

**Evening Prayer, Ascension of Our Lord**  
**May 13, 2021**  
**Resurrection Lutheran Church**

*Kindly share in the spoken responses at home with your device's microphone on mute in order to minimize background noises that will help maintain a worshipful atmosphere.*

***Dialogue:***

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Death has no more dominion over us.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

***Hymn of Light:***

*“Beautiful Savior” (ELW # 838, text and music on this bulletin’s last pages – pray or sing along muted at home when sung by Pastor)*

***Thanksgiving for Light:***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you called light into being,  
and you set light in the sky  
to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day  
and a pillar of fire by night  
you led your people into freedom.  
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:  
may your Word be a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path;  
for you are merciful,  
and you love your whole creation,  
and with all your creatures we give you glory,

through your Son Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Psalmody: Psalm 47** (*Pray or sing along muted at home the verses in bold*)

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, | all you peoples;  
shout to God with a | joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:  
a great king over | all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup>who subdues the | peoples under us,  
and the nations un- | der our feet;

<sup>4</sup>**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up | with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.

<sup>6</sup>**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup>For God is king of | all the earth;  
sing praises | with a song.

<sup>8</sup>**God reigns o- | ver the nations;  
God is en- | throned on high.**

<sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted.

**Reading: Luke 24:44-53**

A reading from Luke.

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus 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.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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.” <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried

up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***Response to the Reading:***

*The reading of scripture is followed by silence for reflection and brief comments by the Pastor.*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
**but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

***Gospel Canticle, Song of Mary***

“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” *(ELW # 251 – text and music on this bulletin’s last pages – pray or sing along muted at home when sung by Pastor)*

***Prayers:***

Let us pray. Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

On this fortieth day of Easter, let us join one another in prayer, responding to each petition with the words, “Be with us in power and mercy.”

O God, your might upholds the cosmos, and your love sustains your people.

To you, enthroned on high and enthroned in our hearts, we pray:

**Be with us in power and mercy.**

That the church be enlivened to be the body of Christ,  
That bishops, pastors, and deacons lead with wisdom,  
And that all the baptized be witnesses to your glory, we pray:

**Be with us in power and mercy.**

That the earth be preserved from disastrous weather,  
That animals be safeguarded,  
And that plants be nurtured for their fruit and beauty, we pray:

**Be with us in power and mercy.**

That wars between nations and violence within each population cease,  
That the leaders of nations enact justice for their people,  
And that all persons enjoy equal rights and respectful treatment, we pray:  
**Be with us in power and mercy.**

That those with coronavirus be healed,  
That physicians and nurses be supported,  
That the vaccines be shared around the globe,  
And that future waves of the pandemic be averted, we pray:  
**Be with us in power and mercy.**

That the poor be fed and clothed,  
That refugees find a home,  
And that the sick and the suffering receive wholeness and hope, we pray:  
**Be with us in power and mercy.**

That children be taught about the splendid cosmos you created,  
That scientists be upheld in their explorations of the universe,  
And that believers be blessed by the mystery of the Ascension, we pray:  
**Be with us in power and mercy.**

That our private sorrows and joys be welcomed by you . . .

*A brief silence.*

We pray:

**Be with us in power and mercy.**

That at the end we join with all the saints in your everlasting kingdom, we pray:  
**Be with us in power and mercy.**

O God, receive our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, ascended for us, and reigning in your glory now and forever.

**Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer:***

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

***Blessing:***

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

***Hymn:***

“Rejoice, for Christ Is King!” ELW 430 *(sing along at home as you desire, but kindly keep your device's microphone on mute)*

## Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

*Refrain*

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

## Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.  
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.  
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—  
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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