

9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

**I0 For the powers of the earth belong to God and he is very highly exalted.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever. Amen.**

HEAR THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE  
**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

(Luke 24.44-end)

THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD  
**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

**Ascension Day** acc. to CW **13<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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## A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*(Acts 1.1-11)*

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Please note

Currently we are not taking a collection during the services in the church building, because of Covid-19 restrictions. We ask those of you who would otherwise make your donations to Christ Church by putting an envelope, or cash, in one of the collection bags to please leave your contribution **in the vase at the back of the church after the service and before leaving the church.**

**Your contributions make a difference, and we are thankful for them.**

We continue to encourage the setting up of regular standing orders.

## PSALM 47

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.**

3 He subdued the peoples under us  
and the nations under our feet.

**4 He has chosen our heritage for us.  
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.**

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 over the nations;  
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.**