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May 29, 2022  
Ascension Sunday  
and the Baptism of  
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## REFLECTION

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### **Celebrating the Ascension of Jesus Christ: Lord of all Authority and Power**

Blessing them,  
    He ascended into heaven.  
Gone, but not gone.  
Ascended, but still with us.  
Alive among us  
Among us  
Us!  
No longer sad at his leaving,  
    we wait in joy and wonder  
    for the Spirit.  
Blessed,  
    we wait to do his bidding,  
    to go out  
    to all the world  
    to tell the Good News  
        that God loves us so much  
        He chose to live among us.  
Lo, He is with us always  
    even unto the end of the world...  
Ascended Lord, ever Emmanuel!

— Ann Weems, 1991

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## ASCENSION SUNDAY

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

### **Gathering Hymn**

### **Ascend**

Come let us see our Lord and King  
He's reigning in glory  
Lift up your eyes all earth and sky  
His Kingdom is coming  
From glory to glory  
We will arrive

## **Chorus**

We will ascend the hill of the Lord  
And we will declare His holy word  
With clean hands and pure hearts  
With clean hands and pure hearts  
We will see God

We fix our eyes we give our lives  
Our hope is in Heaven  
So let us run we have overcome  
Now and forever  
From glory to glory  
We will arrive

## **Chorus**

And when we see Him we'll be like Him  
Face to face we'll know what love is  
(Repeat)

## **Chorus**

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

**Call to Worship** from Ezekiel 34:22-24 & Ephesians 1:20–23:

“I will rescue my flock,” says the Lord God; “they shall no longer be a prey. .... And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant, David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

**And we know He accomplished this “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 one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”**

## **Invocation**

**Old Testament Lesson** Psalm 47

Praise Hymn

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

1. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. See, he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Lord, be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height; Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 he hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

en - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Confession of Sin

from Colossians 3:1-10

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”

**O Lord, we have put our trust in you; we have been raised with Christ our Lord; but the things above seem so far off.**

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”

**O Lord, the things of earth captivate, they thrill,  
they distract; the things above seem so far off.**

“For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

**O God my Father, the present task, or success or fun, the present crisis, or pain, or boredom, captures me; and the future glory, won for me by my Savior at the Cross, seems so far away.**

“Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness — which is idolatry. On account of these things the wrath of God is coming. In these you once walked, when you lived in them.”

**O Lord, much that is impure lives in me still, and it is painful to put it to death. O Lord, have mercy on me.**

“But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator.”

**“Put them all away!” O God, we have sinned; O God, I have sinned. I have not put all these things away; though your Spirit has created a new heart in me, I find myself unwilling to leave the old, dead ways behind. O holy Father, forgive us; O Christ our Savior, remember your sufferings on our behalf; O Spirit of purity, hear our prayer for Jesus’ sake, and fill us with his goodness. Amen.**

## Individual Confession

## **Absolution**                      Hebrews 7:22–28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but [Jesus] holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

## **Thanksgiving Hymn**                      In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

**New Testament Lesson**                      Acts 1:1-11

**Peace of Christ**        The peace of the Lord be with you!  
   **And also with you!**

**Trinity Song**

Holy Father Son and Spirit;  
Holy Communion Three in One  
Come with Your peace with Your invitation;  
Bind us together in holy love  
Holy Father Son and Spirit;  
Holy Communion Three in One

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**Sermon Text**                      Mark 4:21-34

**Sermon**                      The King and the Cross: Mark's Gospel | Pastor Curran Bishop

**Response Hymn**                      Crown Him With Many Crowns

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

**Bringing Our Life to God**                      Prayers | Collection | Profession

**Prayers of the People**

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1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways  
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

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and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

## Collection

Text **MNA 1708** to **76959** and follow the prompts  
or visit [give.pcamna.org/to/1708/](http://give.pcamna.org/to/1708/)

## Sinclair Alleluia

### Confession of Faith

### The Rite of Covenant Baptism

The covenant promises:

For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call to him. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you and to your seed after you. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house.

– Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31

Questions to the parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question to the church:

- Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

### Baptism Hymn

### Jesus Loves Me

### Communion in Christ Jesus

*All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.*



1. Je - sus loves me! This I know,  
 2. *Je - sus loves me! This I know,*  
 3. Gos - pel sign to me a - pplied  
 4. *When I stray and 'gainst you sin,*  
 5. Je - sus loves me! He, who died,



For my Bap - tism tells me so;  
*As He loved so long a - go,*  
 point - ing me to Him who died.  
*Tell me who I am a - gain:*  
 Heav - en's gates has o - pen'd wide;



Lit - tle ones to Him be - long;  
*Ta - king chil - dren on His knee,*  
 Keep me faith - ful all the way,  
*Bap - tized child of Christ the King,*  
 He has wash'd a - way my sin,



They are weak, but He is strong!  
*Say - ing "Let them come to Me!"*  
 from You may I ne - ver stray!  
*God's my Fa - ther, so I sing:*  
 let His lit - tle child come in!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! My Bap - tism tells me so!

