

ASCENSION SUNDAY

A Prayer

FOR OUR CHURCH

Risen Jesus,
 You ascended into heaven,
 but You did not leave us alone.
 You promised Your Spirit,
 Your presence, and Your power—
 and You keep every promise.

Help us to trust Your plan,
 even when it is not our plan.
 Teach us to release what we cannot control
 and rest in Your perfect will.

As we follow You together,
 empower us to live as Your witnesses—
 with faith, courage, and joy—
 until You come again.

Amen.

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Following Him, Together.

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When You
 Can't Have
Your Own Way

As Jesus ascended,
 He reminded them that His way
 is always better than our own.

Luke
 24:44-53

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Our Christian Worship of God
May 17 2026
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

Ascension Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

The Prelude

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

arr. van Dyke

*The Hymn No. 327

“ Crown Him with Many Crowns”

The Invocation

The Anthem

“Praise, Rejoice, and Sing”

arr. Pote

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

No 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. *universal**

*The Gloria Patri “**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. Amen.**

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:44-53

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Minister: Let us pray.

The Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

**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. Amen.**

The Welcome and Announcements

The Children’s Church

(Children 3 years old through 5th grades dismiss to Children’s Church with Mrs. Jessica.)

Recognition of Graduates

The Offering

Offertory

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

arr. Hayes

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise Him, all
creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen”**

No 95

*The Hymn No. 66

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

The Sermon

“When You Can’t Have Your Own Way”

Rev. Tresco Shannon

The Prayer of Christian Discipleship

*The Hymn No. 382

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

*The Benediction, by the Minister

*The Choral Response and Recessional

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us
walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the
moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment
and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it
begin with me.**

*The Chiming of the Trinity

*The Postlude

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand if able