ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR
The Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020

The Introductory Rites

OPENING HYMN

Hail the Day that Sees Christ Rise
LLANFAIR

Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Alleluia! To the throne above the skies; Alleluia! Paschal Lamb for sinners giv'n,

Alleluia! Enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!


GLORY TO GOD

Mass for the People of God
James Chepponis

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING
Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the
Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

PSALM

SECOND READING

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

HOMILY
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Go, Make of All Disciples

ELLACOMBE

"Go make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord, That comes from you, our Father, In your eternal Word. Inspire our ways of learning Through earnest, fervent prayer, And let our daily living Reveal you everywhere.


HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.
COMMUNION SONG

**Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest**

_SURSUM CORDA_


POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**The Concluding Rites**

EASTER DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN

**A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!**

_LASST UNS ERFREUEN_

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