

**Saint John's Episcopal Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma**

Ascension Day
21 May 2020

Choral Evensong, Rite I
5:30 p.m.

Ministers of the Service

Tyler Acord
Officiant

Joseph Arndt
Conductor and Prelude Organist

Adam Pajan
Organist

Order of Service

Prelude Excerpt from *L'Ascension* Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

People

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia.

Hymn 494

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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Psalm 24

Chant in E

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 “Who is this King of glory?” *
“The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.”
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” *
“The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.”
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 1:14, 24-28

The living creatures darted to and fro, like a flash of lightning. When they moved, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of mighty waters, like the thunder of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army; when they stopped, they let down their wings. And there came a voice from above the dome over their heads; when they stopped, they let down their wings. And above the dome over their heads there was something like a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was something that seemed like a human form. Upward from what appeared like the loins I saw something like gleaming amber, something that looked like fire enclosed all around; and downward from what looked like the loins I saw something that looked like fire, and there was a splendor all around. Like the bow in a cloud on a rainy day, such was the appearance of the splendor all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Magnificat

Service in B minor

T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:5-18

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Nunc dimittis

Service in B minor

T. Tertius Noble

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Cantor or Officiant



That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful,

People



We en - treat thee, O Lord.

(This response is sung after each of the following petitions)



That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,



That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,



That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,



That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear,



and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,



That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of



[_____ and] all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Anthem

God is gone up

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: the Lord with sounding 'Trumpets' melodies: sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphicwise! Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing, and let the King of Glory enter in. Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of Glory down him to attend, and hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody surround his Chariot as it did ascend; mixing their Music, making ev'ry string more to enravish as they this tune sing. Text by Edward Taylor (c.1646-1729)

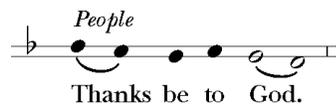
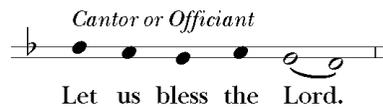
The General Thanksgiving*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant prays

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*



The Officiant says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Hymn



1. Since our great high priest, Christ Je - sus, Bears the name a -
2. Since we have a priest who suf-fered, Know - ing weak-ness,
3. Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, Now he sits at
4. Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, Faith's be - gin - ning



bove all names, Reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing
tears, and pain, Who, like us, was tried and tempt - ed,
God's right hand Crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,
and its end, Pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,



Oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs, and claims— Since to heav'n our
Un - like us, with - out a stain— Since he shared our
His pre - em - i - nence long-planned; Such a great high
Might-y ad - vo - cate and friend: Je - sus, high in



Lord has passed, Let us hold our wit - ness fast!
low - ly place, Let us bold - ly seek his grace!
priest we have, Strong to help, su - preme to save!
glo - ry raised, Our as - cend-ed Lord be praised!

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Postlude

Fugue in C, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Music at Midday Livestream

May 27 at 12 noon

Adam Pajan, organ

The Day of Pentecost

May 31

5 p.m. Organ Recital by Adam Pajan

Prélude, adagio et choral varié sur le theme du Veni Creator – Maurice Duruflé

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong

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Sundays

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

5:30 p.m. Evensong, Rite I

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II

Monday-Saturday

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Rite I