



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City

Jazz Vespers

Evening Prayer *Ascension Sunday*

May 24th, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Live Stream via Facebook

Musicians for this service are
Randy Epp, piano and keyboards
Don Robb, trumpet
Brandon DeGorter, alto sax

Evening Prayer – The Service of Light

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Prelude

Presider Jesus Christ is the light of the world
People **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Poem **“Ascension” by Malcolm Guite** Judith Robinson

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven’s story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed .

Instrumental **“This Little Light of Mine”**

Presider; Welcome

O Gracious Light (*all standing*)

**O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven.
O Jesus, Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be sung by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

Thanksgiving

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise and thank you, O God our Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him you have enlightened us
by revealing the light that never fades,
for dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.
What was promised is fulfilled:
we have been joined to God,
through renewed life in the Spirit of the risen Lord.
Glory and praise to you, our Father,
through Jesus your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit,
in the kingdom of light eternal,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

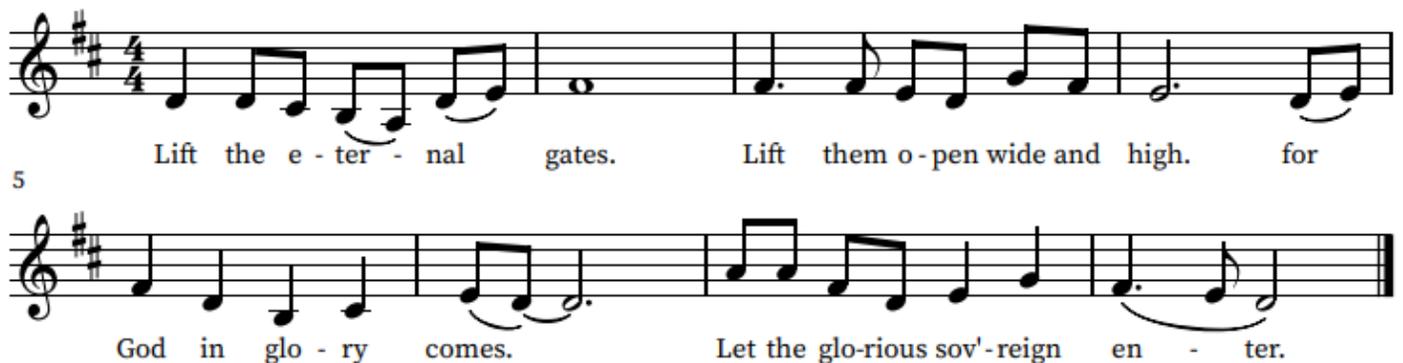
First Reading

Ezekiel 1:1-14; 24-28b

Brandon DeGorter

Psalm 24

Joanne Collier



5 Lift the e - ter - nal gates. Lift them o - pen wide and high. for
God in glo - ry comes. Let the glo - rious sov' - reign en - ter.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god. **Refrain.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Savior.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle. **Refrain.**

Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty—
he is the King of glory. **Refrain.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:16-20.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says, The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Musical Reflection “People Get Ready/People Need the Lord”

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings *(all kneeling)*

The Collect

**Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord.
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of his peace,
and bring the whole of creation
to worship at his feet,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Postlude and time for prayerful reflection