

## The Westminster Larger Catechism

### **Q. 51. What was the estate of Christ's exaltation?**

A. The estate of Christ's exaltation comprehendeth his resurrection, ascension, sitting at the right hand of the Father, and his coming again to judge the world.

### **Q. 52. How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?**

A. Christ was exalted in his resurrection, in that, not having seen corruption in death, (of which it was not possible for him to be held,) and having the very same body in which he suffered, with the essential properties thereof, (but without mortality, and other common infirmities belonging to this life,) really united to his soul, he rose again from the dead the third day by his own power; whereby he declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of quick and dead: all which he did as a public person, the head of his church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.

### **Q. 53. How was Christ exalted in his ascension?**

A. Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having after his resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature, and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where he himself is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.

### **Q. 54. How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?**

A. Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favour with God the Father, with all fulness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and does gather and defend his church, and subdue their enemies; furnisheth his ministers and people with gifts and graces, and maketh intercession for them.

# Cottonwood Community Church

May 24, 2009  
Ascension Sunday

Sunday Devotion, 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

Psalms 71:19-24

**(19) Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?**

(20) You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

**(21) You will increase my greatness and comfort me again. (22) I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

(23) My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

**(24) And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.**

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Hymn 56: This Is My Father's World

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53:1-12

Mystery Box Message

Hymn 52: Fairest Lord Jesus

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: I Peter 2:21-25

Chorus 53: Jesus Is King

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**Pay Back Time**  
Leviticus 5:14-6:7

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Congregational 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.

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Hymn 39: Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Benediction: Romans 16:25-27 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith - to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.