

Contemporary Worship

May 21, 2023

Ascension of Our Lord

Seventh Sunday of Easter

GATHERING MUSIC

May the Peoples Praise You – Getty/Townend/Cash/Zimmer

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light,

That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife

With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!

All Your blessing comes that we may praise,

May praise the Name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own,

And from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard,

May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your name

To every nation, tribe, and tongue Your church proclaim.

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty.

Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty.

All creation praise Your glorious Name.

WELCOME

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Assembly: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

OPENING PRAYER

SONG *

We Will Glorify

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

Verse 1: We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Verse 2: Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty. We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness. We will worship Him alone.

Verse 3: He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth. He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe. All praise to Him we give.

Verse 4: Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

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GOSPEL LESSON *

Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG *

He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name.
Jesus is Lord, forever His Truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in His Holy Name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in "Hear us, O God."

Assembly: Your mercy is great.

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with "through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord."

Assembly: Amen.

OFFERING

*Here I Am to Worship – Tim Hughes
Praise Team*

As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.

Offering plates are available at each entrance to the sanctuary and the QR code below can be used to give our tithes and offering.



*Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You.
Hope of a life spent with You.*

*So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're all together lovely, all together worthy,
All together wonderful to me.*

*Light of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the Earth You created.
All for love's sake became poor.*

CONFESSION *

Leader: God of the Resurrection and the Ascension,
You have done so many great things in our midst.

Assembly: **Forgive us when we doubt you.
Forgive us when do not listen to you.
Forgive us when we fail to make room for you in our lives.
Help us to be your faithful people. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS *

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

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 and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.
We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.
You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.
Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.
You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets
at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of
the cups and packaging after the service.
Paper bags for the disposal of cups and packaging are available on the communion rail.
"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.*

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you
Communion Receiver: Amen.

Alleluia

Verse 1: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse 2: He's my Savior, alleluia, He's my Savior, alleluia.
He's my Savior, alleluia, He's my Savior, alleluia.

Verse 3: He is worthy, alleluia, He is worthy, alleluia.
He is worthy, alleluia, He is worthy, alleluia.

Verse 4: I will praise him, alleluia, I will praise him, alleluia.
I will praise him, alleluia, I will praise him, alleluia.

Verse 5: He is risen, alleluia, He is risen, alleluia.
He is risen, alleluia, He is risen, alleluia.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: Amen.

BLESSING *

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Assembly: Amen.

SONG *

Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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DISMISSAL *

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Assembly: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the risen and ascended Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

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Pastor Denny Asp, Associate Pastor

Deacon Diane Schwiger-Alexander, Director of Youth & Family

Pastor Wayne Hoedt, Assisting Minister

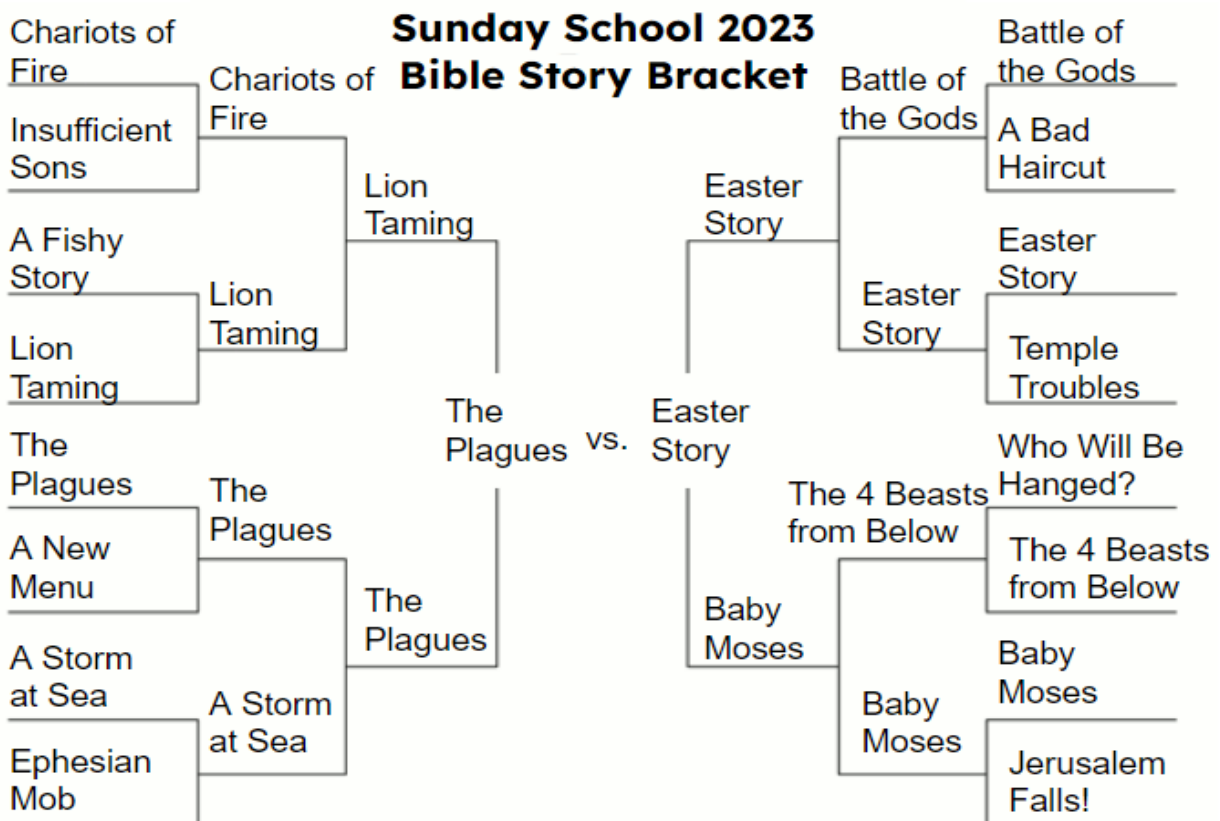
Chad Baker, Director of Worship & Music - Praise Team

