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INTROIT: Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with a joyful voice!

For the LORD Most High is awesome. He is the great King over all the earth.

May He subjugate peoples under us, and nations under our feet!

He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom He loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD, with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praise to God! Sing praise! Sing praise to our King! Sing praise!

For God is the King of all the earth. Sing a psalm of instruction!

God has been reigning over the nations. God has been sitting on His holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God. He is greatly exalted.

Psalm 47

COLLECT: Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS: Acts 1:1-11 The ascension of Jesus recalled by Luke
Ephesians 1:15-23 God has gone up with a shout
Luke 24:44-53 The ascension of Jesus

SERMON: Luke 24:44-53 Christ is truly present in His gifts

⁴⁴ He told them, “These are the very words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, namely, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what Scripture has said: ‘The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and, based on His name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.’ ⁴⁸ You will testify to these things.

⁴⁹ “I am sending you what My Father has promised. Wait here in the city until you are armed with power from above!”

⁵⁰ He led them out to where Bethany lay ahead of them. Then He raised His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up to heaven.

⁵² They knelt in worship of Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ They stayed continually at the Temple, praising God.

Words from Luther from a sermon he preached on Acts 1:1-11:

The Christian faith removes the fear and breaks the power of sin. Christian doctrine will not permit you to believe in Christ and at the same time to live in sin. For this text says that if you really believe in Christ, you also believe that He ascended up on high and led captivity (that is, your sins) captive (Eph. 4:8). But how did He lead your sins captive? He did it in this way that they are no longer to frighten and accuse you before God and that, if they wanted to do so, you snap your finger at them and say: Sin, I care nothing whatever for your accusations. I believe in Him who sits above at the right hand of God and has taken you captive... But He has taken sin captive also in this way that it is no longer to charm and lure you and that, though it do so, you are not to follow and adhere to it but to say: Sin, you are playing a pleasant tune and want me to do evil... but I will not follow you.

Welcome to all worshipping with us tonight! May God bless our worship of Him by His serving of us!

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COMING SERVICES

13 May

7 Easter

8.00am TMBA Bible Study & 9.00am HC

8.30am OAK LR

9.30am GRN LR

10.30am AUB HC