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# Ascended on High

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## SONG OF GATHERING

*(all, standing)*

Sing to the King who is coming to reign.  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,  
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

*Come, let us sing a song,  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus;  
He is all we need.*

*Lift up a heart of praise,  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;  
Sing to the King!*

For His returning we watch and we pray;  
We will be ready the dawn of that day. *(repeat)*

We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,  
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

*Come, let us sing a song,  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus;  
He is all we need.*

*Lift up a heart of praise,  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;  
Sing to the King! (repeat chorus)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Acts 1:8-11

## HYMN OF WORSHIP

Look, ye saints! The sight is glorious: see the Man of Sorrows now;  
From the fight returned victorious, every knee to Him shall bow:  
*Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns become the Victor's brow.*

Crown the Savior! Angels crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
In the seat of power enthrone Him, while the vault of heaven rings:  
*Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Savior King of kings.*

Sinners in derision crowned Him, mocking thus the Savior's claim;  
Saints and angels crowd around Him, own His title, praise His name:  
*Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread abroad the Victor's fame.*

Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station, O, what joy the sight affords:  
*Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! King of kings, and Lord of lords.*

*(please be seated)*

## WELCOME

Taylor Park, Executive Pastor

## CHILD DEDICATION

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASCENSION

*(all, standing)*

from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Question:

What benefit do we gain from Christ's ascension into heaven?

Answer:

**First, that He pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of His Father.**

**Second, that we have our flesh in heaven:**

**taken there as a sure pledge that Christ our head will take us, His members, there to Himself.**

**And third, that He sends us His Spirit, sent back as a further pledge:**

**by whose power we make our goal not earthly things,**

**but things above where Christ is, seated at God's right hand.**

*(1 John 2:1; Rom. 8:34; John 14:2; John 17:24; Eph. 2:4-6; John 16:7; Acts 2:33; John 14:16; 2 Cor. 1:22; 2 Cor. 5:5; Col. 3:1-4)*

## HYMNS OF ASCENSION

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
To His throne above the skies, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heaven, Alleluia!

See! The heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
Yet He loves the earth He leaves, Alleluia!  
Though returning to His throne, Alleluia!  
Still He calls the world His own, Alleluia!

See! He lifts His hands above, Alleluia!  
See, He shows the prints of love, Alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
Blessings on His Church below, Alleluia!

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Majesty, worship His majesty;  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority  
Flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty;  
Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings!

*(please be seated)*

## CHORAL MEDITATION

*(choir)*

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb.  
Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing! Their thunderous anthem rings  
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks and honor are  
To God, our King, who reigns on high forevermore.*

And there we'll find our home; our life before the throne.

We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.

He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.

The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with Him.

All glory to our God, our King, forevermore!

## WORDS OF RESPONSE

*(all, standing)*

Hebrews 7:23-25; 4:16; Colossians 3:1-2

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but He holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

*Majesty, Lord of all, let ev'ry throne before Him fall;  
The King of kings, O come, adore our God who reigns forevermore!*

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

*Majesty, Lord of all, let ev'ry throne before Him fall;  
The King of kings, O come, adore our God who reigns forevermore!*

All hail, Redeemer hail, for He has died for me  
His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity. *(repeat)*

*Majesty, Lord of all, let ev'ry throne before Him fall;  
The King of kings, O come, adore our God who reigns forevermore!  
You're the God who reigns forevermore! Praise God who reigns forevermore!*

*(please be seated)*

## DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN *(K-3rd grade)*

## SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (asking the Holy Spirit to instruct us)

*(all, seated)*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness;  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

## MEDITATION

## SERMON

Jamie Trussell, *Harvest Church*

### The Illusion of Control Ecclesiastes 7:15-18

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*(all, standing)*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

## BENEDICTION

***Our guest speaker, Jamie Trussell:*** I was born and raised in Auburn, AL and church attendance was a regular rhythm for my family. My first stint in Memphis began in August 2008 when I took a position at *Memphis Athletic Ministries*. After a year at MAM I accepted a position at *Downline Ministries* and served as the Director of Emerging Leaders until May of 2013. After serving in churches in Austin, TX and Tupelo, MS, we recently returned to Memphis to be on staff at *Harvest Church* as church planters. I met and married my wonderful wife Shana in Memphis in February of 2013. She remains the greatest thing about me. We have two sons, James, Gabe, and a baby girl, Kyle.

***Worship Leaders:*** The *Worship Choir*; Trent England, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano; Leesa Wilkinson, flute; Caleb Park, lead vocal, guitar; Molly Stelling, vocal; Zuzu Pierce, vocal; Robert Murray, electric guitar; Brandon Herrington, bass guitar; John Rawlinson, drums; JemmiLou Rushing, soloist  
Ron Man, Pastor of Worship/Missionary in Residence

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