

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# THE SUNDAY OF THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST JESUS

May 9, 2010 10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices  
for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.*

Prelude: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

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Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship:

Psalm 24

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.**

\* Hymn: PH 410

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

\* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be God,

**And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

\* Prayer of the Day:

**Lord God Almighty, the Ancient of Days, you have set your Son Jesus Christ on the glorious throne of your kingdom and exalted him above all powers and principalities, dominions and thrones; grant that he, who has taken our flesh and carried our humanity into your holy presence, may pour out upon your church the gifts of your grace, and may he be both our righteous judge and merciful intercessor, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all power, majesty, glory and praise. Amen.**

\* Response: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is given the wondrous name of love.  
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Reading from the Psalms:

Psalms 33

Prayer of Confession:

Liturgy of John Knox, 1560

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and gracious Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that not only the actions of our lives, but also the works of our mouths and the thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.**      Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalms 79

Covenant Kids Choir Anthem: "Blessed Jesus"

Holder

Missions Report: Janette Hassey

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: PH 413

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

TRURO

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave during the hymn.]

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 6:5-15

Sermon: *Praying the Lord's Prayer*

Prayer

\* Hymn: PH 298

"According to Thy Gracious Word"

BANGOR

## THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "O Worship the King"

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\* Doxology: PH 638

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDT

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

\* *CONFESSION OF FAITH:* The Apostles' Creed

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

*PRAYER OF CONSECRATION*

Heavenly Father, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your whole church through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ may be one in him, and remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE*

*THE DEDICATORY PRAYER*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great and manifold mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature it is to always have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

*THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

(Please hold each element until all have been served.  
The outer ring holds wine; the inner rings, grape juice.)

*THE THANKSGIVING*

Congregation in Christ, since the Lord has fed us at his table, let us praise his holy name with thanksgiving.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.**

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Blessing:

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God our Father, and the abiding fellowship and peace of the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

\* Response: PH 408, stanza 1

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

DARWALL'S 148TH

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!

Postlude: “All Hail King Jesus”

Doran

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