

St George's Church Beckenham
Order of Service for Ascension Sunday
Sunday 24 May 2020

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ✠
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

The Ascension Reading
Acts of the Apostles 1.1-11

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,
let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith,
and make our confession to our heavenly Father. (Hebrews 4.14; 10.22)
(Silence is kept)

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive our sins.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins, ✠
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

(The President prays the Collect for Ascension Day)

Reading: Daniel 7.9-14

Alleluia, alleluia.
Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.
Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.44-53

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

During which we thank God for showing us his undying love in Jesus and pray that his presence may be with us through the bread and wine; his body and his blood.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Ascension Day Preface is used

**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.]**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues as the President recalls the words of Christ at the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

*We recall the work of Christ and pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit,
praying as members of the Church for our whole life and mission.
The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with the doxology:*

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

(The President prays the post communion prayer)

THE BLESSING

As we wait in silence,

make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,

make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

make us ready for your coming Spirit.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ✠

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,

go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.