men, alleluia.

BLESSED art thou, O Lord God Almighty, the Ancient of Days, who hast set thy Son Christ Jesus our Lord upon the glorious throne of thy Kingdom, exalted far above all peoples, all places, all times, eternally; that he who hath worn our flesh, and borne our manhood into the holy of holies, should henceforth pour down heavenly gifts upon his brethren, and be both our righteous judge and most merciful intercessor; to whom with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit, one God, be ascribed all might, majesty, dominion, and praise, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And the Blessing, or if there be no priest to pronounce the blessing, then:

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. Amen.

The Service concludes with a Hymn in honor of the Lord's Ascension, and the National Anthem, in observance of Memorial Day.

Hymn #104 *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
Glorious to native skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Enters now the native heaven, Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

See! He lifts His hands above, Alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on His church below, Alleluia!

*Still for us His death He pleads, Alleluia!
Prevalent He intercedes, Alleluia!
Near Himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
Harbinger of human race, Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
Raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heaven of heavens in Thee, Alleluia!

Llanfair – Music: Robert Williams, harm. John Roberts
Words: Charles Wesley, alt.

In Honour of Memorial Day:

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.