

# Order of Worship

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## Call to Worship

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,  
A great king over all the earth!**

God has gone up with a shout,  
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet!  
**Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Christ is risen and ascended,  
Seated at the right hand of God.  
**And we are sent as witnesses to the world.**

Let us worship God:  
**With joy, with praise, and with hope!**

## Call to Confession

Christ is exalted in glory,  
Yet calls us to be his witnesses.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

## Prayer of Confession

**Risen and ascended Lord,  
You call us to be your witnesses,  
Yet we hesitate and hold back.  
You send us into the world with good news,  
Yet we remain silent in the face of need.**

**You reign in power and glory,  
Yet we live as though fear has the final word.  
We lose sight of your presence  
And forget the hope you give.**

**Forgive us, O God.  
Lift our eyes to your glory.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
And send us out with courage and joy.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news:  
 Christ is risen, ascended, and reigns in glory.  
 In him, we are forgiven, restored,  
 And sent into the world with hope.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Living God,  
 As your Word is read and proclaimed,  
 Open our minds to understand the Scriptures.  
 Lift our hearts to behold Christ in glory,  
 And prepare us to be his witnesses.  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Affirmation of Faith** (*Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth,  
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 Who was conceived of the Holy Ghost,  
 Born of the Virgin Mary,  
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He arose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
 From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 The holy catholic church,  
 The communion of saints,  
 The forgiveness of sins,  
 The resurrection of the body,  
 And life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

### **Call for the Offering**

Christ has been exalted and reigns over all creation. In gratitude for God's power and grace, let us offer our gifts for the work of Christ's kingdom.



### **Prayer of Dedication**

Exalted God,  
You have raised Christ to reign in glory  
And placed all things under his feet.  
Receive these gifts as signs of our faith and devotion.  
Use them to bear witness to your love  
And to serve your purposes in the world.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Sovereign and gracious God,  
You have exalted Christ in glory  
And made him head over all things.

We pray for your church,  
That we may be faithful witnesses  
To the good news of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

We pray for the world,  
For nations and leaders,  
That your justice and peace may prevail.

We pray for those who are in need,  
For the sick, the grieving, and the oppressed,  
That they may know your healing and your hope.

We pray for all who wait and wonder,  
That they may trust in your promises  
And find strength in your presence.

Lift our hearts, O God,  
That we may set our hope on Christ,  
Who reigns with you in glory.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Who taught us to pray, saying:  
**"Our Father, who art in heaven..."**



## **Charge and Benediction**

Go into the world as witnesses to the risen and ascended Christ,  
Trusting in his power and guided by his Spirit.  
May the God who raised Christ in glory  
Fill you with hope and strength.  
May Christ reign in your hearts  
And send you into the world with joy.  
May the Holy Spirit empower you  
To be faithful witnesses, now and always. Amen.



Liturgy by Morgan Magelssen  
Prepared for the Ascension of the Lord Sunday worship using the following  
Revised Common Lectionary texts (Year A):  
Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53  
This liturgy is offered for free use and distribution.