

Hymn during Communion CP 553

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love;

Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Source: *The Taizé Community*

Post-Communion Music Selection

Sending Hymn CP 505

Be Thou My Vision

Tune: Slane

Postlude *Sacred Song* Antonin Dvorak

The Cathedral Church of All Saints



Ascension Sunday

May 12, 2024

Instrumental Prelude *Intermezzo in A*
Johannes Brahms

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: CP 239 *Jesus Lives!*

Tune: St. Albinus

Children's Message



Collect

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne
of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord.
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of his peace,
and bring the whole of creation
to worship at his feet,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of
God as it comes to us in the reading of
Holy Scripture.

All: **Our hearts and minds are open.**



*"...as they were watching,
he was lifted up, and a cloud
took him out of their sight."*

"No one standing around watching that day could have guessed what an astounding thing happened when they all stopped looking into the sky and looked at each other instead."

"We go to church to worship, to acknowledge the Lord's absence and to seek the Lord's presence, to sing and to pray, to be silent and to be still, to hold out the empty cups of our hands and to be filled with bread, with wine, with the abiding presence of the absent Lord, until he comes again. Do you miss him sometimes? Do you long for assurance that you have not been left behind? Then why do you stand looking up toward heaven? Look around you, look around."

From: *Gospel Medicine*, Brabara Brown Taylor

Thank you! To our young people for leading us in today's worship, and to Mr. Bill Black for his ongoing leadership and encouragement. A Blessing!



May 26th we welcome the Thr!ve Girls Choir

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47 (read responsively)

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

**2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.**

3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

**4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

**6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

**8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.**

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

**10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.**

Gradual Hymn CP 247 *Hail the Day That Sees
Him Rise*

Tune: Ascension

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke (24:44-53)

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then he said to them, '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.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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.'

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,
The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Preparation Hymn CP 57 *Thou, Who at Thy First
Eucharist*

Tune: Song 1

