



CHURCH OF THE  
**REDEEMER**

THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

MAY 24, 2020

# The Lord Ascendeth Up on High

Arthur T. Russell, 1851

J. G. Schicht, 1819

1. The Lord as - cend - eth up on high, the Lord hath tri - umphed glo - rious - ly,  
2. The heavens with joy re - ceive their Lord, by saints, by an - gel hosts a - dored;  
3. Our great High Priest hath gone be - fore, now on his church his grace to pour,

1. in power and might ex - cel - ling; the grave and hell are cap - tive led,  
2. O day of ex - ul - ta - tion! O earth, a - dore thy glo - rious King!  
3. and still his love he giv - eth; O may our hearts to him as - cend;

1. lo! he re - turns, our glo - rious Head, to his e - ter - nal dwell - ing.  
2. His ris - ing, his as - cen - sion sing with grate - ful ad - o - ra - tion!  
3. may all with - in us up - ward tend to him who ev - er liv - eth!

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Officiant: Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CONFESSON OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Officiant: O Lord, open our lips.*

**People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;*

**People: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**People: As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant: Praise the Lord.*

**People: The Lord's name be praised.**

## OUR GREAT GOD

### Verse 1

Eternal God unchanging  
Mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love unfailing  
In grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight  
Around Your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night  
In praise to You alone

### Chorus

Hallelujah glory be to our great God  
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

### Verse 2

Lord we are weak and frail  
Helpless in the storm  
Surround us with Your angels  
Hold us in Your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy  
His pleasure is our harm  
Rise up O Lord and he will flee  
Before our sov'reign God

### Verse 3

Let ev'ry creature in the sea  
And ev'ry flying bird  
Let ev'ry mountain  
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars  
In all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God  
Who rules them by His Word

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## 1 PETER 4:12-19

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

<sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

<sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

*The Holy Bible, ESV*

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HOMILY

Andy Bramsen

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader: Lord, in your mercy,*  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

## 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT

*O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/>*

*Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,*  
**People: And of your own have we given you.**

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

## HIS LOVE IS MY RESTING PLACE (PSALM 23)

### *Verse 1*

The Lord is my guide and friend  
I rest well when I'm with him  
No hunger or thirst or anxious need  
When my Lord is here with me

### *Chorus*

His love is my resting place  
My Shepherd is kind and full of grace  
The arms of my Lord are strong and safe  
His love is my resting place

### *Verse 2*

The shadow of death may fall  
With darkness upon my way  
But always my Lord is near to me  
His love is my resting place

### *Verse 3*

Your goodness will be my feast  
Your kindness will overflow  
And always your love will follow me  
And your house will be my home

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## HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

### *Verse 1*

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

### *Verse 2*

Fear not I am with you oh be not dismayed  
For I am your God and will still give you aid  
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand  
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand  
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

*Verse 3*

When through the deep waters I call you to go  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow  
For I will be with you your troubles to bless  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress

*Verse 4*

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not I will not desert to his foes  
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never no never no never forsake  
I'll never no never no never forsake

Bob Kaufflin

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## REVIVE US AGAIN

*Chorus*

Hallelujah Thine the glory  
Hallelujah amen  
Hallelujah Thine the glory  
Revive us again

*Verse 1*

We praise Thee O God  
For the Son of Thy love  
For Jesus who died  
And is now gone above

*Verse 2*

We praise Thee O God  
For Thy Spirit of light  
Who has shown us our Savior  
And scattered our night

*Verse 3*

All glory and praise  
To the Lamb that was slain  
Who has borne all our sins  
And has cleansed every stain

*Verse 4*

Revive us again  
Fill each heart with Thy love  
May each soul be rekindled  
With fire from above

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## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your  
goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Priest: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Deacon: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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## WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#). Thank you!



# BETTER TOGETHER

*Where groups of ten or fewer are gathered...*

While the vestry and I explore ways to gather in larger groups, beginning with ten and fewer, online worship will continue to serve as our primary means of participating in worship together out of concern for public health. Invitations to small in-person assemblies will be offered in the coming weeks to further form and express our Christian fellowship.

