

Ascension Day  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2022  
Crichton Collegiate Church, Pathhead.  
The service is led by Rev Nick Wills,  
Rector of St Peter's Lutton Place, and the choir of St Peter's.

**Introit:** *O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit* by Thomas Tallis

**Opening Hymn      NEH 296**

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
First-begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong defender,  
Liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Jesu, true and living Bread!
  
2. Here our humblest homage pay we;  
Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,  
Lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Thou art here, we ask not how.
  
3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
We in worship join with them.

4. Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished  
Once for all when thou wast slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Cleansing souls from every stain.
5. Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
Stricken Rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Risen, ascended, glorified!

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**Reading** Acts 1: 1-11 (Being read by Henry Duncan)

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 93** (See Liturgy Book page 6)

**Gospel Reading** Luke 24: 44-53 (Being read by Rev Nick Wills)  
*(Please stand for the Gospel Reading)*

*When it is announced:*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

*At end of the Gospel Reading:*

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## Offertory Hymn      **NEH 134**

1.    The head that once was crowned with thorns  
      Is crowned with glory now:  
      A royal diadem adorns  
      The mighty victor's brow.
  
2.    The highest place that heaven affords  
      Is his, is his by right,  
      The King of kings and Lord of lords,  
      And heaven's eternal light;
  
3.    The joy of all who dwell above,  
      The joy of all below,  
      To whom he manifests his love,  
      And grants his name to know.
  
4.    To them the cross, with all its shame.  
      With all its grace is given:  
      Their name an everlasting name,  
      Their joy the joy of heaven.
  
5.    They suffer with their Lord below,  
      They reign with him above,  
      Their profit and their joy to know  
      The mystery of his love.
  
6.    The cross he bore is life and health,  
      Though shame and death to him;  
      His people's hope, his people's wealth,  
      Their everlasting theme.

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Anthem during Communion: *O God, the King of Glory*, by Henry Purcell

## Closing Hymn

## NEH 130

1. Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluya!  
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluya!  
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluya!
2. There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya!,  
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya!  
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluya!  
Take the King of glory in. Alleluya!
3. See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluya!  
Yet he loves the earth he leaves: Alleluya!  
Though returning to his throne, Alleluya!  
Still he calls mankind his own. Alleluya!
4. See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluya!  
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluya!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow Alleluya!  
Blessings on his Church below. Alleluya!
5. Still for us he intercedes; Alleluya!  
His prevailing death he pleads; Alleluya!  
Near himself prepares our place, Alleluya!  
Harbinger of human race. Alleluya!
6. Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluya!  
Far above yon azure height, Alleluya!  
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluya!  
Seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluya!
7. There we shall with thee remain, Alleluya!  
Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluya!  
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluya!  
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya!

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