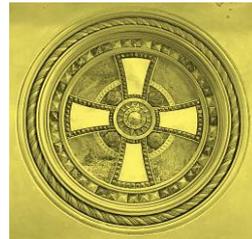


**Lectionary Readings for Ascension Day 2020
Morning Prayer**

Date	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading
21.05.20	100	Isaiah 52:7 to end	Hebrews 7: [11-25] 26 to end
Principle Readings			
21.05.20	47	Acts 1:1-11	Luke 24:44 to end

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**An Order for Morning Prayer
Ascension Day 2020**

Preparation

All O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Your throne has been established from of old;
you are from everlasting, Alleluia.

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

A Song of the King's Glory (page 553), an Ascension hymn, or this prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the darkness of death you have raised
your Christ
to the right hand of your majesty on high.
The pioneer of our faith, his passion
accomplished,
has opened for us the way to heaven
and sends on us the promised Spirit.
May we be ready to follow the Way
and so be brought to the glory of his presence
where songs of triumph for ever sound:
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open
before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God *Psalmody*

*The appointed psalmody is said.
Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Prayers

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our
Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught
us

**All 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.**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia. -6-

*If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be
read here, or both may be read after the canticle.*

Canticle

Refrain

**All See what the Lord our God has done
and exalt him in the sight of the
living. Alleluia.**

- 1 Blessed be God, who lives for ever, ◆
whose reign endures throughout all ages.
- 2 Declare God's praise before the nations, ◆
you who are the children of Israel.
- 3 For if our God has scattered you among
them, ◆
there too has he shown you his greatness.
- 4 Exalt him in the sight of the living, ◆
because he is our Lord and God and our Father
for ever.
- 5 Though God punishes you for your
wickedness, ◆
mercy will be shown to you all.
- 6 God will gather you from every nation, ◆
from wherever you have been scattered.
- 7 When you turn to the Lord
with all your heart and soul, ◆
God will hide his face from you no more.
- 8 See what the Lord has done for you ◆
and give thanks with a loud voice.
- 9 Praise the Lord of righteousness ◆
and exalt the King of the ages.

Tobit 13.1, 3, 4-6a

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All See what the Lord our God has done
and exalt him in the sight of the
living. Alleluia.**

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read. The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

All Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.

All God has gone up with a merry noise;
sing to the Lord and bless his name.

All The Lord with the sound of the trumpet:
tell out his salvation from day to day.

He has led captivity captive, and given gifts to his people.
All **Sing to the Lord and bless his name;**
tell out his salvation from day to day.

from Psalms 47 and 68

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said.

Refrain:

All I am ascending to my Father and to your
Father;
to my God and your God. Alleluia.

1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets
God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
4. To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
5. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6. Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of
the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8. To give his people knowledge of
salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and
the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**
**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Refrain:

All I am ascending to my Father and to your
Father;
to my God and your God. Alleluia.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

- for the day and its tasks*
- for the world and its needs*
- for the Church and her life*

*Prayers may include the following concerns from
the cycle on pages 364–365*

- God's royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit*
- Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal*
- All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ*
- The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests*
- All who are struggling with broken relationships*