



THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

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Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne beyond 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 has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives; Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves. Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!
his atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
he the first fruits of our race. Alleluia!

There we shall with you remain, Alleluia!
partners of your endless reign, Alleluia!
see you with unclouded view, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in you. Alleluia!

Call to Worship

Today we celebrate Christ's return to God.

We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!

But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

Let's get to work!

Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise!

Collect

O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us comfortless: but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end Amen

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2: 9-15

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. 13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; 14 and he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. 15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, the spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

Responsive Psalm 24:1-6

1 The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;

Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him...

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:7-11

7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging. 10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: John 15:26 - 16:4

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27 and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

16 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. 2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. 3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

Apostle Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living 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. Amen.

The Sharing of Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you**

Announcements

- Bank Details to make your online offering and payment of membership
Name: Society of St Thomas' Cathedral
Account no: 917010054452406
Bank: Axis Bank Ltd
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- Beryl Godfrey wife of Godfrey Harris and mother of Christopher went to be with the Lord on the 9th of May 2021. She was the daughter of Allen and Rajathi Moses, Kindly keep the family in prayer
- Mrs. Ujwala Gaikwad the wife of late Rev D S Gaikwad the Presbyter of Emmanuel Church went to be with the Lord on 14th May 2021, Kindly prayer for their son
- Ajay Michiyari's nephew who was in Delhi went to be with the Lord on 9th May 2021, Kindly keep the family in prayer.
- Birthday - **May**:
Kala Chempaka (17) Evangeline Samuel (18) Samuel Sinate (18)
Oliver Malcolm Desai (19) Vidyut Tiwari (20) Jaiboy Phillips (21) Aryan Jadhav (22)
- Anniversary - **May**:
Alice & Colin Dawson (18) Malathy & Samuel Joseph (19) Smita & Roshan Thomas (20)
Dr. Usha & Rt Rev Dr. Samuel B Joshua (21)

Litany

Jesus, King of glory, your disciples' saw you ascend into heaven: **Have mercy on us.**

You are seated in glory at the right hand of the Father: **Have mercy on us.**

All power in heaven and earth has been given to you, and you rule forever: **Have mercy on us.**

You are adored by all God's angels: **Have mercy on us.**

You have opened the kingdom of God to all who believe: **Have mercy on us.**

You are able to save completely those who come to God through you: **Have mercy on us.**

You promise to give whatever we ask in your name: **Have mercy on us.**

You have gone to prepare a place for us: **Have mercy on us.**

You will come again in glory to judge the living and dead: **Have mercy on us.**

You will take us to yourself, so that where you are, there we may be also: **Have mercy on us.**

All: Risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ, we know that you are seated at the right hand of the Father in majesty. Send us your Holy Spirit, so that we may also be strengthened to know your constant presence with us according to your promise to remain with us until the end of the age. We ask this in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore?"

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
You within the veil have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Now may the Blessing of God Almighty the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord
All: In the Name of Christ Amen

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