

## Greeting

We give thanks this day that our Lord Jesus, the King of glory, the conqueror of sin and death, ascended to heaven while the angels sang His praises. Christ, the Mediator between God and man, Judge of the world and Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ is the beginning, the Head of the Church; where He has gone, we hope to follow. The joy of the resurrection and ascension renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to God's glory.

## Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise, He abides with His Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*Amen.*

## \*Hymn

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* Hymnal #325

## Scripture Readings

*John 17:24*

Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

*Acts 1:1-11* Pew Bible page 965

**Congregational Response** Psalm 47 (pages 504-505 in *unison*)

## Homily

## \*Hymn

*"Thine Is the Glory"* Hymnal #291

## \*Nicene Creed

Hymnal #138

## Reading of the Law

*Exodus 20:1-17 (page 68)*

## Confession

*Psalm 51 (page 507 in unison)*

## Our Assurance of Pardon

*Psalm 130*

## Heidelberg Catechism

*Question 76 (page 23)*

*Q. What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink His poured-out blood?*

- A. It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and by believing to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life. But it means more. Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body. And so, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as members of our body are by one soul.

## The Lord's Supper

## Prayer (unison)

Father, in this Eucharist we touch the divine life you give to the world. Help us to follow Christ with love to eternal life where He is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

## \*Hymn

*"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"* Hymnal #374

## Blessing

- L:** May Almighty God bless you on this day when His only Son ascended into heaven to prepare a place for you.  
**C:** Amen.  
**L:** After His resurrection, Christ was seen by His disciples. When He appears as judge may you be pleasing forever in His sight.  
**C:** Amen.  
**L:** You believe that Jesus has taken His seat in majesty at the right hand of the Father. May you have the joy of experiencing that He is also with you to the end of time, according to His promise.  
**C:** Amen