



The Feast of the Ascension

At St. James by-the-Sea we welcome and care for all people at every stage of their spiritual journey, and we seek to create opportunities for faith in God to be discovered, renewed and put into action.

Welcome! Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, despite the constraints we are all under, we can still gather as one to worship. You will find everything you need to participate here in this bulletin, so do please join in with the prayers and singing. Leave comments to let us know what you think and engage with us over the coming week at www.SJBTS.org. May God be with us now as we center ourselves in prayer and worship.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark'.

The Rev'd Dr. Mark Hargreaves, *Rector*

Morning Worship Service

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION † MAY 24, 2020 AT 10:00AM

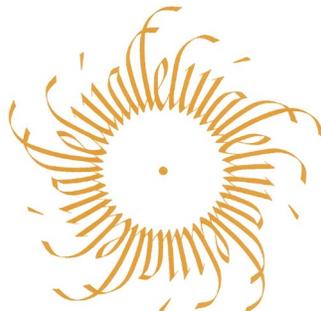
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Welcome

Opening Sentences

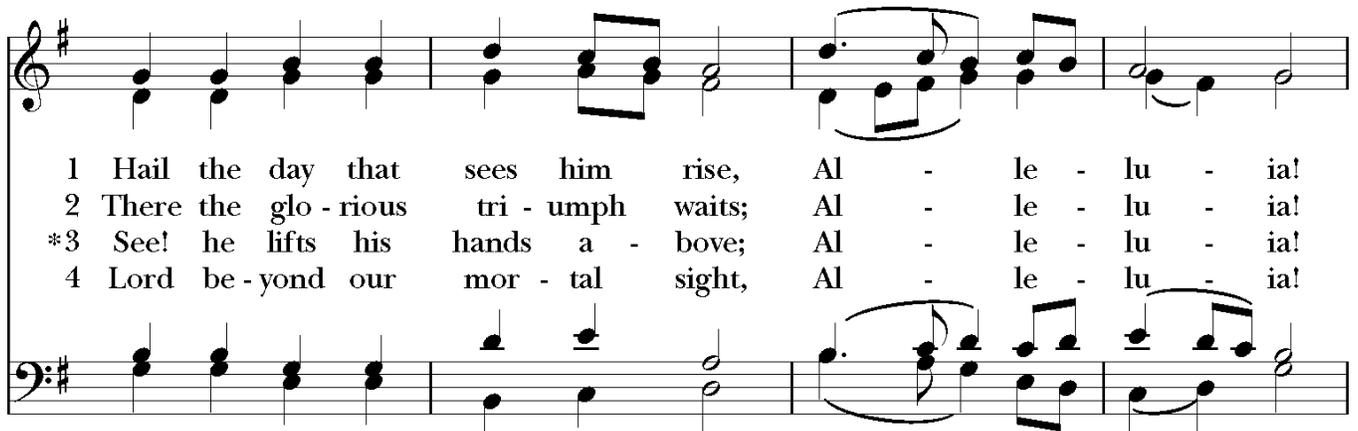
Alleluia. The Lord is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

