

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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The liturgical festival of the Ascension, while less ancient than that of Pentecost, is one of the oldest of the cycle, and was already so universally observed that St. Augustine was able to attribute its institution to the Apostles themselves.

At Rome, the Pope, after the night Office was concluded, and after Mass had been celebrated at the altar of St. Peter, was crowned by the cardinals, and towards the sixth hour was accompanied by bishops and clergy to the Lateran.

On this day Jesus was taken up into heaven; His faithful disciples continued to gaze heavenward. The contemplative vision of Paradise is reserved, however, for those who have already passed into the Church Triumphant.

The supreme glorification of the Head, Who is this day enthroned at the right hand of the Father in heaven, affects the members also, like the precious balsam which, as the psalmist tells us, descended from the head of Aaron on to his flowing beard and on to his gorgeous pontifical vestments. This spiritual unction is the gift of the Holy Ghost, which Christ obtains today from heaven for his Church. Hence the connection between the Ascension and Pentecost is very close, nor can we understand the one without the other.

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AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR (Kneel)

P: † In nómine Patris, et Filii, et Spíritus Sancti. Amen.
P: Introíbo ad altáre Dei.
S: Ad Deum qui lætíficat juventútem meam.

(Psalm 42)

P: Júdice me, Deus, et discérne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab hómine iníquo et dolóso érue me.

S: Quia tu es, Deus, fortitúdo mea: quare me repulísti, et quare tristis incédo, dum afflígit me inimícus?

P: Emítte lucem tuam, et veritátem tuam: ipsa me deduxérunt, et adduxérunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernácula tua.

S: Et introíbo ad altáre Dei: ad Deum qui lætíficat juventútem meam.

P: Confitébor tibi in cíthara, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es, ánima mea, et quare contúrbas me?
S: Spera in Deo, quóniam adhuc confitébor illi: salutáre vultus mei, et Deus meus.

P: Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spíritui Sancto.
S: Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper: et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

P: Introíbo ad altáre Dei.
S: Ad Deum qui lætíficat juventútem meam.

P: † Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.
S: Qui fecit cælum et terram.

P: Confíteor Deo omnipoténti, beatæ Mariæ semper Vírgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, ómnibus Sanctis, et vobis fratres: quia peccávi nimis cogitatióne, verbo, et ópere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beátum Michaélem Archángelum, beátum Joánnem Baptistam, sanctos Apóstolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et vos fratres, oráre pro me ad Dóminum Deum nostrum.

S: Misereátur tui omnípotens Deus, et, dimíssis peccátis tuis, perdúcat te ad vitam ætérnam.
P: Amen.

S: Confíteor Deo omnipoténti, beatæ Mariæ semper Vírgini, beáto Michaéli Archángelo, beáto Joánni Baptistæ, sanctis Apóstolis Petro et Paulo, ómnibus Sanctis, et tibi pater: quia peccávi nimis cogitatióne, verbo, et ópere: **(strike breast 3 times)** mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beátum Michaélem Archángelum, beátum Joánnem Baptistam, sanctos Apóstolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et te Pater, oráre pro me ad Dóminum Deum nostrum.

P: Misereátur vestri omnípotens Deus, et, dimíssis peccátis vestris, perdúcat vos ad vitam ætérnam.
S: Amen.

P: † Indulgéntiam, absolutiónem, et remissionem peccatórum nostrórum, tríbuat nobis omnípotens et miséricors Dóminus.
S: Amen.

P: Deus, tu convérsus vivificábis nos.

S: Et plebs tua lætábitur in te.
P: Osténde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam tuam.
S: Et salutáre tuum da nobis.
P: Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.
S: Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: Et cum spírítu tuo.

P: Orémus.

P: Aufer a nobis, quæsumus, Dómine, iniquitátes nostras: ut ad Sancta sanctorum puris mereámur méntibus introíre. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Orámus te, Dómine, per mérita Sanctorum tuórum, quorum reliquiæ hic sunt et ómnium Sanctorum: ut indulgére dignéris ómnia peccáta mea. Amen.

(Only at High Mass when incense is used)

P: *Ab illo benedicáris, in cuius honóre cremáberis.*

AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR (Kneel)

P: † In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
P: I will go unto the altar of God.
S: To God, Who gives joy to my youth.

(Psalm 42)

P: Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the unholy nation, deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

S: For Thou, O God, art my strength, why hast Thou cast me off? And why do I go about in sadness, while the enemy afflicts me?

P: Send forth Thy light and Thy truth: they have conducted me and brought me unto Thy holy mount, and into Thy tabernacles.

S: And I will go unto the altar of God: to God, Who gives joy to my youth.

P: I shall praise Thee upon the harp, O God, my God. Why are you sad, O my soul, and why do you disquiet me?
S: Hope in God, for I will still praise Him, the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
S: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: I will go unto the altar of God.
S: To God, Who gives joy to my youth.

P: † Our help is in the name of the Lord.
S: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I pray blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

S: May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.
P: Amen.