## Communion Hymn

## O Church Arise (verses 1-3)

O church arise and put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valour  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

## Prayer for those searching

*Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.*

**Coronation Hymn**

O Church Arise (verse 4)

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

**Benediction**

from Jude 24–25 and Romans 15:13

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. And to you His people, joy and peace in believing. Amen.

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Little child,  
For you God made the world;  
for you He took our flesh and was born a baby, like you;  
for you He laid down his life;  
for you He rose again in the power of an indestructible life;  
for you He ascended to God's right hand to rule His world;  
and for you He's coming back one day.

– Huegenot Baptismal litany

## SERMON WORD SEARCH

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P V B J S X L M L G V N U O P Q U X V M  
H Z A Z V Z B Y R T C W Y X S B Q I H U  
I L P M W K V A T V X Z A L J Y D X I Y  
K O N X D K I I S E Q Y Q P R Y O I D Y  
N F J X T N S E Z K W K B P S N N O D G  
N D T X G X J T H I E Z Y N X Q D H E W  
G E N G M N E H A C J T L G Z L K T N O  
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C N W U E O H H S O D W I M M Z G A L M  
P X O C E A F Q T N T G P S X U R E U G  
Y M R T R W V W S O H O W C R Z U N I A  
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J H J K D S C A T T E R R Y W X C G A Z  
M P F U U W A X Z H S A J A L H M X U Q  
Q O K O I I P M T T J J K I N G D O M S

LAMP  
BASKET  
BED  
STAND  
NOTHING  
HIDDEN  
SECRET  
LIGHT  
MEASURE  
GIVEN  
KINGDOM  
SCATTER  
GROWS  
EARTH  
GRAIN  
HARVEST

## SERMON NOTES

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## REFLECTION

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### **Reigning With Jesus**

“Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

– Romans 8:17

The boundless realms of His Father’s universe are Christ’s by prescriptive right. As “heir of all things,” He is the sole proprietor of the vast creation of God, and He has admitted us to claim the whole as ours, by virtue of that deed of joint-heirship which the Lord has ratified with His chosen people. The golden streets of paradise, the pearly gates, the river of life, the transcendent bliss, and the unutterable glory, are, by our blessed Lord, made over to us for our everlasting possession. All that He has He shares with His people. The crown royal He has placed upon the head of His Church, appointing her a kingdom, and calling her a royal priesthood, a generation of priests and kings. He uncrowned Himself that we might have a coronation of glory; He would not sit upon his own throne until he had procured a place upon it for all who overcome by His blood. Crown the head and the whole body shares the honor. Behold here the reward of every Christian conqueror! Christ’s throne, crown, sceptre, palace, treasure, robes, heritage, are yours. Far superior to the jealousy, selfishness, and greed, which admit of no participation of their advantages, Christ deems His happiness completed by his people sharing it.

“I have given them the glory that you gave me.”

– John 17:22

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

– John 15:11

The smiles of His Father are all the sweeter to Him, because His people share them. The honors of His kingdom are more pleasing, because His people appear with Him in glory. More valuable to Him are His conquests, since they have taught His people to overcome. He delights in His throne, because on it there is a place for them. He rejoices in His royal robes, since over them His skirts are spread. He delights the more in His joy, because He calls them to enter into it.

– *Morning and Evening Devotions*, Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Community Group** | Meeting **MONDAY** at 5:00 at the Bishops' house for a Memorial Day picnic. Signup to bring a dish, drink or side on the link in the weekly email.

**Men's Breakfast** | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). A space for community, important questions, and understanding. Feel free to invite friends, coworkers and neighbors.

**Thursday Night Prayer Meeting** | 7-7:50pm. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other.

[Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

**Men's & Women's Bible Studies** | Men meet next on Saturday 6/11, women on 6/25, from 9-10:30am. Email questions for either study to [info@cpcmilford.org](mailto:info@cpcmilford.org).

**Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship** | Generally 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends, rotating months: the men will meet Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> for a bonfire if good weather, a pub night if rain. RSVP to [info@cpcmilford.org](mailto:info@cpcmilford.org).

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