

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am
Rebecca Sullivant, solo

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light arr. Benjamin Harlan

I want to walk as a child of
the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to
the world. The star of my life is
Jesus.

(Refrain)

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both
alike. The Lamb is the light of
the city of God. Shine in my
heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of
God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness,
shine on my path. And show me
the way to the Father. (refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of
Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience
the race, We shall know the joy
of Jesus. (refrain)

DOXOLOGY* *together*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-11

HOMILY

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath
Part 6: How to Transform Community: *What Remains?*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

insert, 8:45 am

*If you would like to remain where you are
an usher will provide a communion packet for you at your pew.*

Take My Life, and Let It Be 399

I Need Thee Every Hour 397

HYMN*

O God of Every Nation 435

BENEDICTION

Go now in peace.
Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.
Let everything you do be done in love.

POSTLUDE

Psalms 19

Benedetto Marcello, 11:00 am



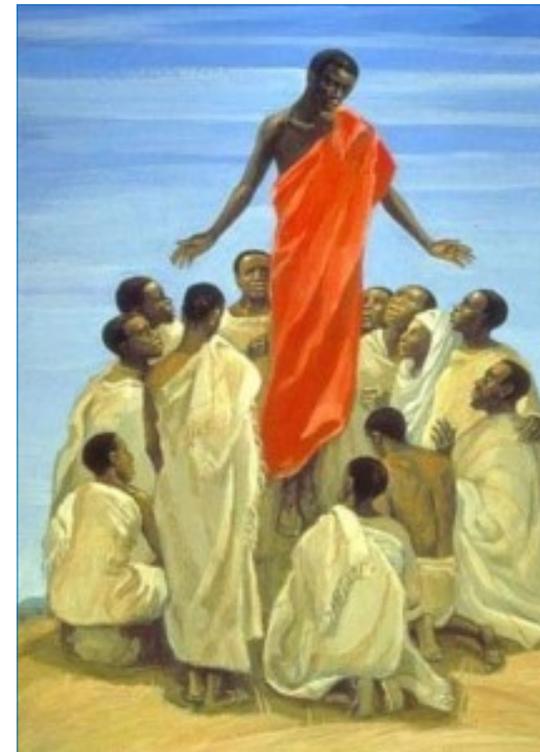
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ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 29, 2022



The Ascension
by Jesus Mafa

Jesus Mafa is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary
by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa.

Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Cheryl and Jay Livingston's daughter-in-law, Elissia Livingston.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

Welcome to All!

All are invited to participate in any of our activities,
and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood

"A prayer in times of violence" Corrymeela Community

God of all humanity, in times of violence, we see how inhuman we can be. We pray for those who, yesterday, were weighed down by grief, and the day before, and all the days before the day before. We pray too for those who help us turn towards justice and peace. Turn us all towards justice and peace, because we need it. Amen.

PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien, 11:00 am

Aria Flor Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP* *responsively*

Wait patiently for the Spirit to stir our spirits.

Wait hopefully to be filled by the living God.

For God justifies our hope and meets us in our need.

We trust this mystery: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Christ fills our hearts with love and moves through us to serve.

Witness the power of our God - Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

Offer God praise with all our being.

HYMN*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *together*

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The love and trust of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us affirm our trust in Christ and in one another by saying:

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We trust in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**The People Standing*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *together*

11:00 am

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE *together Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us*

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1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known; we have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.
2. Holy Spirit, come, console us, come as advocate to plead; loving Spirit stand beside us, grant in Christ the help we need.
3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live; make us holy through your presence, holy through the gifts you give.
4. Holy Spirit, come, fulfill us, you the love of Three in One, bring our lives to full completion through your work in us begun.

THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

At this time, children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may come forward to the front of the sanctuary for a time of sharing with the pastors then attend children's church in the education building.

OFFERING

Ushers with offering plates will pass by each pew. Please pass your gift to the usher or place in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.

Randall Bunnell, 8:45 am

Prayer

David W. Guion

Lord, in this hour of tumult,
Lord, in this night of fears,
Keep open, oh, keep open
My eyes, my heart, my ears.

Not blindly, not in hatred,
Lord, let me do my part
Keep open, oh, keep open,
dear Lord,
My eyes, my mind, my heart!

Hear Thou my pleading,
Hear Thou my prayer!
Lord, Hear Thou my pleading!
Lord God,
Hear Thou my pleading,
Hear Thou my prayer.

Lord, in this hour of tumult,
Lord in this night of fears,
Keep open, oh, keep open
My eyes, my ears.

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

1. O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.
2. From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.
3. Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.
4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table!

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

**Our God, who seeks the lost and gathers the weary,
we confess we neglect your loving care.**

**We tend to go our own way,
even when that threatens the peace you want to grant us.
We are sorry and we humbly repent. Lead us back with your light.
Guide our paths that we might serve you
and walk in your way that leads to life.**

SILENT CONFESSION

PARDON

Hear the good news - Jesus, who eats with sinners and collects the
wandering, still seeks us and forgives the sin of the entire world.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

singing together:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!***

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

singing together:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and
wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the
world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood. By your spirit make us one with
Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ
comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit
in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God.**

singing together: Amen, amen, amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER *together*