

constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*No responses are used at the end of the reading.  
Silence is kept.*

### **Responsory**

As we wait in silence,  
***make us ready for your coming Spirit.***

As we listen to your word,  
***make us ready for your coming Spirit.***

As we worship you in majesty,  
***make us ready for your coming Spirit.***

As we long for your refreshing,  
***make us ready for your coming Spirit.***

As we long for your renewing,  
***make us ready for your coming Spirit.***

As we long for your equipping,  
***make us ready for your coming Spirit.***

As we long for your empowering,  
***make us ready for your coming Spirit.***

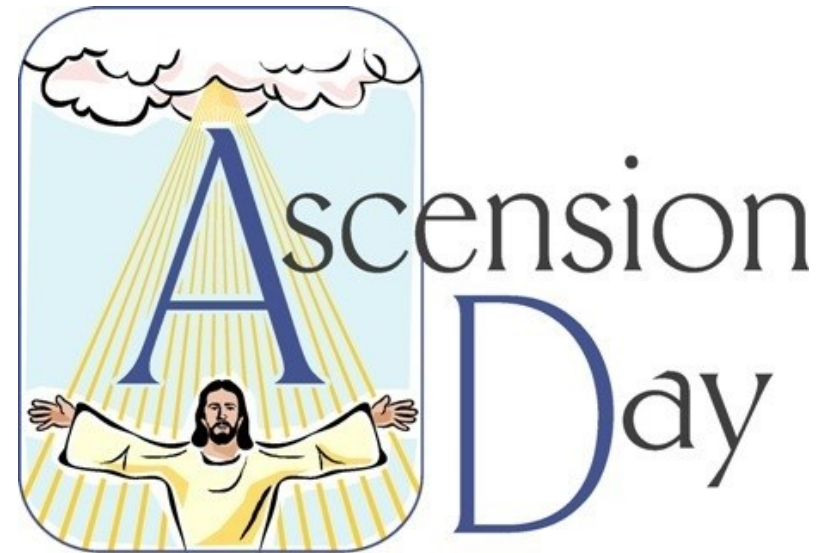
*Silence may be kept or a reflective hymn may be sung.*

### **Blessing**

### **The Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Parishes of Settle, Giggleswick and Rathmell with Wigglesworth



## The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**And also with you**

## HYMN

### The Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

### The Ascension reading

*At the end the reader says*  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

## Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
you have raised our humanity in Christ  
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

HYMN

## Notices

### The Dismissal

**Reading: Acts of the Apostles (1.12,13a,14)**  
Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray:

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.  
**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

### The Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
You who sit at the Father's right hand,  
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen**

### The Collect

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to  
eternal life.

*Silence*

Risen Christ,  
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:  
help us to seek and serve you,  
that we may join you at the Father's side,  
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

### ***Reading from the New Testament:***

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle**

***All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,  
and share in the feast of your kingdom.***

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds,  
Lord God the Almighty.
- 2 Just and true are your ways,  
O ruler of the nations.
- 3 Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord?  
for you alone are holy.
- 4 All nations shall come and worship in your presence:  
for your just dealings have been revealed.

*Revelation 15.3,4*

***To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

***All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,  
and share in the feast of your kingdom.***

and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,

in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died:***

***Christ is risen:***

***Christ will come again.***

Lord of all life,

help us to work together for that day

when your kingdom comes

and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints

to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

## ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

And now we give you thanks  
because, after his most glorious resurrection,  
he appeared to his disciples,  
and in their sight ascended into heaven  
to prepare a place for us;  
that where he is, thither we might also ascend,  
and reign with him in glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

*cf Matthew 28.19,20*

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

### ***Nicene Creed***

**We believe in one God  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake  
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*These responses may be used*  
Lord in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'.

Alleluia.

*John 14.27,28*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### **Preparation of the Table and Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**