

Welcome to  
The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



## **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY 2023 SUNG EUCHARIST**

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### **The Gathering**

WELCOME

*Stand* HYMN 228 **Hail the day that sees him rise ...**

ACCLAMATION :

You Christ are the King of glory;  
*All* **the eternal Son of the Father.**

You are seated at God's right hand in glory;  
*All* **we believe that you will come and be our judge.**

Christ has gone up on high.  
*All* **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.

*Kneel or sit*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Choir* Lord have mercy ...

*Darke in E*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Stand* GLORIA

*Jones*

COLLECT: O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Sit* READING: Acts 1.6-14

*read by Jennifer Smith*

*Stand* HYMN 769 **Rejoice! the Lord is King**

*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

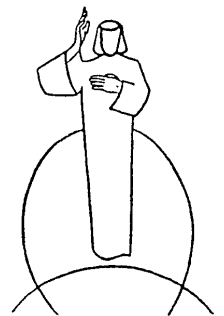
John 17.1-11

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

*Sit* SERMON

*Stand* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*All* **We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ;  
revealed in the flesh, attested by the Spirit,  
seen by the Apostles, proclaimed to the nations,  
believed in throughout the world,  
and taken up to glory. Amen.**



*Kneel or sit for the* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

*Or:* Lord, hear us **Lord, graciously hear us**

*And at the end* Merciful Father,

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Stand for* 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.**

HYMN 453 **Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER [E]

The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good...

... and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

*Choir* Holy, holy, holy Lord ...

*Darke in E*

... Hosanna in the highest.

*Kneel or sit* ...Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The prayer concludes and all respond* **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER :

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All* **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.

*All* **Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

*All* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

*Choir* Lamb of God...

*Darke in E*

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**

ANTHEM Come, Holy Ghost

*Attwood*

COMMUNION HYMN 358 (i) **Be still, for the presence**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *and then:*

**We thank you, Lord,**

**that you have fed us in this sacrament,**

**united us with Christ,**

**and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet**

**prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

## The Dismissal

BLESSING:

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 612 **Christ triumphant, ever reigning**

*Please turn to face the door of the church in readiness to go out as witnesses*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*All* **In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Ricercare on Llanfair - *David Briggs*

*Please be mindful of those listening.*