

# *Risen, Ascended, Glorified*

A Liturgy for Ascension Day, May 25, 2017

St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops

Territory of the People

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OF THE PEOPLE

Presider	Bishop Barbara Andrews
Preacher	Bishop Mary Irwin Gibson
Musician	The Dean
Prayers	The Regional Dean
Gospeller	Margaret Mitchell
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*Music is played as we gather*

## **Sentence**

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age (Matthew 28:19, 20)

## **Hymn**

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
he hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Lo! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
still he calls mankind his own. Alleluia!

## **The Collect**

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.**

## **Ministry of the Word**

A Reading from Acts

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 over the course of 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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.' 1.1–11

Hear what the Spirit says to all people    **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 47

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great king over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our king, sing praises.

7 For God is king of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted. Blessed are you, God of all the earth;

## A Reading from Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards 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. 1.15–23

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## Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,  
first-begotten from the dead.  
Thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living bread!  
Jesus, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou art here, we ask not how.  
Thou art here, we ask not how.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Then he said to them, '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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. 24.44–53

The Gospel of Christ

### **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou was slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Cleansing souls from every stain.  
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Risen, ascended, glorified!  
Risen, ascended, glorified!

### **The Homily**

### **The Prayers**

### **The exchange of Peace**

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,  
from failing embers build a blazing fire;

love strong enough to overturn injustice,  
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,  
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;  
create a space for spirit to grow in us,  
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,  
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;  
help us to open doors of understanding,  
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,  
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;  
that we may rise to follow and to serve,  
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,  
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;  
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,  
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

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### **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.

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

Bishop     The Lord be with you.

**People**     **And also with you.**

Bishop     Lift up your hearts.

**People**     **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**     **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bishop     Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
for you anointed your Son Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit and with power;  
and you anoint us  
with the same Spirit in baptism,  
making us a holy people  
in the royal priesthood of the new covenant.  
Your apostles anointed the sick  
and healed them,  
and by your grace  
the ministry of healing continues in your Church;  
for you sustain us with your presence  
and drive away sickness of body and spirit,  
giving us new life and health  
that we may serve you both now and ever more.

Therefore we praise you  
with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All**     **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Bishop     We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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, Father, according to his command,

**All we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, 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, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Send your Holy Spirit on this oil,  
that those who in faith and repentance  
receive this holy unction may be made whole,  
[and that those who are sealed with this chrism  
may share in the royal priesthood  
of Jesus Christ].

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

**People Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
All Our Father in heaven,  
**hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

**All Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

*All are welcome and encouraged to share in the communion. Music is played as we share together.*

## 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.

Celebrant Glory to God,  
**All**            **whose power, working in us,  
                  can do infinitely more  
                  than we can ask or imagine.  
                  Glory to God from generation to generation,  
                  in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
                  for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Episcopal Blessing

### Hymn

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment;  
nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

Text: Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992).

*Please come downstairs for a Potluck Supper to follow in the Ruth Room*