



**Ascension Day Morning Prayer
Thursday 13th May 2021**

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Christ has ascended!
Our High King – He shall reign for ever.
In love of the King of Life we shall celebrate.
Alleluia!

Silent prayer

The Song of Christ's Glory

Christ Jesus, though you were in the form of God
you did not cling to equality with God.
You emptied yourself,
taking the form of a servant;
you were born in human likeness.
Being found in human form you humbled yourself
and became obedient, even to death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted you
and given you a name above every other name.
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. For ever and ever.
Amen

Reading The Gospel
St. Mark 16.14-end

Jesus appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto

them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs.

A period of silence.

Prayers

Sovereign of the universe
a cloud hid you from sight
yet your mortal humanity has been raised to life in God.

We pray for those whose life is clouded:
raise them to life in you.

For those clouded by fear:
raise them to life in you.

For those clouded by worry:
raise them to life in you.

For those clouded by hostility:
raise them to life in you.

**A period of silence or free prayer for those who want to raise particular people
or groups to God**

May tiny infants in the womb be raised to life in you;
**may the handicapped and ailing be raised to life
in you;**

may bronzed and brave adventurers be raised to
life in you;
**may thinkers and researchers be raised to life in
you;**

may the battle-scarred and weary be raised to life
in you.
**May the whole human family be raised to life in
you.**

Silent reflection

We say together
**Trumpets of the earth proclaim,
Christ who once in earth had lain,
goes in triumph now to reign.
Alleluia!**

**He sits with God upon his throne,
the Father's glory is his own,
he the eternal, radiant Son.
Alleluia!**

**All human life with him is raised,
the weakest ones by heaven are praised,
now high and low on him have gazed.
Alleluia!**

Closing

O Christ God, You have ascended in Glory,
Granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing they were assured
That You are the Son of God, The Redeemer of the world!

May the King of glory fill you with joy, make you
expectant, keep you in unity, and bring you the
Power from on high.
Alleluia!