




ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
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Ascension Day Solemn Mass

The Gathering

First Hymn: 128 Eternal Monarch, King most high

The priest may say

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *All Amen.*

The Greeting

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you *All and also with you.*

Invitation to Confession

Today we recall how Jesus 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 confess our sins.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you through our own fault, in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone.

We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.

For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,

✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Gloria in excelsis.

**All 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.**

The Collect *is said.*

Let us pray that our ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading Acts 1.1-11

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47 (*Omnes gentes, plaudit*) **the Response** (℞) *is sung by all.*

℞ **Sing praises to God, sing praises to God, the King of all the earth**

¹ Clap your hands together, | all you peoples; O sing to God with | shouts of joy.

² For the Lord Most High is | to be feared; he is the great King over | all the earth. ℞

⁵ God has gone up with a | merry noise, the Lord with the sound | of the trumpet.

⁶ O sing praises to | God, sing praises; sing praises to our | King, sing praises. ℞

⁷ For God is the King of | all the earth; sing praises with | all your skill.

⁸ God reigns o | ver the nations; God has taken his seat upon his | holy throne. ℞

The Second Reading Ephesians 1.17-23

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading *The Gospel Acclamation heralds the Gospel reading*

All Alleluia, alleluia. Go make disciples of all the nations:

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

All Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

***Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St N

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily *is given*

The Apostles Creed

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead.

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession *After each petitions the following may be said:*

Lord, hear us. *All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand **The Peace** *in introduced.*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia.

John 14.27,28

The peace of the Lord be always with you *All and also with you.*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: 132 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed,

by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The priest continues with the Proper Preface.

... Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy

and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

✠Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness... ..Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

The priest continues.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the... ..almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our ascended Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven...

Breaking of the Bread *The priest breaks the consecrated bread, and says:*

What Christ did once upon the cross in real sacrifice, that he always does in heaven,
what Christ does by his supreme priesthood, that the church does,
what is performed at the right hand of God, is also represented, upon this holy table.

All May we who share this broken bread, be united with Christ and one another.

The priest says the invitation to communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.

The Agnus Dei *is said.*

All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Priest and people now receive holy communion.

Prayer after Communion *Silence is kept.*

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ

and have fed us with the bread of heaven:

mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,

we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Final Hymn: 131 O king most high of earth and sky

The Dismissal and Blessing

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

God the Father, who has given to his Son, our great high priest, the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord and the blessing of God almighty ✠the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

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

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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