

CANTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"The Ascension of Christ" by Adriaen van Overbeke

The Ascension of the Lord

THE 17th DAY OF MAY

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, and we behold God's glory.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

Give thanks to God, O faithful ones!

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises!

✠ HYMN 263: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*.....CORONATION (Holden)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, on this day of glory, we confess our lack of trust in you. Even though we see your care for all creation, we confess our temptation to despair. We act as though you are powerless in the face of present evil. Help us to live with confidence in your grace, through our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who is our Way, our Truth, and our Life. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ GLORIA: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and Voices Raise* (v. 5).....ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Savior who has gained the victory; Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity: Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Ephesians 1:15-23

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM RESPONSE.....Psalm 47:1-9

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

GOSPEL READING.....Luke 24:44-53

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Blessing in Between*.....The Reverend Esta Jarrett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✚ HYMN 265: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*.....DUKE STREET

✚ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....from The Confession of 1967, 9.07, 9.21, 9.56

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.

Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.

He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.

This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world.

Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.

His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,

and initiates the new life in Christ.

“Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

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+ DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow...* OLD HUNDRETH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,
and of your own we give you.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.

**Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love;
through the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

+ HYMN 260: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*.....HYFRYDOL

+ CHARGE AND BLESSING

+ HYMN 601: *Amen*.....DANISH AMEN

POSTLUDE

+ Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Canton Presbyterian Church.

Just as you are, you are part of the body of Christ with us, and we are glad you are here.

Our staff are Rev. Esta Jarrett (Pastor) and Jeffrey Gonce (Music Director).
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