

# Ascension Day

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## Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,  
by raising Jesus from the dead  
you proclaimed his victory,  
and by his ascension,  
you declared him Lord of all:  
lift up our hearts to heaven,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

*Chapter 1 beginning at Verse 1*

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

[NRSV Acts 1:1-11]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God***

**Psalm 110**

- 1 The Lord said to my lord:  
'Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.'
- 2 The Lord commits to you the sceptre of your power:  
reign from Zion in the midst of your enemies.
- 3 Noble are you, from the day of your birth  
upon the holy hill:  
radiant are you, even from the womb,  
in the morning dew of your youth.
- 4 The Lord has sworn and will not turn back:  
'You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'
- 5 The king shall stand at your right hand, O Lord:  
and shatter kings in the day of his wrath.
- 6 Glorious in majesty, he shall judge among the nations:  
and shatter heads over a wide land.
- 7 He shall slake his thirst from the brook beside the way:  
therefore shall he lift up his head.

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians,  
Chapter 1 beginning at Verse 15**

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head

over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

[NRSV Ephesians 1:15-23]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,  
Chapter 24 beginning at verse 44**

***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate,<sup>[a]</sup> the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

[NRSV Luke 24.44-53]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, ***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Sentence

**God has raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named.**