

The Feast of the Ascension
May 24, 2020

Gathering Song: Behold the Glory of God

Refrain

Behold the glory of God,
the Day-Star arising!
Christ Jesus shines on the earth
with mercy enduring!

1. Night of hope, night of glory divine-
Darkness conquered evermore.
Christ triumphant shines on the earth
With joy that endures.

Refrain

Psalm Response:

God mounts His throne to shouts of joy.
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joy, joy, joy!
God mounts His throne.

LITANY FOR THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Presider: Source of our life, your Spirit fills the world, embraces all things, and knows all human hearts. Send us your Spirit, to dwell within our hearts.

All: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Lector 1: From the darkness you brought forth light.

All: Come, Spirit of Light!

Lector 2: In the sleeping universe you awakened life.

All: Come, Spirit of Life!

Lector 3: You nourished Your people in the desert and created a holy nation.

All: Come, Spirit of Unity!

Lector 4: Through the Prophets of all ages You proclaimed justice.

All: Come, Spirit of Truth!

Lector 5: From Mother Mary you joyfully brought forth Christ.

All: Come, Spirit of Joy!

Lector 6: From the disciples of Jesus you created Your People, the Church.

All: Come, Spirit of Faith!

Lector 7: By the outpouring of your presence you empowered your people to proclaim the Gospel.

All: Come, Spirit of Power!

Lector 8: You distribute your gifts and ministries throughout the Body of Christ. **All: Come, Spirit of Grace!**

Lector 9: In every age you enlighten the minds of your people.

All: Come, Spirit of Wisdom!

Lector 10: In your mercy you heal the broken-hearted

All: Come, Spirit of Compassion!

Lector 11: From the bondage of death you set your people free.

All: Come, Spirit of Liberty!

Lector 12: You gather your people in reconciliation and understanding.

All: Come Spirit of Peace!

Presider: Come Holy Spirit, enlighten us that we may see beyond our differences to the deeper bond that we share. Give us the mind of Christ that we may understand our needs, heal our wounds, develop our skills, reconcile our differences, and bring peace to those around us and to the whole earth. You are our hope and our strength. Call us again to the path of service, and unite us in the love of Christ. **All: Amen.**

Communion Meditation: IN CHRIST ALONE
sung by Music Ministry

Closing Song: I SEND YOU OUT

1. I baptize you in the name of the father
I baptize you in the name of the son
I baptize you with the holy spirit
Go out and spread good news

Refrain:

I send you out on a mission of love
I send you out on a mission of love
I send you out on a mission of love
and know that i am with you always
Until the end of the world
(repeat refrain)