



*Entrance Hymn*     *Oh, Love, How Deep*     322 (vs. 1, 5-7)

O, love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us by wickedness betrayed,  
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us he gave his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.

## *Easter Greeting*

*D: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*A: Christ is risen!*

**C: Christ is risen indeed!**

*D: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love of our God who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which He gives to us be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

## *Prayer of the Day*

*D: Let us pray:*

**C: God of earth and heaven, we celebrate the ascension of Your Son to Your right hand of power. Looking with anticipation for His return in glory, we hope in His coming reign of peace, abundance and wholeness. Empower us to manifest this future through our works in the present, transforming the world in His name for Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## *First Lesson*

## *Acts 1*

### *The Ascension of Jesus*

The first narrative that I wrote for you, Theophilus, covered everything that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until that day when, after he gave instructions through the Holy Spirit to his chosen disciples, he was taken up. With a lot of hard evidence Jesus had proven that he was alive after his suffering, appearing to the disciples over the course of 40 days and speaking about the Kingdom of God. Getting the disciples together, Jesus commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, "which you heard from me. For John, on the one hand, once baptized with water, but you, on the other hand, will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Then, when they had come together, the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you are in the process of restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the historical or even the God-determined moment that the Father sets by his own authority. Still, 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 very end of the earth."

After he said this, the disciples watched him being lifted up and the cloud carrying him away from their sight.

And as they were intently focused on heaven, Jesus took himself across, and behold, two men in white clothes were standing by the disciples.

These two men said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven will come in the same way as you saw him going into heaven."

*L: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

## ***Psalms***

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*Let God rise up, let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee before God.*

**As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;  
as wax melts before the fire,  
let the wicked perish before God.**

*But let the righteous be joyful;  
let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.*

**Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord's name;  
lift up a song to the Lord who rides upon the clouds --  
this one's name is the Lord--be exultant before the Lord.**

*Father of orphans and protector of widows  
is God in God's holy habitation.*

**You ascended the high mount, leading captives in your train  
and receiving gifts from people,  
even from those who rebel against  
the Lord God's abiding there.**

*Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;  
God is our salvation.*

I, Paul, have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, and for this reason I continually give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation – all in his knowledge – enlightening the eyes of your heart and enlightenment in knowing what is the hope to which he has called you – what is the wealth of the glory of his inheritance among the saints, and how unsurpassable is his great power in us, those who believe in the dominating energy of the strength of God which energized in Christ, raising Christ from death and seating Christ at the Father’s right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name being named, not only in this age but also in the coming age. And the Father subjugated all things under Christ’s feet and made Christ head over all the church, which is Christ’s body, the fullness of Christ which fills all things completely.

*L: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

*Verse*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give  
thanks to the ris - en Lord; Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give - praise to his name.  
Spread the good news o'er all the - earth;  
Je - sus has died and has ris - sen!

## *Gospel Acclamation*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

## *Gospel*

## *Luke 24*

Then Jesus completely opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "This is what is written - the one who was anointed by God as the Christ suffered and then rose from death on the third day, and repentance for the liberation from sin was proclaimed in his name into all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You all are Witnesses for this Christ. And behold, I send the promise of my Father to you; but, sit here in the city until you may be clothed with power from on high."

Then Jesus led the disciples out as far as the town of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them. And they, worshipping him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple blessing God.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ*

## *Sermon*

## *Hymn of the Day*

[tune: Von Himmel Hoch ELW 268]

Lord Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,  
arises now to paradise.

Disciples whom He washed and fed  
rejoice as heavenward He flies.

With Moses and Elijah dwell;  
Love joins Just Law with Mercy's Grace.  
The King who knew the death of hell  
Alive in glory takes His place.

Ascended Lord your presence here  
The Mystery your Word makes clear,  
Our debt for sin by faith you paid.  
Around the table you have laid;

O Savior now at God's right hand,  
Come key the gate to holy ground.  
Jerusalem, our promised land!  
Cry out our hearts at trumpet sound.

In joy and hope we raise to you  
Uplifted voices, hearts and eyes.  
All honor, glory, praise is due  
O Holy God who fills the skies.

## *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## *The Prayers*

### *Church & Passing of the Peace*

#### *Offertory*

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

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Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praises everlasting ring!

Angels sing in adoration,  
in God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation,  
all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## *Offertory Prayer*

*A: Let us Pray*

**C:** Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## *Benediction & Recessional*

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

***Dismissal*** A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Mildred Krupp,  
Karen McClure's aunt, on her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday, her first in heaven.

Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> will be a special Day here at Grace! We will  
have the closing of our Sunday School Program,  
Distribution of Bibles, Confirmation for our students & a  
Baptism!

**Schedule of Events:**

No 8:30 a.m. Service

10:00 a.m. Service - Sunday School Closing, Distribution of  
Bibles & Confirmation

11:00 a.m. Service - Confirmation & Baptism