

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: May 28, 2022

Prelude

1. There is a place for the sadness. Hold on to Love.
There is a season of gladness. Hold on to Love.
When pain and confusion seem endless, hold on to Love.
We cultivate healing through kindness. Hold on to Love.

Refrain:

Hold on to Love, where hope is found. Hold on to Love, where joy abounds.
Hold on to Love, where grace and mercy's overflowing. Hold on to Love.

2. When terror and fear overwhelm us, hold on to Love.
Courage and faith will sustain us. Hold on to Love.
When violence seeks to destroy us, hold on to Love.
Acts of compassion restore us. Hold on to Love.

3. When hatred is used to divide us, hold on to Love.
Wisdom and truth reunite us. Hold on to Love.
When prejudice poses as freedom, hold on to Love.
Dignity means "all are welcome!" Hold on to Love.

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Gathering

Refrain

Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Praise the name above all names!
Say to God, "How wondrous your works, how glorious your name!"

2. Let the earth worship, singing your praise. Praise the glory of your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord; bless God's holy name!

3. God's right hand made a path through the night, split the waters of the sea.
All creation, lift up your voice: "Our God set us free!"

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Hold on to Love

Kyrie

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Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

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Glory to God

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

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Psalm

Refrain

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, O sing your praises to the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Mass of Celebration

Mass of Renewal

God Mounts His Throne

Mass of Restoration Alleluia

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Offertory

One Sacrifice of Christ

1. One sacrifice of Christ, one throne above the heavens.
Christ has risen as he said, and will come to wake the dead.
Christ will return to set us free.
One sacrifice of love, one message for the nations:
Jesus suffered, died and rose, and ascended to the throne.
Christ will return to save the world.

2. One gaze we lift above, where Love was drawn to heaven.
We stand watchful through the night for our King to come in light,
heirs to the glory of the Lamb.
One mighty Word of truth: Christ did arise in triumph.
Now he sits upon the throne; God's right hand is he alone.
Christ reigns in splendor over all.

3. One banquet richly set for all God's holy people.
We will dine in joy and peace, and our song will never cease,
praising the Lamb upon the throne.
One shout of joy we raise, one voice in exaltation.
For in glory Christ has gone, and in hope we now are drawn
to one sacrifice of Christ, one sacrifice of Christ.

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Communion

One Bread, One Body

Refrain
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one
Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 12:4, 12–13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4–6; The Didache 9.
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In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; this
cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when
strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This
gift of love and righteousness, scored by the ones he came to save. Till on
that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on him
was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; then,
bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he
stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; from life's
first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no
scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; till he returns or calls me
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Closing

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we raise our plea For those in peril on the sea.

2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, your loved ones go,
Protect them by your guarding hand From ev'ry peril on the land.

3. O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by your might Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by your watchful care From ev'ry peril in the air.

4. O Trinity of love and pow'r, Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
And then shall rise with voices free Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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