May 18, 2023

Feast of the Ascension

“Cultivating a Reception of Power”

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, Whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise, He abides with His Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

First Proclamation: Acts 1: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47

New Testament Proclamation: Ephesians 1: 15-23

Gospel Proclamation: Luke 24: 45-53

Gradual Verse:

The Law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the precepts of the Lord are right, restoring the heart.

Prayers of the People:

Deacon: Let us give thanks to God our Father for the Ascension of Christ and all it means to us.

Minister: Almighty God, our Victorious Warrior, we praise and thank You that You have put all things in subjection under the feet Your Son Jesus Christ.

People: *We praise and thank You that all worldly governments are in subjection under His feet.*

Minister: We praise and thank You that satan and all his demons are in subjection under His feet.

People: *We praise and thank You that all the works of the enemy are destroyed, and are in subjection under His feet.*

Minister: We praise and thank You that poverty is in subjection under His feet.

People: *We praise and thank You that sickness is in subjection under His feet.*

Minister: We praise and thank You that fear, anxiety, and insecurity are in subjection under His feet.

People:  *We praise and thank You that as He is, so are we in this world.*

Minister: Therefore we lift before You this parish, this Church under Construction, in the manner in which You have given unto us:

*People: As we pray our Corporate Petition.*

# Corporate Petition

Concluding Collect

Presider: For Yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface

Father, all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

The Lord Jesus, the King of glory, the conqueror of sin and death, ascended to heaven while the angels sang His praises. Christ, the mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ Jesus is the beginning, the head of the Church; where He has gone, we hope to follow.

The joy of the resurrection and ascension renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing forever to Your glory:

Benediction:

May the God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. ***Amen.***