

Exaudi: The Sunday after the Ascension

05/24/2020

Pray the following order as your ability and family size dictates. Musical notation is provided but you may speak instead. Hymns are provided throughout, with additional selections at the end of the document.

498/499 COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR BLEST

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.

*To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.*

- 3 In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name.

*Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.*

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.

*Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.*

- △ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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+ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father,
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

Congregation and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor O almighty God, merciful Father,
Congregation **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8b, 9a

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.*
Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
Teach me your way, | O LORD;*

give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;
for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,*
and they breathe out | violence.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.*
Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

KYRIE

LSB 186

Congregation **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

Pastor Glory be to God on high:
Congregation **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.
Congregation **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor Let us pray.
O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:22–28

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 51:1–12; antiphon: v. 10

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love,*
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.
²Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
³For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.
⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.
⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean,*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
⁸Let me hear joy and | gladness,*
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.
⁹Hide your face | from my sins,*
and blot out all my in- | iquities.
¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
¹¹Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
¹²Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:7–14

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his

glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

VERSE

Psalm 47:8; John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b

Alleluia. God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. **Alleluia.** I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26—16:4

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

Congregation Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

¹I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

**Congregation I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

539 CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S REDEEMER

1 Christ is the world's Redeemer,
The lover of the pure,
The font of heav'nly wisdom,
Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers,
The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living,
Our life when we shall die.

2 Christ has our host surrounded
With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph
And fire us for the fight.
Then Christ the cross ascended
To save a world undone
And, suffering for the sinful,
Our full redemption won.

3 Down through the realm of darkness
He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed
He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav'n ascended,
He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed,
His Father's and His own.

△ 4 Glory to God the Father,
The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus,
His sole-begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit—
The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer:
Amen! So let it be.

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SERMON

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

Congregation Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN: 491 UP THROUGH ENDLESS RANKS OF ANGELS

1 Up through endless ranks of angels,
Cries of triumph in His ears,
To His heav'nly throne ascending,
Having vanquished all their fears,
Christ looks down upon His faithful,
Leaving them in happy tears.

2 Death-destroying, life-restoring,
Proven equal to our need,
Now for us before the Father
As our brother intercede;
Flesh that for our world was wounded,
Living, for the wounded plead!

3 To our lives of wanton wand'ring
Send Your Spirit, promised guide;
Through our lives of fear and failure
With Your pow'r and love abide;
Welcome us, as You were welcomed,
To an endless Eastertide.

△ 4 Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father's face!
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For the whole Church, that in the confidence of faith, the baptized may bear witness to the grace of the Lord Jesus, regardless of the consequences, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For pastors and missionaries, that repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Christ's name would sound forth throughout the world, creating and sustaining faith in those who hear, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For this congregation, that the Spirit of truth would guide us into faithful devotion and service so that we would love one another; grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior, Jesus Christ; and give our tithes and offerings to support His ministry and mission here and abroad, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For those who suffer for their witness to Christ, that they may be strengthened by the Spirit of truth to endure, and that they may rejoice and be glad when Christ's glory is revealed, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For our government and all leaders in this world, that they would submit themselves to the true King and Lord, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For all who serve in our armed forces, the medical field and for all emergency workers, that entrusting themselves to Christ's protection they may know His saving peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For an end to the pandemic, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For all graduates, for those who set out to look for new employment and for those whose plans have been frustrated or disappointed, that their confidence may always be placed in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For the sick, the afflicted, the dying, the mourning and the lonely, [*especially for those who have requested our prayers, including _____,*] that Christ Himself would be their health in sickness, their joy in sorrow and their life in death, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

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Pastor For the faithful departed, let us offer thanks and praise, asking our heavenly Father to grant us all a share in the rest and peace of His Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
 Congregation **Amen, amen, amen.**

529 SINCE OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST, CHRIST JESUS

- 1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Jesus,
 Bears the name above all names,
 Reigning Son of God, surpassing
 Other titles, pow'rs and claims—
 Since to heav'n our Lord has passed,
 Let us hold our witness fast!

- 2 Since we have a priest who suffered,
 Knowing weakness, tears, and pain,
 Who like us was tried and tempted,
 Unlike us, without a stain—
 Since He shared our lowly place,
 Let us boldly seek His grace.

- 3 Sacrifice and suffering over,
 Now He sits at God's right hand,
 Crowned with praise, no more an outcast,
 His pre-eminence long-planned;
 Such a great High Priest we have,
 Strong to help, supreme to save.

- 4 Love's example, hope's attraction,
 Faith's beginning and its end,
 Pioneer of our salvation,
 Mighty advocate and friend;
 Jesus, high in glory raised,
 Our ascended Lord be praised!

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