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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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M: ♫ Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

C: ♫ the light no darkness can overcome.

M: ♫ Stay with us Lord, for it is evening,

C: ♫ and the day is almost over.

M: ♫ Be our light and scatter the darkness,

C: ♫ and hear our evening prayer and praise.

HYMN OF LIGHT page 216

PRAYER

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us, and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. By your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM 141 - "Let My Prayer Rise Before You" (on page 217)

C: ♫ Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

M: Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PSALM 47 on page 47

M: Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING - Acts 1:1-11

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.” ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky?

This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

GOSPEL – Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

HYMN - 472 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

SERMON – Ephesians 1:20-21

"Our King Received His Crown"

SONG OF MARY (on page 220)

OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, let give thanks to the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. be our shield and strength, O Lord

C: **A - men.**

PRAYERS

M: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING

M: ♫ Let us praise the Lord.

C: ♫ **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING

M: ♫ The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♫ Amen.

HYMN - 476 "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"



As you all know, construction on the new school building

will start any day now. What you might not know is that we are using Builders for Christ for the majority of the building work. BFC is a volunteer program that helps churches and schools build by providing and coordinating volunteer labor.

The building teams consist of volunteers from all walks of life, including contractors, public servants, computer professionals, students, retired people, nurses, truck drivers, and more. The majority of the volunteers take a week of vacation and pay their own way, while working on the construction project. The host church/school is asked to support these volunteers by keeping snacks/beverages on hand as well as providing the noon lunch each day.

We are asking that all school families please contribute in some way to help provide what our workers need while they are building our new school.

- Donate snacks/beverages (can be brought into the school office)
 - Nuts
 - Chips
 - Crackers
 - Granola bars
 - Baked goods (workers will be onsite starting June 13th)
 - Water bottles
 - Gatorade
 - Coffee supplies
 - coffee grounds
 - dry creamers
 - sugar
- Sign-up to supply noon lunch
 - We need to supply lunch daily Tuesday through Saturday starting June 13th through August
 - A Sign-up Genius has been started for June, please sign up for any days that you'd be able to bring lunch to the teacherage for about 15-20 people depending on the week. We have someone lined up to serve and possibly could cook the meal as well if it is a freezer or refrigerated meal, these could also be brought in beforehand and kept in the teacherage or church fridge/freezer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A45ADAD2FAAFE3-builders>

- *Donate cash to purchase supplies*

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