Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



*Call to Worship

Leader: Clap your hands, all you people.

People: Jesus is risen from the dead!

Leader: Shout to God with songs of joy.

People: Jesus has ascended into heaven!

Leader: Sing praises to God, all the earth.

People: Jesus will come again to reign!

*Hymn # 321 - The Church's One Foundation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all time and space, we confess our failure to use well our time and our space. We give our hearts to trivial matters. We struggle to separate truth from clutter. We neglect the needs of the neighbors you direct us to love. We exploit the world you have made and have failed to care for your creation. Forgive us. Reshape our priorities and guide our efforts that we may live our days to your glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Already and Not Yet

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Special Music

Sunday, May 29th

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

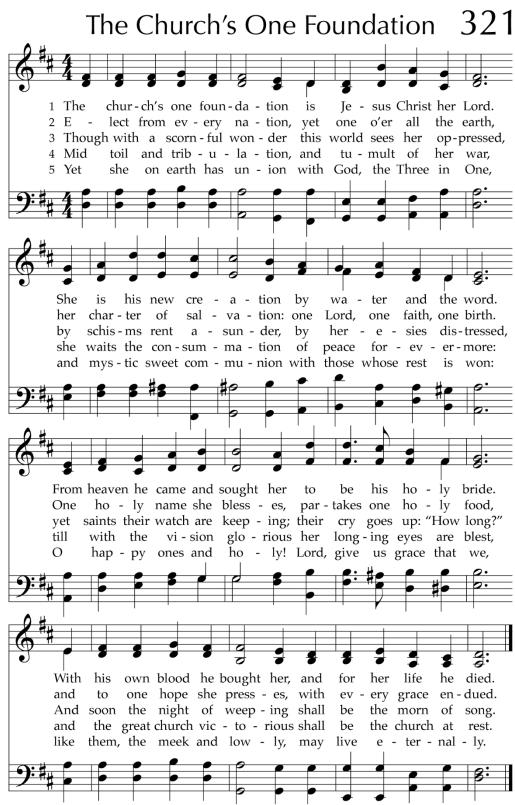
*Hymn # 260 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response: Hymn # 243 – Be Not Afraid (x2)

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Postlude



This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN



The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

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