



## Ascension Day Liturgy of the Word

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Music -  
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### Call to Worship

Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away.  
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the  
light of this day.

**Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather us in - the blind and the lame.  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our  
name.**

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place, the new light is shining; now is the Kingdom, now is the  
day.

**Gather us in - and hold us forever, gather us in - and make us your own.  
Gather us in - all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

Marty Haugen (1950)

### Introductory Rite

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

There is one body and one spirit.  
**There is one hope in God's call to us.**



## Introductory Rite

One Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
**One God, Creator of all.**

Praise the Lord:  
**Praise God, you servants of the Lord.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God's Name, now and forever.**

## Song Praise

The following is sung

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Thomas Ken, 1637–1711



## Collect for Purity

Let us pray

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord**



## *The Kyrie*

**Morena re hauhele  
Morena re hauhele**

**Kreste re hauhele  
Kreste re hauhele**

**Morena re hauhele  
Morena re hauhele**



## *The Penitence*

Let us confess our sins,

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father  
in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you  
through our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your Name.**

## *Absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you: pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## *The Collect*

**All** Sovereign Lord,  
Your ascended Son fills the entire universe:  
Strengthen our witness  
That all may acknowledge his reign;  
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## *The Word of God*

- Acts 1:1-11
- Psalm 47
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Luke 24:44-53



## *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia

Go and tell all nations, says the Lord:  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia

## *Gospel Reading*

Luke 24: 44-53

**Mme Thandi Chaane**



## *Meditative Interpretation*

A Meditative Interpretation of the Ascension

**Reverend Alison Thabethe**

## *Affirmation of Faith*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## *Prayers of Intercession*

We pray for the worldwide Church, for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and the Diocese of Johannesburg during this uneasy time – that all people of good will may strive towards unity, actively seeking ways to tell their stories, pray and serve together as one body. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**



## *Prayers of Intercession*

We pray for those who govern and direct the world's financial systems – that their hearts may be enlightened, and that they may use wisely the power they have to bring health and healing to the poorest of the world's peoples.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

As the rate of Coronavirus infection rises, we pray for parts of our country where there are no adequate health systems – that their local authorities may be enabled to use aright the resources at their disposal to provide good health care for all their citizens. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our schools, for teachers, learners and parents assisting their children's education at home – that they may understand their role as disciples and story-tellers, forming children in their care to love God, to know they are loved by God, and to try to be guided by our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for ourselves, that, enthused by our faith in the risen and ascended Lord, we may be instruments of hope to those who despair and stir in them a sense of wonder that leads to inspiration, understanding and faith.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God our Father, in your Son Jesus, who has gone from our sight, we place our hope. Enfold us in your power and presence so that we may worship you always, continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen**



## *Final Blessing*

Glory to God whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church,  
and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever;  
God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side, and keep you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

## *Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia  
**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia**



## Recessional

### Halleluya Pelo Tsa Rona

Halleluya pelo tsa rona  
Di thabile kaofela X2  
Halleluya pelo tsa rona  
Di thabile kaofela

1. Ke Morena Jesu  
Ya re dumeletseng  
Ya re dumeletseng  
Ho tsamaisa evangedi

Halleluya pelo tsa rona  
Di thabile kaofela X2  
Halleluya pelo tsa rona  
Di thabile kaofela

2. Now he sends us all out  
Strong in faith, free of doubt,  
Strong in faith, free of doubt  
Tell to all the joyful Gospel

Halleluya pelo tsa rona  
Di thabile kaofela X2  
Halleluya pelo tsa rona  
Di thabile kaofela



South African Traditional