



The Last Sunday after Pentecost
 Christ the King
 November 24, 2024
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Welcome to Ascension! For more information about our community, please fill out a welcome card, found at either end of the pews, or take one of our welcome packets from a member of the Welcome Team or the table in the narthex. Please silence your electronic devices. Beginning ten minutes before the service, please help us create a contemplative space by refraining from cell phone use or loud conversation.

The people's responses are in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

My faith looks up to thee

Matt Schinske

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Hymnal 1982 # 477

All praise to thee for thou O King divine

Engelberg

Descant

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest and people

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest

The Hymnal 1982 # S 280

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Priest and People

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Reader A reading from the second Book of the prophet Samuel.

These are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For

he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 132:1-19

Lord, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;

How he swore an oath to the Lord *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

"I will not come under the roof of my house," *
nor climb up into my bed;

I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;

Until I find a place for the Lord, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.

For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:

"A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.

If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

For the Lord has chosen Zion; *
he has desired her for his habitation:

"This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.

I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine."

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

Reader A reading from the book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

The Hymnal 1982 # 494

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Diademata

Descant

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

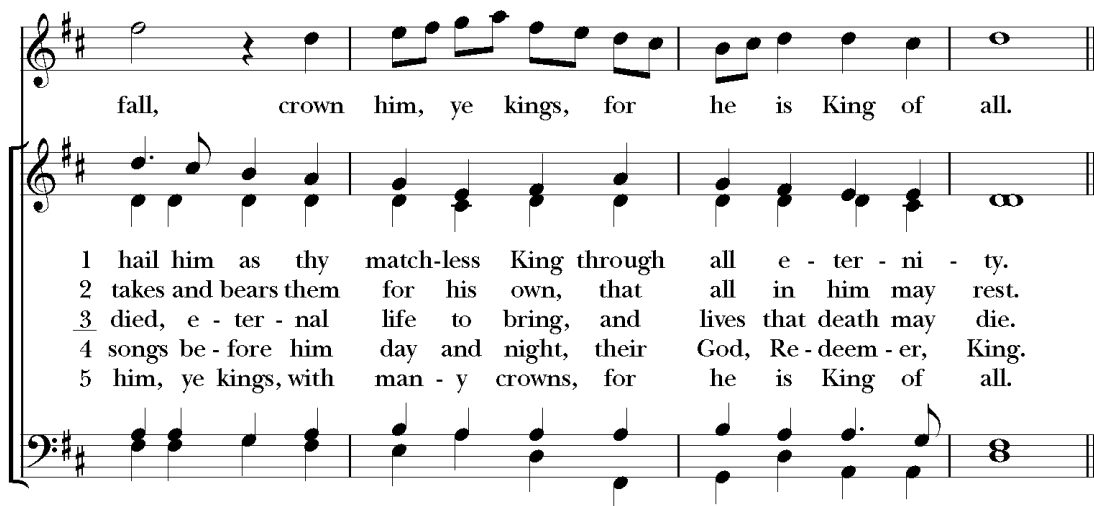
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en -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

The people remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

Tracey Forfa C.H.O.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A brief silence is kept.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for **Greg** Kostka; **Jan** Hauber; **Alero** Nesiamia; **Jayda** and **Raheem** Gerad; **Doris** Chin; **Barbara** Harbison; **Tim** Fitzpatrick; **Jim** and **Enrique** Alstrum-Acevedo; **Kirk** Davies; **Mary** Waldron; **Ray** Villescas; **TJ** Miller; **Betty** Knight; **Rodolfo** Rodriguez; **Carlina** Vergara; **Ron** Hayden; **Dawn** Wright; **Joan** Gil. and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, as well as for all those on our extended healing prayer list.

Extended Prayer List: Angie Ricks, Jean Isaac, Judy Conroy, Matt and Jeanie Cross, James Parker, Lyn Pusey, JoAnna Grable, George Scott, Christine Keunen, Delita Rodriguez.

We pray for peace in the world and for the victims of war everywhere. We also pray for all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

We pray for all those affected by, suffering from, and killed by gun violence throughout our country.

We give thanks for the lives of Aaron Wright and Yvonne Law who died on November 17, 2024.

The flowers on the altar today are given by Kristen Keating in honor of her parent's (Jack and Donna) wedding anniversary.