S: I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you father: that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: **(strike breast 3 times)** through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I pray blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, Father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P: May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.
S: Amen.

P: † May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.
S: Amen.

P: Thou wilt turn again, O God, and quicken us.
S: And Thy people will rejoice in Thee.
P: Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

S: And grant us Thy salvation.

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

S: And let my cry come unto Thee.

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray.

P: Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord; that with pure minds we may be made worthy to enter into the Holy of Holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: We pray Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy Saints whose relics are here, and of all the Saints: that Thou would deign to pardon me all my sins. Amen.

(Only at High Mass when incense is used)

P: *Be blessed by Him in Whose honor you will be burnt.*

Ye men of Galilee, why wonder you, looking up to Heaven? Alleluia. He shall so come as you have seen Him going up into Heaven, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 46: 2) O clap your hands, all ye nations shout unto God, with the voice of exultation. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Ye men of Galilee, why wonder you, looking up to Heaven? Alleluia. He shall so come as you have seen Him going up into Heaven, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Kýrie, eléison.

S: Kýrie, eléison.

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S: **Christe, eléison.**

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P: Kýrie, eléison.

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(Stand at High Mass)

P: Glória in excélsis Deo. Et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis. Laudámus te, Benedícimus te. Grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam. Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, Deus Pater omnípotens. Dómine Fili unigénite, Jesu Christe. Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserére nobis. Quóniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dóminus. Tu solus Altíssimus, Jesu Christe. † Cum Sancto Spírítu, in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: **Et cum spírítu tuo.**

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Lord, have mercy.

S: Lord, have mercy.

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S: Christ, have mercy.

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S: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

S: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

(Stand at High Mass)

P: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee; we glorify Thee; we adore Thee; we bless Thee; we give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty, O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Thou Who takest away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. Thou Who takest away the sins of the world; receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father; have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy; Thou alone art the Lord; Thou alone art most high, Jesus Christ, † with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your Spirit.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Orémus.

COLLECT

Concede, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut qui hodierna die Unigénitum tuum Redemptórem nostrum ad cælos ascendisse crédimus, ipsi quoque in cælestibus habitémus. Per eundem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

S: **Amen.**

(Sit)

EPISTLE Acts 1: 1-11

PRIMUM quidem sermónem feci de ómnibus, o Theóphile, quæ cœpit Jesus fácere et docére usque in diem, qua, præcípíens Apóstolis per Spírítum Sanctum, quos elégit, assúmpsus est: quibus et præbuit seípsum vivum post passiónem suam in multis arguméntis, per dies quadragínta apparens eis, et loquens de regno Dei. Et servólycens, præcépíit eis, ab Jerúsalemis ne discéderent, sed expectárent promissiónem Patris, quam audístis (inquit) per os meum: quia Joánnes quidem baptizávit aqua, vos autem baptizábitini Spírítu Sancto non post multos hos dies. Ígitur qui convénéran, interrogábant eum, dicéntes: Dómine, si in témpore hoc restítus regnum Israël? Dixit autem eis: Non est vestrum scire témpora vel moménta, quæ Pater pósuit in sua potestáte: sed accipiétis virtútem superveniéntis Spíritus Sancti in vos, et éritis mihi testes in Jerúsalem, et in ómní Judæa, et Samaría, et usque ad últimum terræ. Et cum hæc dixisset, vidéntibus illis, elevátus est: et nubes suscepit eum ab óculis eórum. Cumque introérent in cælum eúntem illum, ecce duo viri adstítérunt iuxta illos in véstibus albis, qui et dixérunt: Viri Galilæi, quid státis aspiciéntes in cælum? Hic Jesus, qui assúmpsus est a vobis in cælum, sic véniat, quemádmódu vidístis eum eúntem in cælum.

S: Deo grátias.

GREATER ALLELUIA Psalms 46: 6

Allelúja, allelúja. Ascéndit Deus in jubilatiónem, et Dóminus in voce tubæ. Allelúja. (Ps. 67: 18, 19) Dóminus in Sina in sancto, ascéndit in altum, captivam duxit captivitátem. Allelúja.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God: that we, who believe Thine only-begotten Son, our Redeemer, to have ascended on this day into heaven, may also ourselves dwell in mind amid heavenly things. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

S: Amen.

(Sit)

The former treatise I made, O Theophilus, of all things which Jesus began to do and to teach, until the day on which, giving commandments by the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen, He was taken up: to whom also He showed Himself alive after His Passion by many proofs, for forty days appearing to them and speaking of the kingdom of God. And eating together with them, He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the promise of the Father, which you have heard (saith He), by My mouth; for John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence. They therefore who were come together asked Him, saying: Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel? But He said to them: It is not for you to know the times or moments which the Father hath put in His own power: but you shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the uttermost part of the earth. And when He had said these things, while they looked on, He was raised up: and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they were beholding Him going up to heaven, behold two men stood by them in white garments, who also said: Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking up to heaven? This Jesus, who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come as you have seen Him going into heaven.

