

**Service for Ascension Day 21st May 2020
and Sunday after Ascension 24th May 2020**



Call to Worship

God has gone up with a shout

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. [Psalm 47: 5]

Opening Prayer

Ascended Lord, you have made us living stones of the temple you are to build. We offer all that we are and all that we have to you.

King of glory: **ennoble us.**

King of Grace: **cherish us.**

King of life: **renew us.**

King of Promise: **surprise us. Amen.**

Penitence

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

**O King enthroned on high
filling the earth with your glory:**

holy is your name,

Lord God almighty.

**In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.
Amen.

Praise

Trumpets of the earth proclaim,
Christ who once in earth had lain,
goes in triumph now to reign.

Alleluia!

He sits with God upon his throne,
the Father's glory is his own,
he the eternal radiant Son,

Alleluia!

All human life with him is raised,
the weakest ones by heaven are praised,
now high and low on him have gazed.

Alleluia!

Collect for Ascension Day

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature
to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for the 7th Sunday of Easter

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice in your triumph,
fill your church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

READINGS

Ascension Day: Ephesians 1: 15-end Acts 1: 1-11

24 May: Easter 7 Acts 1: 6-14 John 17: 1-11

SERMON

PRAYERS

The Lord's Prayer

Responsory

As we wait in silence,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we listen to your word,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we worship you in majesty,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your refreshing,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your renewing,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your equipping,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your empowering,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Closing

May the King of glory fill us with joy, make us expectant,
keep us in unity, and bring us the Power from on high.
Alleluia! Amen.

