

## Ascension Day Service.

**Welcome.**

### **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All and also with you.**

God has gone up with a shout,  
**All the Lord with the sound of a  
trumpet. Psalm 47.5**

### **Hymn**

#### **Introduction**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
welcome! For forty days we have  
been celebrating with joyful hearts  
the resurrection of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, his bursting from the tomb  
and his defeat of the power of sin  
and death. He appeared to his  
disciples many times  
and told them about the kingdom of  
God.

Today we recall how he left this  
earth and returned to his Father,  
ascending into heaven to take his  
throne over all dominions and  
powers. Trusting in his reign  
over all creation, and submitting to  
his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear  
the story of his parting.

## **The Ascension Reading: Acts 1:v1-14**

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Seeing we have a great high priest  
who has passed through the heaven,  
Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him  
the praise worthy of his name.

**Gloria in Excelsis (together)**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you  
thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**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**

### **Song**

## **The Collect Prayer**

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

*A time of silence is kept.*

Risen Christ,  
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:  
help us to seek and serve you,  
that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **Bible Reading: Daniel 7:v1-14.**

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle** *(we say together)*

**All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,  
and share in the feast of your kingdom.**

**1 Great and wonderful are your deeds,**

**Lord God the Almighty.**

**2 Just and true are your ways,  
O ruler of the nations.**

**3 Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord?  
for you alone are holy.**

**4 All nations shall come and worship in your presence:  
for your just dealings have been revealed. *Revelation 15:3-4***

**To the One who sits on the throne  
and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory  
and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,  
and share in the feast of your kingdom.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:v44-end .  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

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

## **Sermon**

## **Song**

**The Nicene Creed *(together)***

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the  
prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection  
of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

#### **Prayers of Confession**

What God has prepared for those  
who love him, he has revealed to us  
through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open  
our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for  
those who love him.

#### *Silence*

*All* Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us  
according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your  
salvation; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen. (*cf Psalm 51*)

*The minister declares God's forgiveness*

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins. Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Looking forward with confidence to the return of our Lord, let us pray as our Saviour as 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.**

## **Going out as God's People**

### **Church Life Announcements**

### **Closing Hymn:**

### **Dismissal Reading**

A reading from the Acts  
1:v12,13a,14)

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Silence is kept.*

### **Responsory**

Lord God, as we wait in silence,  
**All make us ready for your coming  
Spirit.**

*Pause*

As we listen to your word,  
**All make us ready for your coming  
Spirit.**

*Pause*

As we worship you in majesty,  
**All make us ready for your coming  
Spirit.**

*Pause*

As we long for your refreshing,  
**All make us ready for your coming  
Spirit.**

*Pause*

As we long for your renewing,  
**All make us ready for your coming  
Spirit.**

*Pause*

As we long for your equipping,  
**All make us ready for your coming  
Spirit.**

*Pause*

As we long for your empowering,  
**All make us ready for your coming  
Spirit.**

### **The Blessing**

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost, bring Amersfoort, wherever we live, and the world alive, with the love of the risen Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**