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*The Small Passion: The Ascension, Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528)*

## *Ascension Sunday*

1 June 2025

Solemn High Mass

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Our Church stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Anishinabe  
Algonquin Nation.

## Organ Prelude

Prière du Christ montant vers son Père ("Prayer of Christ ascending towards his Father")  
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

## Mass Setting

Communion Service in F  
Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Gloria and Creed: Missa de Angelis

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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Let us go forth in peace, Alleluia.

**In the name of the Lord, Alleluia.**

*You are invited to join the procession, following the clergy around the church and returning to your pew as they enter the chancel.*

## Processional Hymn

**171    *Hail the day that sees him rise***

**Llanfair**

## Station at the Rood

Christ has gone up on high, Alleluia.

**And has led captivity captive, Alleluia.**

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## Introit Proper

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? alleluia : in like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven, so shall he come again, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven, as he went up : behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which said unto them. Glory be ... Ye men of Galilee ...

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Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

#### Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This

Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 93

*Dominus regnavit.*

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: / the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.  
<sup>2</sup> He hath made the round world so sure, / that it cannot be moved.  
<sup>3</sup> Ever since the world began hath thy throne been established: / thou art from everlasting.  
<sup>4</sup> The floods have lift up, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice: / the floods lift up their waves.  
<sup>5</sup> Mightier than the roar of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, / the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mighty.  
<sup>6</sup> Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: / holiness becometh thine house for ever

## Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all

things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn

**560     *Rejoice, the Lord is King***

**Darwall**

### Alleluia

Alleluia. Alleluia. *℟.* God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia. *℟.* Christ to highest heaven ascending, led captivity captive : and gave gifts unto us. Alleluia.

### Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-fourth chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke, beginning at the forty-fourth verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to

Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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Offertory Proper

God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.

Offertory Hymn

**549    *O worship the King***

**Hanover**

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## THE CANON OF THE MASS

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Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

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Communion Proper

Sing ye to the Lord, who ascended the heaven of heavens : to the  
sunrising, alleluia.

Communion Hymn

**387    *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor*                      St. Osmund**

Ablutions Motet

O clap your hands                      Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)  
text: Ps. 47

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us  
into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in  
this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Post-Communion Hymn

**200    *Crown him with many crowns*                      Diademata**

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Organ Postlude

Prelude in G Major                      O. Gibbons

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