#### LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith May 24, 2020

# **Ascension Sunday**

### INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 47 (please rise as you are able)

- P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *C: Amen!*
- P. Come and worship, people of God!
- C. Let us celebrate with songs of praise!
- P. For our God-the Most High-is seated on His holy throne,
- C. Sovereign over all the earth!

ALL: Let us worship God together.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

P: Let us pray, **C.** O Lord, we have not lived our lives as kingdom people. We place our crowns on hopelessness, fear, and selfishness. We are ruled by our schedules and our need for control. We make kings of the things we acquire and queens of our immediate desires. We forget that Your kingdom draws near to us on earth, as it is in heaven. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** Congregational response: **AMEN**

WORSHIP SONG "Holy Ground"

## **RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 63: 1-8

- P. O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- C. <sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
- P. <sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
- C. <sup>4</sup>So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.
- P. <sup>5</sup> My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- C. 6 when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- P. <sup>7</sup> for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- C. 8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

**GOSPEL LESSON** P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 24: 44-53:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>44</sup> 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

WORSHIP SONG "Breathe on Us"

**MESSAGE** Pastor Michael Birnbaum

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/OFFERING PRAYER

P. Let us pray, *C. Bountiful God; we come with our offerings in response to your love. With* the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. Receive the work we do and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight. AMEN

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

COMMUNION PRAYER, CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS, LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

## **BLESSING/BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN** "Holy, Holy"

P. Go in peace and serve the Living Lord. *C. Thanks be to God!*P. Christ is risen! *C. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!* 

#### **Holy Ground**

This is holy ground
We're standing on holy ground
For the Lord is present
And where He is is holy
This is holy ground
We're standing on holy ground
For the Lord is present
And where He is is holy

These are holy hands, He's given us holy hands
He works through these hands
And so these hands are holy
These are holy hands, He's given us holy hands
He works through these hands
And so these hands are holy
For the Lord is present
And where He is is Holy

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#### **Breathe On Us**

There is a shaking, let hearts awaken Our God is moving, forever changing us There is a trembling, there is revival The sound of worship, so great and glorious Holy Spirit hear us now

> Chorus Breathe on us, Holy fire fall Come and fill this place with Your presence Like a rushing wind, send Your Spirit here Breath of Heaven breathe on us (Breath of Heaven breathe on us)

REPEAT VERSE AND CHORUS

Come breathe on us (repeat x 3)

Lift up your hands and shout, the Lord is with us now Lift up your voice and sing He is holy (REPEAT 3X)

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#### **Holy Holy**

Holy holy holy Holy holy Lord God Almighty And we lift our hearts before You As a token of our love Holy holy holy

Gracious Father gracious Father
We're so blessed to be Your children
Gracious Father
And we lift our heads before You
As a token of our love
Gracious Father gracious Father

Precious Jesus precious Jesus
We're so glad that You've redeemed us
Precious Jesus
And we lift our hands before You
As a token of our love Precious Jesus precious Jesus

Holy Spirit Holy Spirit
Come and fill our hearts anew Holy Spirit
And we lift our voice before You
As a token of our love Holy Spirit Holy Spirit

Hallelujah hallelujah Hallelujah hallelujah And we lift our hearts before You As a token of our love Hallelujah hallelujah

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