

DIGITAL WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 24
ASCENSION SUNDAY



WELCOME + CALL TO WORSHIP — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

IN AWE AND WONDER, WE LIFT OUR EYES TO THE HEAVENS.
WE RAISE OUR SONGS OF JOY TO THE GOD OF ALL TIME AND SPACE.

WE SING PRAISE TO GOD!

WE SHOUT TO GOD WITH SONGS OF JOY!

WE GATHER TO REMEMBER THE ONE WHO SHARED OUR COMMON LOT.
JESUS CHRIST, WHO VISITED THIS EARTH, DWELLS IN HEAVEN.

WE CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JESUS.

WE REJOICE IN THE HOPE TO WHICH CHRIST HAS CALLED US.

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WE EXPECT TO BE EMPOWERED AS WITNESSES IN TODAY'S WORLD.

WE SEEK A SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION.

WE ARE HERE TO BE FILLED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH.

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER AS WE SING.

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ON THIS DAY OF MYSTERY AND WONDER, WE REFLECT ON OUR RECORD AS AN EASTER PEOPLE. IS THERE EVIDENCE THAT CHRIST IS ALIVE WITHIN AND AMONG US? IS THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT OBVIOUS TO ANY WHO OBSERVE OUR WORDS AND DEEDS? LET US ADMIT HOW THINGS ARE WITH US, AS WE SEEK GOD'S FORGIVENESS.

GOD OF LOVE, WE HAVE TOO EASILY DENIED YOUR CALL AMID THE COMPETING CLAIMS AROUND US. WE DECLARE OWNERSHIP OF WHAT IS ONLY LENT TO US FOR A TIME. WE STRIVE FOR KNOWLEDGE AND CONTROL BEYOND OUR CAPACITY, WANTING POWER ON OUR OWN TERMS RATHER THAN THROUGH THE UNPREDICTABLE EMPOWERMENT OF YOUR SPIRIT. SOMETIMES WE STAND ON TIPTOE TO VIEW WHAT IS OUT OF SIGHT, THEN ARROGANTLY CONCLUDE THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO SEE. O GOD, OPEN OUR EYES AND OUR HEARTS THAT WE MIGHT BE FORGIVEN AND FIND TRUE LIFE IN YOU.

FRIENDS, REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN ARE PROCLAIMED TO ALL PEOPLE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. FORGIVENESS IS GOD'S GIFT TO US, ONE WE CAN NEVER EARN BUT ARE WELCOME TO ACCEPT. WHEN WE AGREE TO GOD'S FREEING OFFER, WE ARE ALSO AGREEING TO LET GOD'S LOVE CHANGE US. ACCEPT AND BE BLESSED BY THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW LIFE IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

PSALM 47 – REBECCA + JORDAN PAYNE

¹CLAP YOUR HANDS, ALL YOU PEOPLES; SHOUT TO GOD WITH LOUD SONGS OF JOY. ²FOR THE LORD, THE MOST HIGH, IS AWESOME, A GREAT KING OVER ALL THE EARTH. ³HE SUBDUED PEOPLES UNDER US, AND NATIONS UNDER OUR FEET. ⁴HE CHOSE OUR HERITAGE FOR US, THE PRIDE OF JACOB WHOM HE LOVES.

⁵GOD HAS GONE UP WITH A SHOUT, THE LORD WITH THE SOUND OF A TRUMPET. ⁶SING PRAISES TO GOD, SING PRAISES; SING PRAISES TO OUR KING, SING PRAISES. ⁷FOR GOD IS THE KING OF ALL THE EARTH; SING PRAISES WITH A PSALM.

⁸GOD IS KING OVER THE NATIONS; GOD SITS ON HIS HOLY THRONE. ⁹THE PRINCES OF THE PEOPLES GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF THE GOD OF ABRAHAM. FOR THE SHIELDS OF THE EARTH BELONG TO GOD; HE IS HIGHLY EXALTED.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

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SONG OF PRAISE

ACTS 1:6-11 — PASTOR ELIZABETH DUFFIN

⁶SO WHEN THEY HAD COME TOGETHER, THEY ASKED HIM, “LORD, IS THIS THE TIME WHEN YOU WILL RESTORE THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL?” ⁷HE REPLIED, “IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW THE TIMES OR PERIODS THAT THE FATHER HAS SET BY HIS OWN AUTHORITY. ⁸BUT 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.” ⁹WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, AS THEY WERE WATCHING, HE WAS LIFTED UP, AND A CLOUD TOOK HIM OUT OF THEIR SIGHT. ¹⁰WHILE HE WAS GOING AND THEY WERE GAZING UP TOWARD HEAVEN, SUDDENLY TWO MEN IN WHITE ROBES STOOD BY THEM. ¹¹THEY 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.”

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

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SONG OF PRAISE + BENEDICTION

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