FLOWER DEDICATION:

The altar flowers are given by Keith and Sally Rogers in memory of Tony Frank (born on May 24) and Lorraine Brockman (Sally's mother) and Don Wynkoop (both born on May 25).

The organ flowers are given in memory of her granddaughter, Emily Finley, by Ann Walters.

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The 1st-3rd grade Sunday School class wants you to vote on the championship!
Who will win? The Easter Story vs. The Plagues

A little bit about how this started...

Our Sunday School class made New Year's Resolutions to share our favorite Bible stories with others in our class. When February came, we decided that a bracket would be a great way to talk about our favorite stories. Everyone picked out two stories and we put them in the bracket. We read all of the stories and voted. Now we need your help to decide the winner!

The Easter Story

Jesus rises from the dead.
This means he loves us.
We like all the rejoicing in this story.

The Plagues

We like the story.
We like to see what God was able to do.
We do feel sad about the plague with the Angel of Death. It is sad that the Egyptian people had to suffer because their leader made bad decisions and he was selfish.

The stories came from *The Action Bible*.

Chariots of Fire, the story of Elijah going to Heaven, based on 2 Kings 2:1-18

Insufficient Sons, the story of God's promise to Abraham and Sarah, based on Genesis 15-18

A Fishy Story, the story of Jonah, based on Jonah

Lion Taming, the story of Daniel in the lion's den, based on Daniel 6

The Plagues/The Final Plague, the story of the plagues of Egypt, based on Exodus 7:12-12:51

A New Menu, Peter's dream about the new Church, based on Acts 10:1-11:18

Storm at Sea, the story of Jesus calming the sea, based on Mark 4:35-5:24

Ephesian Mob, the story of Paul in Ephesus, based on Acts 19:23-20:5, 2 Corinthians

Battle of the Gods, the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal, based on 1 Kings 18

A Bad Haircut, the story of Samson and Delilah, based on Judges 16:1-20

Temple Troubles, the story of the temple being rebuilt, based on Ezra 4-6, Haggai, Zechariah

Who Will Be Hanged?, the story of Esther and Mordecai, based on Esther 5-10

The Four Beasts from Below, Daniel's dream about God's Kingdom, based on Daniel 7

Baby in a Basket, the story of Moses in a basket, based on Exodus 1:1-2:10

Jerusalem Falls!, the story of the Babylonians destroying Jerusalem, based on Jeremiah 39-44, 2 Kings 25, Lamentations, Obadiah

Easter Story (Crucified!/The Sealed Tomb), the story of Jesus dying for our sins and rising from the dead, based on Luke 23:26-52, Luke 24:13-32, John 19:23-20:18, Matthew 27:32-28:15, Mark 15:21-45