

**DEVOTIONAL SERVICE: ASCENSION DAY THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021—VESPERS—P. 229**

**Hymn: LSB: 492—“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build” v. 1,2**

1. On Christ’s Ascension I now build The hope of my ascension; This hope alone has always stilled  
All doubt and apprehension; For where the Head is, there as well I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.

2. Since Christ returned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me obtaining; My heart will rest in Him  
alone, no other rest remaining; For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts will ever  
soar To still their deepest yearning.

**P:** O Lord, open my lips.

**C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

**P:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

**--Ps. 47: Together:**

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! <sup>2</sup> For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. <sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. <sup>4</sup> He chose our heritage 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 a trumpet. <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! <sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! <sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. <sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

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

**--Readings:** Acts 1: 1-11 Eph. 1: 15-23 Luke 24: 44-53

**--Common Responsory:**

**P:** Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth. **C: Response—below**

**P:** Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your Truth. **C: Response—Below**

**P:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **C: Response—Below:**

**C: Response: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

**--Devotion: John 14: 1-4 “Already Booked!”**

**--Apostle’s Creed**

**--Kyrie—All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy. ---- The Lord’s Prayer.**

**--P:** The Lord be with you. **C: And with your spirit.**

**--Prayers and Collect for Peace—All: O God, from Whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**--P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction.**

**--Hymn LSB: 492—“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build” v. 3**

O grant dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension, That I may serve You faithfully in thanks for my redemption; And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace In answer to my pleading.