We give thanks for the recent birthday of **Michelle** Wood.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. (Psalm 50:14)

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion and an offering is received to support Ascension's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Sov'reign Lord, Creator, Righteous One* Mary McDonald

Sov'reign Lord, creator, righteous one, most high and holy King, my redeemer, Father, dearest friend; my praise to you I bring. I will praise your Name forever, knowing that you loved me first, for you feed my every hunger and quench my every thirst. With my heart I'll ever worship you, my voice will sing your praise; for your everlasting mercy and grace for every day.

All creation bows in humbleness before your heavenly throne, and I shall forever thank you for making me your own. You are higher than the highest, and the God of all who live. You are worthy of all honor and praise that I can give. All my life shall be a witness of your majesty and grace, and in heaven I'll bow before you and see you face to face. Amen

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here be - low;

Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant 
The Lord be with you.

People 
And al - so with you.

Celebrant 
Lift up your hearts.

People 
We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant 
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy

Wonder Love and Praise # 858

Land of Rest



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel or remain standing. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

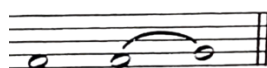
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



A - mén.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

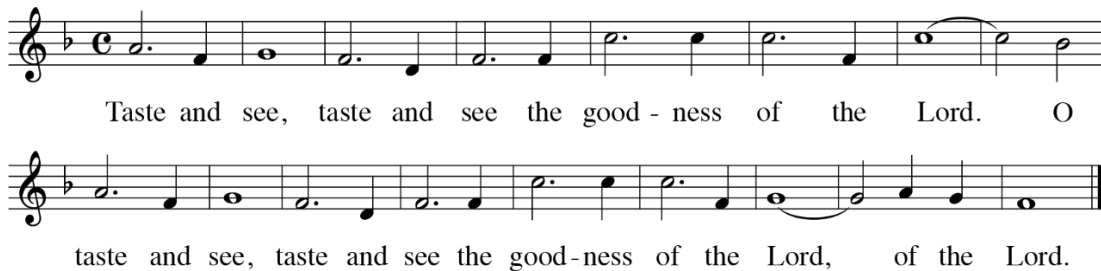
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Taste and see

Lift Every Voice and Sing # 154

James E. Moore, Jr.



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O
taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Celebrant God's Holy gifts for God's holy people. Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love. Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith. Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole in Christ. Come to Christ's table, there is room for all.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Church of the Ascension. Please follow the directions of the Priest. Receive the bread in your hands. You may receive the wine by drinking from the chalice or by taking one of the small cups, drinking from it and dropping it into the receptacle. If you wish to receive a blessing, join in the movement to the front of the nave and cross your arms over the front of your chest. After receiving Holy Communion or a blessing, the people are seated.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

After receiving communion, the people are seated for the hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing # 14

Soon and very soon

Andrae Crouch

1. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
 2. No more cry - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
 3. No more dy - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
 4. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King; _____

1. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
 2. No more cry - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
 3. No more dy - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
 4. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King; _____

1. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King,
 2. No more cry - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King,
 3. No more dy - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King,
 4. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King;

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, _____ we're goin' to see the King!

1.2. _____ Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -
 3.4. _____ jah, Hal - le - lu -

jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for the Body of Christ, the bread of heaven, and for the offering of Christ's holy presence, the gift of spiritual communion, which feeds us when we must be apart. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we become One Body in the sacrament of Christ's Body. Transform our lives with your life, for the love we share becomes bread for the world. AMEN.

BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the one who made us, who journeys with us, who breathes us into life moment by moment, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and always. Amen.

The people are seated for the announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more information about activities and events coming up at Ascension, please refer to the bulletin insert.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

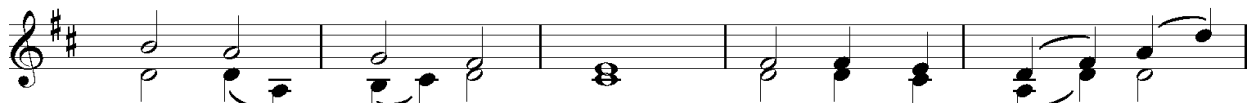
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Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Duke Street



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 thron'g to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

O Master, let me walk with thee

William Ringham

Service Participants:

The Rev. Javier García Ocampo – Rector

The Rev. Rosa Briones – Deacon

Etienne Zhou – Minister of Music

Tracey Forfa – Candidate for Holy Orders

Jesse Velazquez – Spanish Service Music Director

The Ascension Choir

The Ascension Tech Team

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