Many factors impact our feelings of vulnerability during this pandemic. In the interest of finding ways to both honor individual differences and embody our fellowship in Christ, I've created a survey to help identify the precautions needed for us to begin gathering together. We're so eager to be together in person again. But we need to do so carefully and safely. Please take a brief moment to complete the survey using the link below.

[Click Here to Complete the Survey](#)

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

*Philippians 4:4-6*

- Fr. Paul

## Today's Preacher - Andy Bramsen

Andy grew up in Senegal, West Africa. He is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Bethel University and has studied at the University of South Carolina - Aiken, Baylor University, and University of Notre Dame. Andy has served our church as a member of the vestry and in numerous other areas of ministry. He and his wife Sara, are the parents of four children, and live in Blaine.

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## HOLY COMMUNION ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 31

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*The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

Holy Communion is a sacrament of unity: Christ's offering of his life to us in the elements of bread and wine and a manifestation of the unity of the body of Christ as God's people rightly receive him. For those physically separated from fellow believers, reserved sacrament from a prior celebration of Holy Communion is a visible sign of the invisible grace that Christ is with them and—in unity with Christ—their church is with them as well.

Reserved sacrament of bread will be distributed from outside the church on Saturday, May 30, 9:30–10:30 a.m. We will receive together during online worship on Sunday, May 31, 4:30 p.m. Just as you reverently receive the bread into our hands in gathered worship, please keep the reserved sacrament in a special vessel or secure place in your home until we able to “take, and eat” together the following day. Please [contact Fr. Paul](#) with questions.

# EASTER *Creativity*

from CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

We are spreading an Easter Feast for one another by offering our creative gifts to encourage, inspire and celebrate. Adults, youth and children are all invited to submit artwork of all kinds - poetry, painting or photography; music, memoir or drawing. Submissions are due end-of-day on May 31st.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR SUBMISSIONS](#)

[VIEW LAST WEEK'S SUBMISSIONS HERE](#)

## CELEBRATING EASTER WITH GENEROSITY

Throughout the Easter season, Church of the Redeemer has been blessed to give \$1000 each week to organizations that provide relief to those affected by the current crisis. Supported organizations this Eastertide have been: [Feed My Starving Children](#), [the Sheridan Story](#), [IJM](#), [Compassion](#), [Prison Fellowship](#), [Art House North](#), [Wings for Widows](#), [Immigrant Relief Fund](#), [The Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery](#), [Navigator's ministry to the Roma](#), and the [Ralph Reader Food Shelf](#).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Join us in worship on Wednesdays and Sundays of each week. You may participate by dial-in or via internet with audio and video. Each time of worship follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30-40 minutes. Login information and a downloadable orders of service will be available at:

<https://oftheredeemer.org/events>

Sunday, 4:30 p.m.,

[Emphasis: God's Word for us.](#)

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.,

[Emphasis: Prayer.](#)

### Women's Bible Studies on the Gospel of John

- Monday night - resumes April 20 via Zoom from 7:30-9:00pm. All women are invited - it is not too late to join us! Please contact [Barbara Leafblad](#) or [Barbie Anderson](#) for materials and Zoom info.
- Thursday morning - resumes April 16th in Chapter 14 of the Gospel of John via Zoom from 9:30-10:30. All women are welcome. Please contact [Cindy Calvin](#) at for further information.

## PASTORAL CARE & BENEVOLENCE

A care team has been established to help maintain connections and encouragement within the church body, and to support one another in mission to neighbors, friends, and family. Please contact [Fr. Paul](#), [Deacon Liz](#), or [Deacon Dawn](#) if you are in need or are aware of someone who has immediate needs for food, transportation, housing, or healthcare.

## DAILY DEVOTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

- For individual and household worship, [Family Prayer](#) (p.67), or [Morning & Evening Prayer](#) (p.11, 41) in [The Book of Common Prayer – 2019](#) are rich liturgical resources.
- **10 Days of Prayer:** For the ten days between Ascension Day (May 21) and Pentecost (May 31) people of all ages at Church of the Redeemer will be praying as those first disciples did, for the Holy Spirit to be active in our lives, the Church and in the world. If you would like to join in praying with others, please request a guide with prayers and readings from [Deacon Liz](#).

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