



The Feast of the Ascension  
Daily Evening Prayer: Rite One with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

St. John's Episcopal Church – Saginaw, MI  
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## OPENING SENTENCE

*The Officiant says*

Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. *Hebrews 9:24*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

*Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.*

*The Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

Officiant        O God, make speed to save us.

People            O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

#### INVITATORY

*O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.*

#### Psalm 47

- <sup>1</sup>*Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.*
- <sup>2</sup>*For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the earth.*
- <sup>3</sup>*He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.*
- <sup>4</sup>*He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.*
- <sup>5</sup>*God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.*
- <sup>6</sup>*Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.*
- <sup>7</sup>*For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.*
- <sup>8</sup>*God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.*
- <sup>9</sup>*The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.*

<sup>10</sup>*The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.*

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## The Lessons

### Acts 1:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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; <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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>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."

*Reader*            *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 3: The Song of Mary

*Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded \*  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth \*  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **Ephesians 1:15-23**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>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, <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 age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for 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.***

Canticle 5: The Song of Simeon

*Nunc dimittis*

*Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
    according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
    which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
    and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Luke 24:44-53**

A Reading from Luke.

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to his disciples,] “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.”<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And 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.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.  
<sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.  
<sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;***

*who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

Officiant        The Lord be with you.

People            *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant        Let us pray.

*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.*

## SUFFRAGES

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. *For only in thee can we live in safety.*

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. *Thy saving health among all nations.*

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. *And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

O 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 abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. *Amen.*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



*Hail the day that sees him rise (Llanfair) (H 214)*

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!

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we thine unworthy servants  
 do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
 for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all men.  
 We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for thine inestimable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we beseech thee,  
 give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
 and that we show forth thy praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up our selves to thy service,  
 and by walking before thee  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

*Officiant*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

## BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*O saving Victim, opening wide (Verbum supernum prodiens) (h 311)*

1 O sav - ing Vic - tim, o - pening wide  
2 All praise and thanks to thee a - scend

the gate of heaven to us be - low,  
for ev - er - more, blest One in Three;

our foes press on from ev - ery side,  
O grant us life that shall not end

thine aid sup - ply, thy strength be - stow.  
in our true na - tive land with thee.

*A period of silence follows. A litany may be said or a brief meditation read. On occasions of particular thanksgiving, the Te Deum with its responses and closing prayers may be sung.*

*The silence might be ended in this manner*

May the Divine assistance remain with us always. **Amen.**

*Then verses five and six of this hymn is sung. Again, a profound bow is made at the words "This great Sacrament revere" and at the Triune Name in the second stanza.*

Therefore we, before him bending,  
this great Sacrament revere;  
types and shadows have their ending,  
for the newer rite is here;  
faith, our outward sense befriending,  
makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
honor, thanks, and praise addressing,  
while eternal ages run;  
ever too his love confessing  
who from both with both is One.

*Now, my tongue, the mystery telling (Pange lingua) (H 329)*



1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious  
2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for  
3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his  
4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his  
\*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -  
\*6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,  
2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing  
3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,  
5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,  
6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -  
2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with  
3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious  
4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the  
5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward  
6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.  
3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.  
4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.  
6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

*(During Eastertide and on Corpus Christi, alleluia is added to both versicle and response.)*

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.  
***Containing within itself all sweetness.***

*The Collect is said or sung*

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*In some places, the priest uses a humeral veil placed over the shoulders with which to handle the vessel containing the Sacrament. The priest takes up the Sacrament and silently makes the sign of the cross over the people. Look up and adore, saying in your heart: "My Lord and my God;" or repeating the Holy Name over and over, or simply asking, in your own words, Christ's blessings upon yourself and upon those for whom you wish to pray. The Sacrament is placed on the altar. The priest returns and kneels with the others facing the sacrament, and a period of silence follows. Then the Divine Praises are said, in this or some similar form. The people repeat each phrase after the priest.*

#### THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

***Blessed be God.***

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity.

***Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity.***

Blessed be God the Father, maker of heaven and earth.

***Blessed be God the Father, maker of heaven and earth.***

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

***Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.***

Blessed be Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.

***Blessed be Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.***

Blessed be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory.

***Blessed be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory.***

Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of his body and blood.

***Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of his body and blood.***

Blessed be God the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.  
*Blessed be God the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.*

Blessed be God in the Virgin Mary, Mother of our God.  
*Blessed be God in the Virgin Mary, Mother of our God.*

Blessed be God in Joseph, guardian of the Incarnate Word.  
*Blessed be God in Joseph, guardian of the Incarnate Word.*

Blessed be God in all the angels and saints.  
*Blessed be God in all the angels and saints.*

Blessed be God.  
*Blessed be God.*

*After the Divine Praises, the priest goes to the altar and replaces the Sacrament in the Tabernacle. When the priest has replaced the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, all rise.*

*Psalm 117 is said or sung, the people joining in the Antiphon. On occasion, some other hymn of praise may be used to conclude the service. In Eastertide, alleluia is added to the Antiphon.*

## **PSALM 117 WITH ANTIPHON**

*Antiphon*      ***Let us forever adore the most blessed Sacrament.***

O Praise the Lord, all ye heathen,\*  
    praise him all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us;\*  
    And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

***Let us forever adore the most blessed Sacrament.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

***Let us forever adore the most blessed Sacrament.***

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