S: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia. God is ascended with a shout, and the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia. (Ps. 67: 18, 19) The Lord is in Sinai, in the holy place; ascending on high He hath led captivity captive. Alleluia.

P: Quid retribuam Dómino pro ómnibus quæ retribuit mihi? Cálicem salutáris accípiam, et nomen Dómini invocábo. Laudans invocábo Dóminum, et ab inimícis meis salvus ero.

P: Sanguis Dómini nostri Jesu Christi custódiat ánimam meam in vitam ætérnam. Amen.

P: Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccáta mundi.

S: Dómine, non sum **(strike breast)** dignus, ut intres sub tectum meum: sed tantum dic verbo, et sanábitur ánima mea.

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AT THE COMMUNION RAIL

P: Corpus Dómini nostri Jesu Christi custódiat ánimam tuam in vitam ætérnam. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Quod ore súmpsimus, Dómine, pura mente capíamus: et de múnere temporáli fiat nobis remédium sempitérnum.

P: Corpus tuum, Dómine, quod sumpsi, et Sanguis, quem potávi, adhæreat viscéribus meis: et præta; ut in me non remáneat scélerum mácula, quem pura et sancta refecérunt sacraménta: Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum, Amen.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

COMMUNION Psalms 67: 33-34
Psállite Dómino, qui ascéndit super cælos cælórum ad Oriéntem, allelúja.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

(Stand at High Mass)

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: Et cum spíritu tuo.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Orémus.

POSTCOMMUNION

Præsta nobis, quæsumus, omnípotens et miséricors Deus: ut, quæ visibílibus mystériis suménda percépimus, invisibíli consequámur efféctu. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

S: Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: Et cum spíritu tuo.

P: Ite, Missa est.

S: Deo grátias.

(Kneel at High Mass)

P: Pláceat tibi, sancta Trínitas, obséquamur servitútis meæ: et præta; ut sacrificium, quod óculis tuæ majestátis indígnus obtúli, tibi sit acceptábile, mihi que et ómnibus pro quibus illud obtúli, sit, te miseránte, propitiábile. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

P: Benedícat vos omnípotens Deus, † Pater, et Fílius, et Spíritus Sanctus.

S: Amen.

AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

(Stand)

P: Dóminus vobíscum.

S: Et cum spíritu tuo.

P: Initium sancti Evangélicii secúndum Joánnem.

S: Glória tibi, Dómine.

P: In princípío erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum, et Deus erat Verbum. Hoc erat in princípío apud Deum. Ómnia per ipsum facta sunt: et sine ipso factum est nihil, quod factum est: in ipso vita erat, et vita erat lux hóminum: et lux in ténébris lucet, et ténébræ eam non comprehendérunt. Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joánnes. Hic venit in testimónium, ut testimónium perhiberet de lúmine, ut omnes créderent per illum. Non erat ille lux, sed ut testimónium perhiberet de lúmine. Erat lux vera, quæ illúminat omnem hóminem veniéntem in hunc mundum. In mundo erat, et mundus eum non cognóvit. In própria venit, et sui eum non recepérunt. Quotquot autem recepérunt eum, dedit eis potestátem filios Dei fieri, his qui credunt in nómine ejus: qui non ex sanguínibus, neque ex voluntáte carnis, neque ex voluntáte viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt.

(Genuflect) ET VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST

et habitávit in nobis: et vídimus glóriam ejus, glóriam quasi Unigéniti a Patre, plenum grátiae et veritátis.

S: Deo grátias.

P: What return shall I render unto the Lord for all He has given me? I will take the Chalice of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Praising I will call upon the Lord, and I shall be saved from my enemies.

P: May the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.

S: Lord, I am **(strike breast)** not worthy that Thou should enter under my roof; but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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AT THE COMMUNION RAIL

P: May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: Grant, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind; and from a temporal gift may it become to us an eternal remedy.

P: May Thy Body, O Lord, which I have consumed, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, cling to my vitals; and grant that no wicked stain may remain in me, whom these pure and holy mysteries have refreshed. Who lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

Sing ye to the Lord, Who mounteth above the Heaven of heavens to the East, alleluia.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

(Stand at High Mass)

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your spirit.

AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

P: Let us pray.

Grant to us, we beseech Thee: almighty and merciful God, that we may obtain the invisible effects of that which we have shared by communion in visible mysteries. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

S: Amen.

AT THE CENTER OF THE ALTAR

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your spirit.

P: Go, the Mass is ended.

S: Thanks be to God.

(Kneel at High Mass)

P: May the performance of my homage be pleasing to Thee, O holy Trinity: and grant that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of Thy majesty, may be acceptable unto Thee, and may, through Thy mercy, be a propitiation for myself and all those for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: May almighty God bless you, † the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

S: Amen.

AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ALTAR

(Stand)

P: The Lord be with you.

S: And with your spirit.

P: The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

S: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not that light, but was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, he gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in his name. Who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

(Genuflect) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH,

and dwelt among us, (and we saw His glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

S: Thanks be to God.