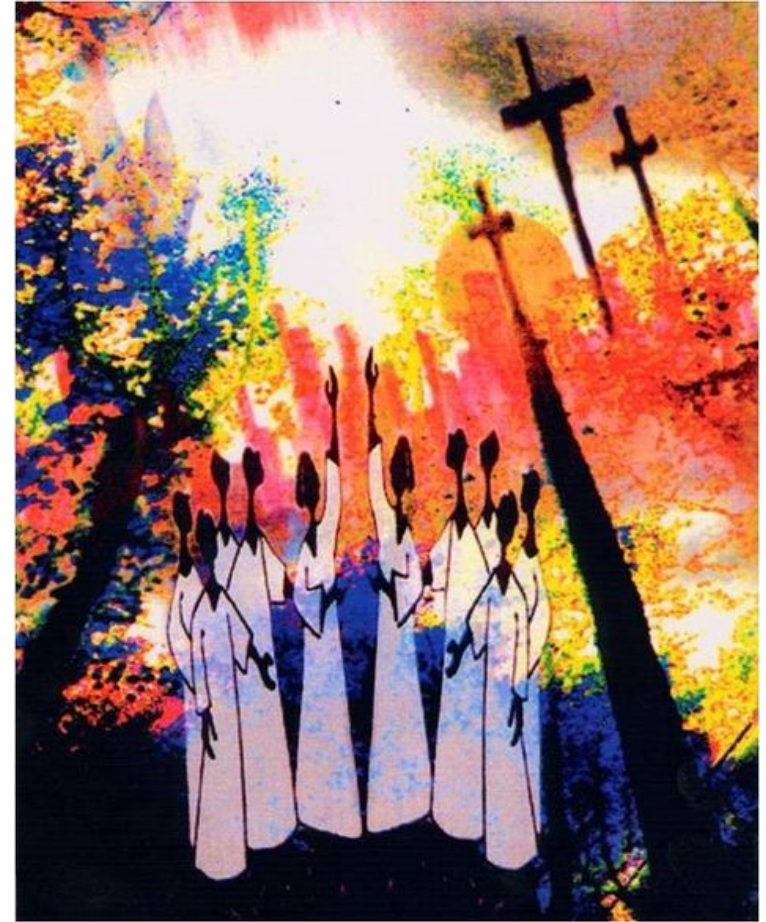


Ascension of our Lord

June 2, 2019



John 17:24-26

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

Worship Participants

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Our World Belongs to God, st. 1,2, 27, 55

*Opening Song: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" LUYH 223:1,2,4

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "The First Place" LUYH 15

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:15-16 p.1866

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not always bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us.

**Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,
that we may labor for the coming of your kingdom.**

Father, God, we celebrate the victory of your Son,
who has overcome death and saved us from the power of sin.

We rejoice in his exaltation!

**Our great high priest has gone before us
and opened up a way for us to follow.**

In his name, we too would enter into your eternal presence,
for he is our priest forever.

**To him be all praise, together with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,
one Lord, the same in every age. Amen and amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: "I Am the Bread of Life" LUYH 842

Soloist sings vs. 1-3, Congregation joins on refrain and vs.4

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

Bridge

Men: You will reign forever!

Women: Let Your glory fill the earth! (Repeat)

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Communion Song: "He Is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high: I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the king is exalted on high.

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The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Across the Lands"

LUYH 775

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

LUYH 538:1

The Institution (I Corinthians 11)

The Consecration

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died;

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Dying, he destroyed our death;

rising, he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Prayer of Consecration (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Invitation

Communion Song: "Behold Our God"

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?

Who can question any of His words?

Who can teach the One Who knows all things?

Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (to chorus)

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him!

Behold our King! Nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,

bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

God eternal, humbled to the grave,

Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! (to chorus)

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God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Aleluya/Alleluia"

LUYH 183:1

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: John 17:20-26

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Sermon: "Glory that Shines, Bleeds, and Loves"

Pastor Joel Kok

We Respond with Thanksgiving

*Song of Response: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

LUYH 492

*We Profess Our Faith: "The Apostles' Creed"

LUYH 783A

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the General Fund, which helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries, and the Building Fund, which is used to cover major project expenses for the church.

We Celebrate Communion

We invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We believe that this is a family meal. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact Pastor Joel or your elder. This morning the elements will be passed through the rows. Please hold them until all have been served and we will eat together. If you are in need of gluten-free bread, please indicate that to the servers.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Father in heaven, even though the world does not know you, you love the world enough to send your only Son as the Lamb who takes away our sins.

By the power of your Spirit, fill us with such grace, truth, and glory as we see in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.