

Shotts Calderhead Erskine Parish Church

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Hymns, Prayers & Reflections for the Sunday after Ascension Day
For you at home 24th May 2020



Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish Hebrews 12:2

MP 77 Christ triumphant

Introduction/Reflection on Ascension Day

Christ unlimited - Prayer of Approach
John 14: 18-19, 25-27 & Lord's Prayer

Song: Our God is a great big God
MP 549 Our eyes have seen the glory.

Matthew 28: 16-20
Acts 1: 1-11

MP 14 All Heaven declares

Reflection: Christ Ascended but not absent
Thy Kingdom come....

Song: Facing a task unfinished

Prayers for ourselves & others (see p.3).

MP 109 Crown him with many crowns
MP 460 May God's blessing surround you

May God's blessing surround you this day,
as you trust Him & walk in His way.
May His presence within
guard & keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

- 1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,**
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*
2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of God on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by Your humble birth:
... *Yours the glory*

3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim, crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified
Yours the glory

4. Priestly King, enthroned for ever,
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love.
Yours the glory

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Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And He holds us in His hands

He's higher than a skyscraper
He's deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
And beyond our wildest dreams
He's known me and He's loved me
Since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part of
God's amazing plan. © Nigel & Jo Hemming

- 1. Our eyes have seen the glory**
of our Saviour, Christ the Lord;
He is seated as His Father's side
in love and full accord;
from there upon us human beings
His Spirit is outpoured,
all hail, ascended King!
Glory, glory, hallelujah (x 3)
all hail, ascended King!
2. He came to earth at Christmas
and was made human like us;
He taught, He healed, He suffered -
& they Nailed him to the cross;

He rose again on Easter Day –
our Lord victorious,
all hail ascended King!

3. The good news of His kingdom
must be preached to every shore,
the news of peace and pardon,
and the end of strife and war;
the secret of His kingdom
is to serve Him evermore,
all hail, ascended King!

4. His kingdom is a family
of folk of every race,
they live their lives in harmony,
enabled by His grace;
they follow His example
till they see Him face to face,
all hail, ascended King!

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All good gifts around us

are sent from heaven above,
so thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all His love.

1. All heaven declares

the glory of the risen Lord;
who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever He will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship Him alone.

2. I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain
to reconcile man to God.
For ever You will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship You alone.

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1. Facing a task unfinished,

that drives us to our knees,
a need that, undiminished,
rebukes our slothful ease,
we, who rejoice to know You,
renew before Your throne

the solemn pledge we owe You
to go and make You known.

2. Where other lords beside You
hold their unfettered sway;
where forces that defied You
defy You still today,
with none to heed their crying
for life & love & light,
unnumbered souls are dying
& pass into the night

3. We bear the torch that flaming
fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives proclaiming
that Jesus died and rose.
Our's is the same commission,
the same glad message ours,
fired by the same ambition
to You we yield our power.

4. O Father, who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them
to toil with zeal untired,
from cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on Your mission, send us
to labour for Your sake.

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1. **Crown Him with many crowns,**
the lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake my soul and sing
of Him who died for thee,
& hail Him as thy chosen King
through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Son of God
before the worlds began;
& ye who tread where He hath trod,
crown Him the son of Man,
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
& takes & bears them for His own,
that all in Him may rest.

3. Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
& rose victorious in the strife,
for those He came to save:
His glories now we sing,
who died & rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
& lives that death may die.
4. Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown Him the King to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail,
throughout eternity.

Some Prayers:

Heaven can seem so far from where we live;
we remember all those who feel lost
& all who feel & fear
that heaven is too far away.

Thank You for the promise of Your Spirit
for all who trust in Your love and ask.
Living Lord Christ, come alongside
and by the power of Your Spirit
lift us into Your presence
and give us peace.

God of wisdom,
We pray for those leaders of the world
who have lost sight of the vision
of a just and peaceful world.

Lord, send Your Spirit to open their eyes
to a vision of the kingdom of love

God of wholeness, we pray for a church
struggling to offer a glimpse of Christ
in a changing, grasping, broken world.
For congregations too often more
concerned to keep our ways unchanged
than to make a difference to our community
for Christ's sake,
to bring healing & to share
the comfort, truth & grace of Christ
with our neighbours,
and to work for His Kingdom.

Lord, send Your Spirit to enrich our faith
& empower our words & actions.

God of love,
we pray for all those who feel
that they have lost sight of Christ,
through loss, sickness, anxiety or doubt.

Lord, send Your Spirit to breathe new life into
those who despair & comfort them
with the knowledge of Your presence.
In the name of our risen & ascended Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

Go, live & love in the power of the Spirit,
for the ascended Christ is with you
until the end of time.