

**PRELUDE:** *Performed by Tom Fagan*

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFMY2OIZ4Uw>

**INTRODUCTORY RITES:**

**Introduction:**

**Good morning to all of you. Welcome to today’s Liturgy of the Word on this Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.**

**We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territories of the Indigenous communities that preceded the founding of our parish.**

*– pause –*

**Today is also World Communications Day, on which the Church celebrates the achievements of the communications media and focuses on how it can best use them to promote gospel values.**

**We encourage full, conscious, and active participation in today’s celebration. All are invited to pray and sing together. Our participation, in whatever form, is a gift and ministry to each other.**

**Today’s reflection is offered by Eleanor Rabnett.**

**Let us begin with a moment of silence as we prepare our hearts and minds for transformation and renewal.**

***ONE Minute of Silence***

**Sharing in God's peace - let us welcome each other.**

*May 16, 2021: Ascension of the Lord – World Communications Day*

**Entrance Chant:**

**Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise – Charles Wesley**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAH7azFHyn8>

**Greeting:**

**Leader:**           **We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

**ALL:**               **Amen.**

**Penitential Act:**

**Leader:** Sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear,  
but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us  
rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.  
– *pause* –

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, you took on human form and became  
one with us: Lord, have mercy.

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, you conquered death and revealed to  
us your divine glory: Christ, have mercy.

**ALL:** Christ, have mercy.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, you now commission us to continue the  
work of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

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**Leader:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our  
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**ALL:** Amen.

**Gloria:**

**Leader:** Together let us sing praise to God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOPkiFXjqII>

**Collect:**

**Leader:** Let us pray: *- pause -*  
God of power and might,  
in the mystery of the ascension  
you have raised up and glorified your Son  
and exalted our humanity at your right hand.  
Confirm the good news your Church proclaims,  
so that when Christ returns in glory  
all nations may be gathered into the kingdom,  
where he lives and reigns with you now and always  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**ALL:** Amen

**Leader:** Let us prepare to listen to God's Word.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

\*\*\* Please see the document titled “Readings for the Ascension of the Lord”. The readings from the Children’s Lectionary are also included for those families with young children. The second reading is omitted when the readings for children are used. Pre-recorded readings are available via this link: <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio/2021-05-16-usccb-ascension-mass-readings>

**First Reading.....Acts 1.1-11**

<i>RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:</i>	
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>The word of the Lord.</b>
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*\*\*\* 30 seconds of silence\*\*\**

**Responsorial Psalm ..... Psalm 47**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5WgFGotAnM>

**Second Reading..... Ephesians 4.1-13**

<i>RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:</i>	
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>The word of the Lord.</b>
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*\*\*\* 30 seconds of silence\*\*\**

**Gospel Acclamation..... Matthew 28.19, 20**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sC9sRbEuy\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sC9sRbEuy_c)

*RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:*

**Lector:**            **A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark.**

**ALL:**                **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel..... Mark 16. 15-20**

*RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL:*

**Lector:**            **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**ALL:**                **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Reflection..... Eleanor Rabnett**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYk7bVaH91E>

## **Profession of Faith:**

*\*\*\* Following the reflection, the Leader invites those gathered to profess their faith with the Apostles' Creed. Pg. 15 in the Sunday Missal.*

**Leader:**        **Let us profess our faith together:**

**ALL:**            **I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator 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;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Leader:**           **Let us bring our prayers before God.**

*\*\*\* See the PDF titled “Ascension of the Lord 2021 – Prayers of the Faithful”*

*\*\*\*Response: **Loving God, hear our prayer.***

*\*\*\*Following the Intentions, the Leader prays the following:*

**Leader:**           **Gracious God, you sent your Son to show us the way to the kingdom. Hear our prayers and open our hearts to your will. Lead us in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:**               **Amen.**

**HYMN:**

**There is One Lord – Taizé Community**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVEyrHiSm6Y>

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**Leader:** With the words that Jesus taught us, let us now pray together:

**ALL:** **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.**

**Leader:** Deliver us, God, from every evil.  
Graciously grant peace in our days,  
that by the help of your mercy,  
we may always be free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

**Leader:** Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
“I leave you peace, my peace I give you.”  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

**ALL:** **Amen**

**Sign of Peace:**

**Leader:** Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Leader:** We conclude our celebration with the Common Prayer for the sixth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*:

Loving God,  
Creator of heaven and Earth and all  
that is in them, you created us in your own image  
and made us stewards of all your creation.  
You blessed us with the sun, water,  
and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.  
Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we  
may attend to your gift of creation.  
Help us to be conscious that our common home  
belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures  
and to all future generations, and that it is our  
responsibility to preserve it.  
May we help each person secure the food and  
resources that they need.

**Be present to those in need during these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.**

**Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true conversion of heart.**

**Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this pandemic.**

**Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search for the common good.**

**Now, more than ever, may we feel that we are all connected and interdependent.**

**Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.**

**May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.**

**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.**

**ALL: Amen**

**CONCLUDING RITES:**

**Blessing:**

**Leader:** May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

**Dismissal:**

**Leader:** Let us go forth in the peace of Christ.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**Go Make of All Disciples**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrHmgGJrMI8>

**POSTLUDE:** *Performed by Tom Fagan*

**Rejoice, The Lord is King – Healey Willan**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAN9quUwARs>