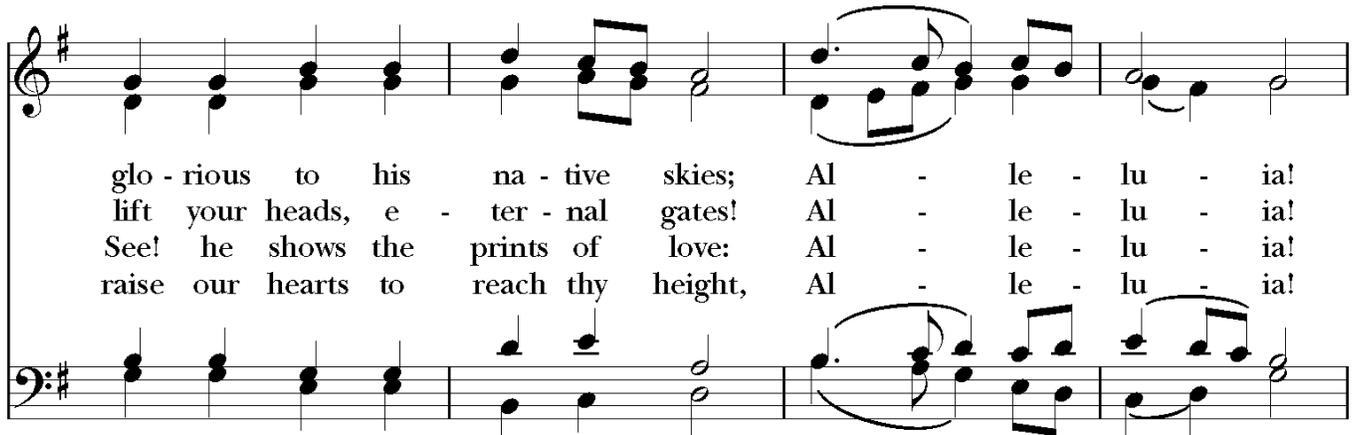


Hymn 214: Hail the day that sees him rise

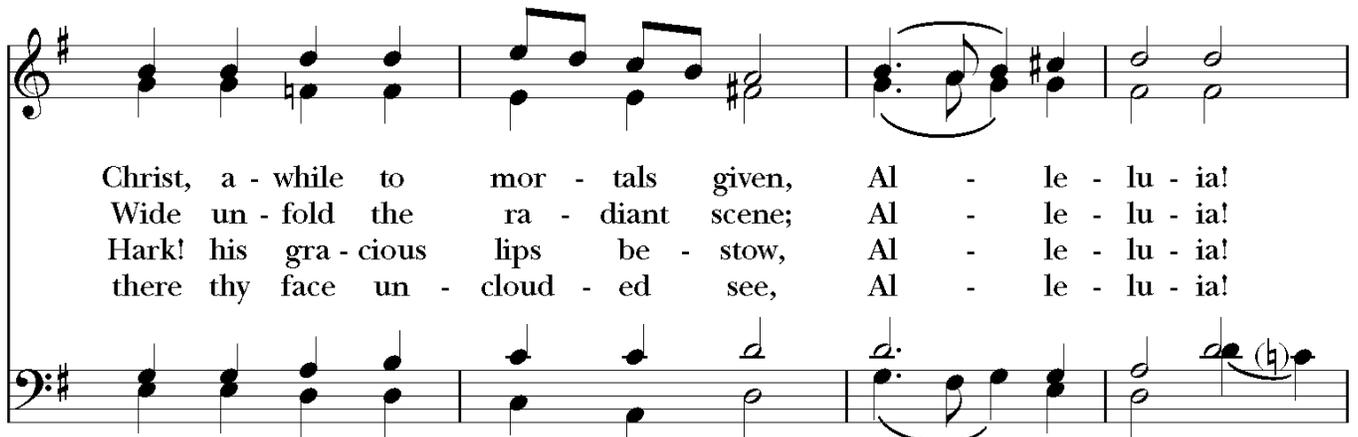
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1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 *3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



glo - rious to his na - tive 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, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; 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!



en - ters now the high - est heaven! 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 heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Collect for Memorial Day

God, the King of glory, in whose hands are the living and the dead; We give you thanks for all those who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant them your mercy and the light of your presence, and give us a sense of your will and purpose, that we may understand that the work you have begun in them will be perfected through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, in whom all strife is resolved. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work 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 age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Dr. Mark Hargreaves

Anthem: *If ye love me*

Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth.

The Prayers of the People

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 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Voluntary: *Sortie on "National Hymn"*

Lani Smith (1934-2015)



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PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world
For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and
all primates and bishops

For members of the Anglican Consultative Council

For the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon,

For the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the
UN offices in Geneva and New York

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Stephen's, Menifee

The children and teachers of St. Stephen's Preschool

For Healing Prayers

Ann R. Craig, Stan Legro, Mary Iseman Timmons, Richard Vance,
Marty Linville, Patricia Fickling, Fred Boynton, Paul Drake

Names on the **Healing Prayers** list will circulate for a four week cycle.
Please let the office know if any new names need to be added.

If you would like a pastoral visit, or know someone who would, please call
Fr. Mark at 858.459.3421 x106.

For those who have died

William Dever Timmons, Jr.

For those in the Armed Forces and their Families

Charlie Burdge, Aaron Cannon, James Castan, Nick Morgan,
Michelle Sangiorgi, Seal Team 7 and Tim, Ben, & Curt, Hillary
Thomas, Dylan Walsh, Anthony Williamson, Tim Young

Prayers for the World

For Christian martyrs and for all who are persecuted for their faith.
For refugees and all those who suffer from the degradations of war
and violence.

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