

Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68 CE. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost. Depending upon the phases of the Moon in a particular year, Ascension Day is usually celebrated on a Thursday. However, it has been reported that some Roman Catholic churches in Canada celebrate it on the following Sunday.

Many Eastern Orthodox churches calculate the date of *Pascha* (Easter) according to the Julian calendar, rather than the Gregorian calendar used by many western churches, so their Ascension Day usually occurs after the western observance.

**Joint Lutheran-Anglican Ascension Day Service**  
**Service of Light Evening Prayer**

**Book of Alternative Services**

*Livestreamed at Gathering Table*

*Ascension Day is observed in Canada on the 40th day of Easter. It commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven, according to the New Testament of the Bible.*



<b>Officiant:</b>	the Rev. Jonathan Blanchard	
<b>Prelude:</b>	Jason Scriver	(video)
<b>Welcome:</b>	the Rev. Jonathan	(live)
<b>Welcome (Finnish):</b>	Pastor Jari Lahtinen	(video)
<b>Opening Response and lighting of Christ Candle and Altar Candles:</b>	the Rev. Dr. George Porter	(live)
<b>Phos Hilaron</b>	(sung) Bev Carson or Laura Craig	(video)
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	(pg. 61 BAS) Archdeacon Deborah Kraft	(live)
<b>Opening Responses</b>	(pg. 66 BAS) the Rev. Paul Carr and the Rev. Ann Carr	(video)
<b>Psalm 47:</b>	Jan Latham	(video)
<b>First Reading:</b>	Acts 1: 1-11 Deborah Everest	(video)
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Ephesians 1:15-23 Canon Ed Swayze	(video)

<b>Canticle 23:</b>	The Song of the First Born the Rev. Dr. Patti Brace	( <a href="#">video</a> )
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 24: 44-53 the Rev. Nancy Ringham	( <a href="#">video</a> )
<b>Sermon/Message:</b>	the Rev. Gordon Holroyd	( <a href="#">video</a> )
<b>Song:</b>	'Everything Cries Holy' Ted and Donna Hamill	( <a href="#">video</a> )
<b>Apostles' Creed:</b>	the Rev. Jonathan Blanchard	( <a href="#">live</a> )
<b>Prayers/Intercessions:</b>	Pastor Matthew Diegel	( <a href="#">live</a> )
<b>Collect for Ascension Day:</b>	the Rev. Jonathan Blanchard	( <a href="#">live</a> )
<b>Lord's Prayer:</b>	the Rev. Arleen Berg	( <a href="#">video</a> )
<b>Hymn #525:</b>	The Church's One Foundation	( <a href="#">live</a> )
<b>Dismissal:</b>	the Rev. Jonathan Blanchard	( <a href="#">live</a> )
<b>Postlude :</b>	Dr. Sean Kim ( <a href="#">video</a> )	