THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
ORDER OF WORSHIP
SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH
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INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN OF THE PROCESSIONAL | SING WE TRIUMPHANT HYMNS OF PRAISE

1. Sing we triumphant hymns of praise,
   To greet our Lord these festive days,
   Alleluia, alleluia!
   Who by a road before untrod
   Ascended to the throne of God,
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
   alleluia, alleluia!

2. In wond’ring awe his faithful band
   Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
   Alleluia, alleluia!
   And with the Virgin Mother see
   Their Lord ascend in majesty.
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
   alleluia, alleluia!

3. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
   All praise to you let earth accord,
   Alleluia, alleluia!
   Who are, while endless ages run,
   With Father and with Spirit, One.
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
   alleluia, alleluia!

4. To God the Father let us sing,
   To God the Son, our risen King,
   Alleluia, alleluia!
   And equally let us adore
   The Holy Spirit evermore,
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
   alleluia, alleluia!

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING | The people reply: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT | HERITAGE MASS

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in
what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
AND STRIKING THEIR BREAST, THEY SAY:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
THEN THEY CONTINUE:

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
al the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
THE ABSOLUTION BY THE PRIEST FOLLOWS:
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
The people reply: Amen.
SECOND READING | HEBREWS 9:24-28, 10:19-23

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with the them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The people reply: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | PSALM 47

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING | HEBREWS 9:24-28, 10:19-23

For Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him. Therefore, brothers, since through the blood of Jesus we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary by the new and living way he opened for us through the veil, that is, his flesh, and since we have “a great priest over the house of God,” let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy. The people reply: Thanks be to God!

VERSE | Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

GOSPEL | MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” The people reply: Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[At the words that follow, all bow]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his Kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER  Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS | GO MAKE OF ALL DISCIPLES

Lord, That comes from you, our Father, In
name Of Father, Son, and Spirit— From
stay Un-till each life’s voca-tion Ac-
mand; “Lo, I am with you al-ways.” We
your e-ternal Word. In-spire our ways of
take your guid-ing hand. The task looms large be-
learn-ing Through earn-est, fer-vent prayer, And
ci-ple To fol-low you, O Lord, Re-
nature God plants in ev’ry heart, Re-
fore us— We fol-low with-out fear. In
let our dai-ly liv-ing Reveal you ev’ry-where.
deem-ing soul and bod-y By wa-ter and the Word.
veal-ing in our wit-ness The Mas-ter Teach-er’s art.
heav’n and earth your pow-er Shall bring God’s king-dom here.

PRAYER FOR ACCEPTANCE | PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS | PREFACE DIALOGUE

The priest prays: The Lord be with you. The people reply: And with your spirit. The priest prays: Lift up your hearts. The people reply: We lift them up to the Lord. The priest prays: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. The people reply: It is right and just.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON | PSALM 68

Be-hold, I am with you al-ways, e-ven to the end of the age, al-le-lu-ia.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING

The people reply: And with your spirit.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

BLESSING

The people reply: Thanks be to God!

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN | HAIL THE DAY THAT SEE HIM RISE

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
2. There for him high triumph waits; Al-le-lu-ia!
3. High-est heav’n its Lord receives, Al-le-lu-ia!

To his throne above the skies; Al-le-lu-ia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates; Al-le-lu-ia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves: Al-le-lu-ia!

Christ, awhile to mortals given, Al-le-lu-ia!
He has conquered death and sin; Al-le-lu-ia!
Though returning to his throne, Al-le-lu-ia!

Re-as-cends his native heav’n. Al-le-lu-ia!
Take the King of glory in. Al-le-lu-ia!
Still he calls the world his own. Al-le-lu-ia!