



The Ascension of the Lord

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Entrance Song

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

1. Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia! To his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia! Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia! Enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!
2. There for him high triumph waits: Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia! He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia! Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!
3. Highest heav'n its Lord receives; Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia! Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized

with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation

resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Offertory Song

Ave Maria

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus. Sancta Maria, Mater

Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc, et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Spiritual Communion

by St. Vincent Pallotti

Jesus, Infinite Love, truly God and truly man, my food and drink, I desire you and I wish to desire you with the fullness of love with which you are desired by the Angels, the Saints and their Queen, the Most Holy Mary, with the fullness of love of her own heart. And relying on your infinite mercy which does not reject even the most miserable – indeed it seeks them out, I wish to receive you in every moment, forever; and I wish to make as many acts of love and of adoration as you deserve and for all the goals that are pleasing to you. Amen.

Closing Song

Go Make of All Disciples

1. "Go make of all disciples:" We hear the call, O Lord, That comes from you, our Father, In your eternal Word. Inspire our ways of learning Through earnest, fervent prayer, And let our daily living Reveal you ev'rywhere.
2. "Go make of all disciples." Baptising in the name Of Father, Son, and Spirit From age to age the same. We call each new disciple To follow you, O Lord, Redeeming soul and body By water and the Word.
3. "Go make of all disciples." We at your feet would stay Until each life's vocation Accents your holy way. We cultivate the nature God plants in ev'ry heart, Revealing in our witness The Master Teacher's art.