

**BROOKVIEW  
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CHURCH**

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# The Sunday of the Ascension

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Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*Amen.*

*Book of Common Prayer*

*And lifting up his hands he blessed them.  
While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.  
And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.*

# – The Gathering –

*Minister* Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Heb. 9:24*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

I'LL FLY AWAY

*Albert Brunley*

*All sing* <sup>1</sup> **Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.**

*Ch:* *I'll fly away, oh glory; I'll fly away (in the morning);  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.*

<sup>2</sup> **When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away.  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.**

<sup>3</sup> **Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;  
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.**

## ACCLAMATION

*Psalm 47:5*

*Minister* God has gone up with a shout,  
*All shout* **the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

## GREETING & INTRODUCTION

### THE ASCENSION READING

Acts 1:1-11

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

**I**N THE FIRST book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*Reader* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*All sing*

1. All hail the pow'r of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;  
 2. Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, Ye ran-somed from the fall,  
 3. Let ev-'ry kin-dred, ev-'ry tribe, On this ter-res-trial ball,  
 4. O that with yon-der sa-cred throng We at His feet may fall!

Bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, And crown Him Lord of all;  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all;  
 To Him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, And crown Him Lord of all;  
 We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, And crown Him Lord of all;

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## – The Service of the Word –

### OPENING PRAYER

### THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

*Reader*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

**F**OR THIS reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People***Thanks be to God.**



All sing

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness;  
 2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un-chang-ing grace;  
 3. His oath, His cov-e-e- nant, His blood Sup-port me in the whelm-ing flood;  
 4. When He shall come with trump-et sound, O may I then in Him be found,

I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.  
 In ev-'ry high and storm-y gale My an-chor holds with-in the veil.  
 When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 Dressed in His right-eous-ness a-lone, Fault-less to stand be-fore the throne.

REFRAIN

On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand- All oth-er ground is

sink-ing sand, All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

SERMON

Brother Joseph Payton



# HYMN OF RENEWAL SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Daniel Iverson

All sing

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the  
 liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me,  
 fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & BLESSING

### PARTING HYMN

### WAIT FOR THE LORD

Taižé<sup>iii</sup>

All sing

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
 Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

## DISMISSAL

*Minister* Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**All Shout** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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