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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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SOLEMN MASS

The Introductory Rites

When the bell rings we stand.

**See the Conqueror mounts in triumph,
See the King in royal state
Riding on the clouds his chariot
To his heavenly palace gate;
Hark! the choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heavenly King.**

**Who is this that comes in glory,
With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,
He has gained the victory;
He who on the cross did suffer,
He who from the grave arose,
He has vanquished sin and Satan,
He by death has spoiled his foes.**

**Thou hast raised our human nature
In the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heavenly places,
There with thee in glory stand;
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne;
Mighty Lord, in thine ascension
We by faith behold our own.**

**Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son,
Dying, risen, ascending for us,
Who the heavenly realm has won;
Glory to the Holy Spirit;
To One God in persons Three;
Glory both in earth and heaven,
Glory, endless glory be. Amen.**

Priest: + In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

People: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: **And with your spirit.**

The Mass is introduced along with its intention and theme and we call to mind our sins.

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, risen from amongst the dead, you are with us every day until the end of time, open our eyes to the sign of your presence. Kyrie eleison

People: **Kyrie eleison**

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ in the glory of God the Father, you are with us every day until the end of time, open our hearts to the joy of your presence. Christe eleison

People: **Christe eleison**

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, you send us the Holy Spirit, you are with us every day until the end of time, open our lives to the coming of your Spirit. Kyrie eleison.

People: **Kyrie eleison.**

Priest: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

People: **Amen.**

The Gloria in Excelsis follows

**Glorify to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right
hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect or prayer for the day

Let us pray
Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout
thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ
your Son is our exaltation, and, where the
Head has gone before in glory, the Body is
called to follow in hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for The First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with
everything Jesus had done and taught
from the beginning until the day he gave
his instructions to the apostles he had

chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was
taken up to heaven. He had shown
himself alive to them after his Passion by
many demonstrations: for forty days he
had continued to appear to them and tell
them about the kingdom of God. When he
had been at table with them, he had told
them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait
there for what the Father had promised. 'It
is' he had said 'what you have heard me
speak about: John baptised with water
but you, not many days from now, will be
baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked
him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you
going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'
He replied, 'It is not for you to know times
or dates that the Father has decided by
his own authority, but you will receive
power when the Holy Spirit comes on you,
and then you will be my witnesses not
only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea
and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of
the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up
while they looked on, and a cloud took
him from their sight. They were still
staring into the sky when suddenly two
men in white were standing near them
and they said, 'Why are you men from
Galilee standing here looking into the
sky? Jesus who has been taken up from
you into heaven, this same Jesus will
come back in the same way as you have
seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

**God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

**God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

Priest: And may the blessing of
almighty God, the Father, and
the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain
with you for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended.

People: **Thanks be to God**

We sing our final Hymn

**REJOICE, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Breaking of the Bread

People: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

We kneel

Priest: +Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

The Communion Sentence

Priest: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

We come forward to receive Holy Communion

We sing the Communion Hymn

**WE love the place, O God,
Wherein thine honour dwells;
The joy of thine abode
All earthly joy excels.**

**We love the house of prayer,
Wherein thy servants meet;
And thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet.**

**We love the sacred font,
For there the holy Dove
To pour is ever wont
His blessing from above.**

**We love thine altar, Lord;
O, what on earth so dear!
For there, in faith adored,
We find thy presence near.**

**We love the word of life,
The word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife,
And joys that never cease.**

**We love to sing below
For mercies freely given;
But O, we long to know
The triumph-song of heaven!**

**Lord Jesus, give us grace
On earth to love thee more,
In heaven to see thy face,
And with thy saints adore.**

*The Post Communion prayer
We stand*

Priest: Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen**

The Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Bow down for God's blessing

Priest: May almighty God bless you for on this very day his Only Begotten Son pierced the heights of heaven and unlocked for you the way to ascent to where he is.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: May he grant that, as Christ after his Resurrection was seen plainly by his disciples, so when he comes as judge he may show himself merciful to you for all eternity.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: and may you who believe he is seated with the Father in his majesty, know with joy the fulfilment of his promise to stay with you until the end of time.

People: **Amen.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
**God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.
**God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

Second Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians
Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Go, make disciples of all the nations.
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: **And with your spirit.**

+A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Matthew 28:16-20

Glory to you, O Lord

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Homily now follows
We sit*

We stand for

The Profession of Faith (Creed)

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the third
day 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.
I 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
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look
forward to the +Resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Bidding Prayers now follow

Response

Priest: Lord hear us

People: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Priest: +Rest eternal grant unto them
O Lord

People: **and let light perpetual shine
upon them**

Priest: May they rest in peace

People: **Amen**

People: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the
Lord is with thee. Blessed art
thou among women and blessed
is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

We sing the Offertory Hymn

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies
won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole that wars may
cease
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of heaven,
One with the Father known,
And the blest Spirit through him giv-
en
From yonder triune throne:
All hail, Redeemer, hail
For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.**

*If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the peo-
ple respond each time*

Blessed be God for ever.

We stand

Pray, my Brothers and Sisters that this
my sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God the almighty Father
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory
of his name, for our good and the
good of all his holy Church.**

The prayer over the Offerings

We offer sacrifice now in supplication,
O Lord, to honour the wondrous
Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray,
that through this most holy exchange
we, too, may rise up to the heavenly
realms. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

People: **It is right and just**

*The Preface follows, at the end of the preface we
sing*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
Holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth, Heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Lord God of
Hosts
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the
highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
in the highest.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes
Blessed, blessed is he who comes
Blessed is he, blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the
highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
in the highest.**

We Kneel

*The Priest continues with the Eucharistic
Prayer.*

After the words of Consecration the priest says:

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People **Save us saviour of the world,
Save us saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set
us free
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
in the highest.**

At the conclusion of the prayer:

Through him, and with him, and in him
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

People: **AMEN.**

*The Lord's Prayer
We stand*

Priest: At the Saviour's command and
formed by divine teaching, we
dare to say:

People: **Our Father, who art in
heaven, hallowed be thy
name; thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass
against us; and lead us
not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray,
from every evil, graciously
grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your
mercy, we may be always
free from sin and safe from all
distress, as we await the
blessed hope and the
coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

People **For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to
your Apostles: Peace I leave you,
my peace I give you; look not on
our sins, but on the faith of your
Church, and graciously grant her
peace and unity in accordance
with your will. Who live and reign
for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be
with you always.

People: **And with your spirit.**