

May 12, 2024- Ascension Sunday

Mother's Day

Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**Watchword for the Week:** Jesus said, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." John 17:17

**Call To Worship:**

(L) Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

**(A) But their delight is in the law of the Lord**

(L) For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous

**(A) Praise and Glory be to God; Amen.**

(Please Stand if able.)

**Gathering Hymn: "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"**

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**Hail the day that sees him rise, al-le-lu-ia! To his throne above the skies! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ, a-while to mortals giv'n, al-le-lu-ia! Re-as-cends his na-tive heav'n. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**There for him high tri-umph waits; al-le-lu-ia! Lift your heads, e-ter-nal gates! Al-le-lu-ia! He has con-quered death and sin; al-le-lu-ia! Take the King of glo-ry in! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**High-est heav'n its Lord re-ceives, al-le-lu-ia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves; al-le-lu-ia! Though re-turn-ing to his throne, al-le-lu-ia! Still he calls the world his own. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**See, he lifts his hands a-bove! Al-le-lu-ia! See, he shows the prints of love! Al-le-lu-ia! Hark, his gra-cious lips be-stow, al-le-lu-ia! Bless-ings on his church be-low! Al-le-lu-ia!**

(Please remain Standing if able.)

**Liturgy: Ascension**

**(Red Book) Page 67**

Lift up your heads, o ye gates and be lifted up ye everlasting doors.

**And the King of glory will come in.**

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, o ye gates and be lifted up ye everlasting doors.

**And the King of glory will come in.**

Who is the King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.**

The Lord has prepared His throne in the heavens.

**And His kingdom rules over all.**

The Father of glory has raised Christ from the dead and made Him to sit at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come, and He put all things in subjection under His feet and made Him head over all things for the

Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever.**

(Sitting)

#### CASSEL

**Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory there forever to abide! All the heavenly hosts adore him seated at the Father's side.  
There for sinners he is pleading, there he does our place prepare. Ever for us interceding till in glory we appear.**

Jesus said: In My Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and I will receive you unto Myself; that where I am there you may be also. I ascend to my Father and your Father, to My God and your God.

**If we are risen with Christ let us seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God.**

O most merciful Savior, as Thou wast raised from the dead,

**May we also walk in newness of life.**

As Thou didst ascend into heaven,

**May we set our minds on things above.**

As Thou sittest on the throne,

**May we be confident of final triumph.**

As Thou makest intercession for us,

**May we rejoice in forgiveness and peace.**

As angels honor Thee in heaven,

**May every tongue on earth itself confess Thy Name.**

And when we see Thee face to face,

**May we share Thy glory.**

#### DULCE CARMEN

**Thou hast raised our human nature On the clouds to God's right hand. There we sit in heavenly places, There with Thee in glory stand. Jesus reigns adored by angels; Man with God is on the throne. Mighty Lord, in Thine ascension, We by faith behold our own.**

(Please Stand if able.)

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have a High Priest Who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**We will with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.**

Thus saith the Lord: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To him who is athirst I will give water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.

**Therefore with the angels and the archangels, and with the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.**

#### GRAFENBERG

**Jesus is worthy to receive Honor and power divine; And blessing, more than we can give, Be, Lord, forever Thine.  
Let all creation join in one, To bless the sacred Name Of Him Who sits up on the throne, And to adore the Lamb.**

**Amen**

(Sitting)

## Children's Chat

**Offering Our Gifts To God:** We will collect the Regular Offering and then The Joyful Noise Collection. Please have your coins out to make a lot of noise in those cans. We want to see smiles on the children's faces. If you don't have coins we will take the paper money, too.

## Offertory

(Please Stand if able.)

**Doxology:**

**"Jesus Loves Me! This I Know"**

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**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak but He is strong.**

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me —The Bible tells me so!**

**Prayer of Blessing: (All) Creator God, you provide us with all we need for life, you nourish us like water nourishes a tree. We now share of the fruit of our labor, which has resulted from our trust in you. Please accept our tithes and offering as evidence that we will continue to trust in you always. Amen**

(Sitting)

## God's Word for Today:

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Acts 1: 6-11**

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**2nd Scripture Reading: 1 John 5: 9-13 (*Responsive Reading*)**

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9 We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. **10 Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.** 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.** 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**The Gospel: John 17: 6-19**

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**Hymn:**

**"Come Now O Lord"**

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**Come now, O Lord, and search each inmost thought. Ask if we love and serve you as we ought. Do we attempt to do your holy will? Does constant love for you our poor hearts fill?**

**The Message: His Plans Are Complete**

**Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant**

**Prayer for Mothers:**

**Comes from Sing To The Lord A New Song Book pgs.12-13**

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted moms, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother, or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown, **Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.**

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict, **Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.**

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms. **Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood, **Grant them strength and wisdom.**

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance, **Grant them time to share with their families.**

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty, **Grant them relief and justice.**

We pray for moms who try to balance vocation and family. **Grant them courage for the living of each day.**

We pray for stepmoms. **Grant them patience and understanding and love.**

We pray for moms who are separated from their children, **Grant them faith and hope.**

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis. **Grant them support and insight.**

We pray for moms who have lost children. **Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

We pray for mothers who aborted their children. **Grant them healing and peace.**

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption. **Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.**

We pray for the adoptive mothers. **Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.**

We pray for girls and women who think about being moms. **Grant them wisdom and discernment.**

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms. **Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.**

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life. **Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.**

We pray for moms who show us the way of faith. **Grant them the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of a mother in the past year, **Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.**

***(All mothers, women, and girls are invited to stand as able for prayer of blessing).***

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture: Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. Now hear the names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples.....

We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

(Please be seated.)

**Sunday School Children will sing**

(Please stand if able.)

**Benediction**

**Musical Response: (All) In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Parting Hymn: "Rejoice, the Lord is King"**

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**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore. Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are giv'n. Lift up your heart, life up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, bow down at his command and fall beneath his feet. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to gather all his saints to their eternal home. We soon shall hear the arch-an-gel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

*(Please be seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)*

**Postlude**

**Next Sunday, May 19, 2024, we will be celebrating Pentecost. Sister Susan Attzs-Mendoza will be bringing the message. We will have Fellowship Hour after the service. Please come and welcome her back.**

**Then, Sunday, May 26, 2024, we will be celebrating Trinity Sunday. We will be welcoming back Pastor Jesus Laguerra. Please come and worship with us.**



**Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, stepmothers, aunts, grandmothers and all of the important women in our lives!**