

# LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

## Ascension Sunday

11:00 a.m.—May 24, 2020

**1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TONAWANDA**

Rev. Leslie Latham, Pastor

**KENMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Rev. Rebecca Chaffee, Interim Pastor

**MARYVALE DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Rev. Dorothy Pearman, Pastor

*MUSIC FOR WORSHIP PROVIDED BY: Emma Haupt and Kurt Ebsary*

---

## GATHERING

### WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING

We acknowledge those beset by disaster have endured great trauma:

***The loses and mess,***

The danger and fright,

***The distress to body and soul.***

These are deep wounds, real wounds

***That take time to recover from.***

You weep, O God, with those who weep.

***You mourn with those who mourn.***

Heal your people, O God.

***Rescue them from their distress.***

Enfold them in your kindness,

***And surround them in your care.***

Make of us a strong and resilient people:

***A people prone to compassion,***

A people prone to good words,

***A people prone to patience,***

A people prone to listening,

***A people healed and whole.***

Let the work of rebuilding—

***Lives, homes, livelihoods, communities—***

be the work of new life and imagination,

***the work of Heaven-on-Earth. Amen.***

### PRELUDE

*“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

Cecil Frances Alexander

Performed by Kurt Ebsary

---

**Please respond** with those portions of the liturgy printed in ***bold italics***.

---

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,  
***for God reigns over all the earth!***  
God has gone up with a shout!  
***Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**HYMN** (page 5)

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

**DIADEMATA**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Living God,  
we confess that our faith is sometimes weak,  
our love for others can be faint,  
our prayers are often timid,  
and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.  
When we stand looking toward heaven,  
yet feel far from you,  
you draw near in mercy to forgive us,  
and fill us with your power,  
through the grace of Jesus,  
our resurrected Savior. Amen.*

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Sisters and brothers, as Christ is our witness,  
God's power to pardon is immeasurable.  
***Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth:  
through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.***

**THE PEACE**

THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 1:6-14

This is the Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Rev. Dorothy Pearman

**GOSPEL READING**

*"The Ascension of Jesus"*

Luke 24: 44-53

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

Rev. Leslie Latham

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***In life and in death we belong to God.***

***Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,***

***and the communion of the Holy Spirit,***

***we trust in the one triune God,***

***the Holy One of Israel,***

***whom alone we worship and serve.***

***We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.***

***Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:***

***preaching good news to the poor***

***and release to the captives,***

***teaching by word and deed***

***and blessing the children,***

***healing the sick***

***and binding up the brokenhearted,***

***eating with outcasts,***

***forgiving sinners,***

***and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.***

***Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,***

***Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain***

***and giving his life for the sins of the world.***

***God raised this Jesus from the dead,***

***vindicating his sinless life,***

***breaking the power of sin and evil,***

***delivering us from death to life eternal.***

***With believers in every time and place,***

***we rejoice that nothing in life or in death***

***can separate us from the love of God***

***in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

**HYMN (page 6)**

*"O Lord, You Are My God and King"*

**JERUSALEM**

---

**Please respond** with those portions of the liturgy printed in ***bold italics***.

---

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

RESPONSE: O risen God, *fill us with your power.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Ecumenical

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.*

**OFFERTORY**

*"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"*  
Emma Haupt, piano

Robert Williams  
arr. Cindy Berry

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*O God of all glory and majesty,  
we give you thanks for the gift of your Son,  
and his power at work in our lives and our gifts.  
Bless these gifts for the benefits they afford  
in bringing life to others in your name.  
Bless our lives that we may be your witnesses to the end of the earth  
as we love and serve you, O God most high. Amen.*

SENDING

**HYMN** (page 7)

*"Sing a New Song unto the Lord"*

**SING A NEW SONG**

**CHARGE**

God's Spirit is poured out upon us  
*to Make our hearts strong with love and bold with praise*  
that we may proclaim God's Son to the ends of the earth.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness"*  
Performed by Kurt Ebsary

John L. Bell

**Portions of today's liturgy are reprinted by permission of:**

Westminster/John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word*® *Worship Companion*. Copyright 2015.  
Thom M. Shuman (lectionarylitanies.blogspot.com)

---

**Please respond** with those portions of the liturgy printed in ***bold italics***.

## Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab-sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll-ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub-lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

## O Lord, You Are My God and King 270

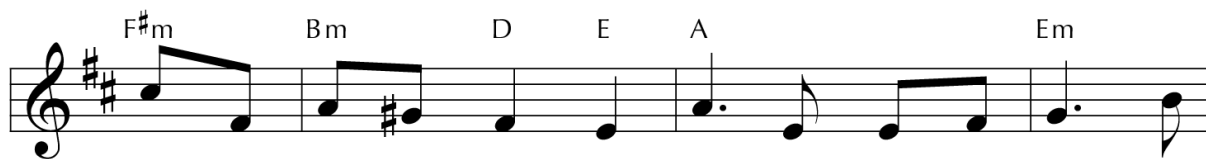
(Psalm 145)



1 O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will  
 2 How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of com -  
 3 Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your



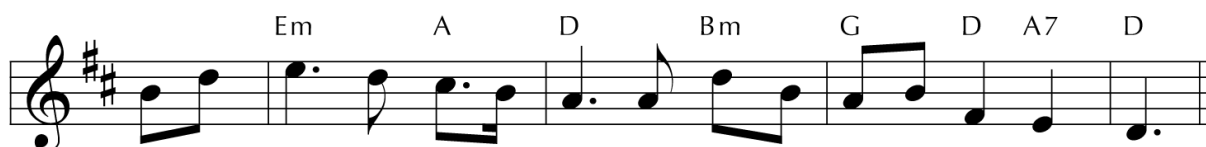
ev - er bless your name; I will ex - tol you ev - ery day, and  
 pas - sion, mer - ci - ful, your an - ger al - ways slow to rise; your  
 might - y acts will show, till all the peo - ples of the earth your



ev - er - more your praise pro - claim. You, Lord, are great - ly  
 stead - fast love you show to all, for you are good in  
 king - dom, pow - er, glo - ry know. E - ter - nal is your



to be praised; your great - ness is be - yond our thought; all  
 all your ways; your crea - tures know your con - stant care. To  
 king - dom, Lord, for - ev - er strong, for - ev - er sure; while



gen - er - a - tions shall tell forth the might - y won - ders you have wrought.  
 all your works your love ex - tends; all souls your ten - der mer - cies share.  
 gen - er - a - tions rise and die, your high do - min - ion will en - dure.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

## Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

*Refrain*

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be  
 sung from moun - tain's high. Sing a new song  
 un - to the Lord, sing-ing hal - le - lu - jah!  
 1 Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -  
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior  
 3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry  
 fore the Lord. And play for God on  
 now has come. He has turned your  
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the  
 glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.  
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

Chord symbols: G, D, D#dim, Em, Am7, D, D7/A, G, D7, G, D#dim, Em, Am7, D7, G, D7/A, Em, Am7, D7sus, D7, G, D7/A, Am/G, D, C, Am7, Dsus, D to Refrain.