

The Ascension of Our Lord



May 24, 2020

THE GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING SONG: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” (LSB 493)

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with his faithful foll'wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To whom two shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say;
"This is his glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

(silence for personal self examination)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 our selves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the Glory of Your holy name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION (spoken by Pastor)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “This is the Feast”

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain.
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are His. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain
Has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu—ia!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

P: Let us pray together... **Grant, we pray, almighty God, that even as we believe your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind ascend and continually dwell there with him; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S Video

A LESSON: Ephesians 1: 15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24^h chapter. (video)

C: **Glory to you, O Lord** (*spoken*)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-53

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ** (*spoken*)

THE SERMON

GLORIFY THE LORD

105 We Will Glorify

To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory. Revelation 5:13

1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings; We will glo - ri - fy the
 2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty; We will bow be - fore His
 3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth; He is Lord of all who
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings; Hal - le - lu - jah to the

Lamb. We will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.
 throne. We will wor - ship Him in righ - teous - ness, We will wor - ship Him a - lone.
 live. He is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse; All praise to Him we give.
 Lamb. Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.

TEXT: Twila Paris

MUSIC: Twila Paris; arranged by David Allen

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WE WILL GLORIFY

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THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs.

P: Into your hands.....Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN

Music Interlude (as Pastor prepares the table)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 PEACE:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

A BLESSING**“Lamb of God”**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION**SONG: “Rejoice the Lord is King” (LSB 179)**

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart!

Lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!

Our Savior Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;

When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above:

Lift up your heart!

Lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!

His Kingdom cannot fail; He rules over earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

Lift up your heart!

Lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!

He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit

And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet:

Lift up your heart!

Lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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Next Sunday: May 31 - Feast of Pentecost - wear red!

Please join us again next Sunday at 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00 am on Facebook Live or view us bslc.freeonlinechurch.com.

Today at BSLC

Today's Worship Helpers. *Sign up sheet available on counter in hall*

	8:30 am	9:45 am	11:00 am
Communion Assistants	Scott Eggleston	Janet Pauley	Adam Bok
AV	Paul Pilat	Paul and Renee Pilat	Paul Pilat
Usher	Gorden Ratliff		
Greeter	Mike Rice		
Sanitize Team	Cathy Albea		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mindy Schoen (5/24), Andrew Dielman (5/26), Sheryl Johnson (5/29), Kathi Stack (5/29), Emily Schoeler (5/30), Sarah Schoeler (5/30) and Ethan Schoeler (5/30)

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY: Ben Brown (5/25)

We will continue to fellowship through zoom video conferencing. Several opportunities are being made possible to connect through small groups.

If you are not receiving Pastor's email newsletter, please let Laura (admin@bslcoh.org) in the church office know. She will make sure to get you added to the list.

These emails will have the most up to date announcements. You can also find updates on the church app (through CHURCH ON) and on the church website (www.BSLCOH.ORG)



Please let the office know if you have a graduate this year. We would like to recognize them soon. Email Laura at admin@bslcoh.org with the information - name, address, graduate from and future plans if known.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Confirmation tonight

Last class will be May 31 for the summer

Bible Study Zoom meeting Wednesday 10 am

ESL Zoom chat Tuesdays 10:45 am

Blood Drive Friday May 29 10-4 Walk-Ins welcome

Additional blood drives : June 4, June 18 , June 27

Food Truck May 29 Fryer Cliffs

June 4 Roosters

We are resuming inside services.

We will need additional helpers to direct our members through the new protocols

If you are available to help, please contact Laura at admin@bslcoh.org or text her at 614-204-5909

Greeter at the South door our new entrance point, direct people to sign in on attendance sheet or via church app. This is where the hand sanitizing station and the additional masks can be found

Usher: in the sanctuary, to direct people with the new seating arrangement and to release rows to exit sanctuary for communion

Sanitizing: after service to wipe down surfaces prior to next service beginning

AV/ Video recording: to help with all our audio visual needs including sound board and filming of livestream services