

Hymns ~ Ascension of the Lord

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia, sing to Jesus, his the sceptre, his the throne,
alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone:
hark! The songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'!

Alleluia, Bread of Angels, thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic Feast.

W. Chatterton Dix

OFFERTORY

This is my body, broken for you, bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do, do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you, bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do, do it in love for me.

Back to me Father soon I shall go. Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow! You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know you are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you, and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do, do it in love for me.

Jimmy Owens / Damian Lundy

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

'My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that
I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.' Amen
(based on prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori)

COMMUNION

*Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain with no life.*

If we have died with him then we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. [Refrain]

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit. [Refrain]

If you remain in me and my word lives in you,
then you will be my disciples. [Refrain]

Those who love me are loved by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them. [Refrain]

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;
peace which the world cannot give is my gift. [Refrain] (Bernadette Farrell)

FINAL

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come From Thy bright heav'nly throne;
Come, take possession of our souls, And make them all Thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete, Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire, Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in Thy grace, Finger of God's right hand;
His promise, teaching little ones To speak and understand.

O guide our minds with Thy blest light, With love our hearts inflame;
And with Thy strength, which ne'er decays, Confirm our mortal frame.

Through Thee may we the Father know, Through Thee th'eternal Son,
And Thee the Spirit of them both, Thrice-blessèd Three in One.

All glory to the Father be, With His co-equal Son:
The same to Thee, great Paraclete, While endless ages run

